

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 28th November 2018 at 6.00pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall

Present: Parish Councillors: J Hall (Chair); A Nation (Vice-Chair); J Rhind, & A Willis
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson
Clerk: I Hunter
9 Members of the public

Public Question Time: 2 members of the public informed the meeting that through Coast Care they are currently walking all the Public Footpaths & Rights of Way in the Parish. Coast Care have agreed to share any information they gather with the Parish Council. They concluded by saying that some of the issues raised in 2015 are still outstanding.

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- Why are the proposed car parking charges not being standardised across the county. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied the charges are dependent on demand and visitor use.
- Car parking charges- could the 1st hour be free as this would help locals, and could the revenue raised be used for local facilities. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied people can respond to the consultation requesting the 1st hour to be free and any revenue raised will go into a central pot, where County Councillors can request funds to be used locally but they will need to justify the use of the funds.
- Why is there no parking charges for coaches, no ban on overnight camping, and what does all day exactly mean? County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied raise this in the response to the consultation.
- Do all traders pay to trade from the car park- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied that any revenue raised from traders goes to Northumberland County Council, and some traders pay to trade.
- Is the overflow car park a legally designated car park- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied he will find out.
- What is the update on the funding application for the Water Sports Centre- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied that the Coastal Fund application was rejected like other local organisation applications.
- There is a need for additional street lights on Harbour Road especially near No 72. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied if he receives a list of locations where there is a need for additional street lights he can make a request for additional street lights.
- The “No public parking sign” has still not been replaced on Harbour Road. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied this will happen.
- The 40mph sign on the B1340 is still lying on the ground- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied he will look into this.

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors C Scott-Roy & M Dawson

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation- None

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th September 2018 - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th September 2018 previously circulated was agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising-

Min 105/18 - Community Police: The Clerk read out the following update:

2 x Crimes
1 x Harassment without fear – offender spoken too.
1 x Theft from Motor Vehicle – unknown offender.

ASB

0 X Anti-social behaviour.

The Pubwatch scheme is still going strong, no new bans.

Min 106/18- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson- Provided the following update:

There are 4 options for the toilet block:

- Northumberland County Council fund the build £1.3m
- Sell the site with Planning permission complete with a S106 Agreement
- Await the next round of Coastal Fund, or look for alternative funding.
- Abandon the current idea and look at alternative options.

However, it is early days yet as it has only just been announced that the funding bid was rejected.

The Vice-Chairman asked if the Parish Council and County Councillor could be more involved in the future. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson confirmed this is a Northumberland County Council project. The Vice-Chairman suggested as a temporary solution could local businesses be supported if they make their toilets available to the public. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson agreed to check to see if Northumberland County Council will support a “Your welcome scheme” in Beadnell.

Parish Councillors asked by why council tax bands are not re-assessed when properties are extended. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied it is the Valuation Office that reassess the council tax band which is only done when a property is sold.

Parish Councillor J Rhind queried the formula for funding allocated to education etc. on new developments, and who decides the level of contribution. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied the formula is based on needs and is included within the planning policy documents. He concluded by saying the Community Infrastructure Levy and New Homes Bonus is coming. However the S106 Agreements are based on local needs. The resurfacing works at Chathill have been delayed until February as Network Rail is now not making a contribution.

Min 107/18- Parish Councillor Vacancy-The Clerk informed the meeting that so far there have been no requests to join the Parish Council. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact North Sunderland & Bamburgh Parish Councils to see if they will

allow the Parish Council to have a copy of their advert which could be amended and used for Beadnell and placed in the local newsletter.

Min 108/18- Planning Applications-

18/03779/FUL- Proposed balcony extension- 27 Bernicia Way Beadnell
Northumberland NE67 5EJ

Parish Councillors debated the application and agreed to unanimously object to the application on the following grounds:

1. Parish Councillors are surprised to receive this application for an alteration to a property within the recently completed Bernicia Way development. The current design concept for the development as a whole is strong and, at the moment, coherent. The design already includes an integral balcony - which sensibly offers protection from the prevailing weather conditions. The proposal to extend the balcony beyond the roof-line would result in an incongruous addition that would make 27 Bernicia Way jarringly at odds with the rest of the development.
2. Parish Councillors feel that the symmetry and cohesion of the Bernicia Way development needs to be maintained. There is a clear identifiable design concept and additional features such as balcony extensions, other additions and boundary treatments need to be resisted.
3. Parish Councillors are of the understanding that there is a clause in the Land Registry Transfer Document, signed by all owners at Beadnell Point, specifically prohibiting any material changes to their properties. Among the restrictive covenants agreed by the Transferee, in other words, the new owner is clause 12.4.1:
"Not to make any structural and/or external alterations or additions to the Dwelling...."
4. Parish Councillors feel if this application for an extension balcony were to be approved it would set a dangerous precedent and lead to a plethora of extension plans in the future.
5. The proposed extension to the balcony could lead to an increase of noise which would impact on neighbouring properties.

Therefore, owing to the legally binding restrictive covenant, a dangerous precedent being set and the planning reasons given by the AONB in its consultee document, this application should be refused

18/03822/FUL- Construction of a two-storey café and restaurant (A3) totalling approx. 522sqm, 64 car parking spaces, improved access roads, play area/green space, landscaping and other ancillary works- Land South West of Sandy Lane Court Bernicia Way Beadnell Northumberland

Parish Councillors debated the application and agreed unanimously not to object to this application.

However, the Parish Council would like to see the following community benefits considered and agreed under a S106 Agreement before permission is granted:

- That the onsite car parking and green spaces will remain open to all members of the public.
- Additional Electric charging points will be installed in the car park.
- There will be soft landscaping between the car park, tennis court and housing.
- The bike store will be visible for safety reasons.
- The public toilets will be available to the public.

If the development is approved the council and residents felt it needs to be a real asset to Beadnell village.

Also, if the applicant is minded to provide additional community benefits, the residents at the meeting identified the need for land and a shed to house the new Bamburgh and Beadnell Community Rowing group skiff which is launched from Beadnell Bay but currently has no 'home'.

Min 109/18- Planning Approvals

18/02560/VARYCO- Variation of condition 2 (approved Plans) relating to approved planning application 17/04217/FUL- to replace flat roof with a pitched roof- Beadnell Towers Hotel The Wynding, Beadnell Chathill NE67 5AY

18/03322/COU-COU from storage building to residential family annexe- Swinhoe Cottage C69 Chathill to Swinhoe Road Swinhoe N67 5JP

18/03310/FUL- Internal alterations and conversion of garage to form bedroom- Heron's Flight, 7 Swinhoe Road Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5AG

Min 110/18- Planning Withdrawal

18/02648/FUL- Construction of two-storey café and restaurant (A3) totalling approx. 522 sqm., 50 car parking spaces, improved access roads, landscaping and other ancillary works- Land at Beadnell Point Bernicia Way, Beadnell, Chathill NE67 5EJ

Min 111/18- North Northumberland Coast Neighbourhood Plan- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson advised the meeting that the Planning Enforcement Officer has now agreed to be involved in the Monitoring Group meetings, and he has been able to recruit and additional 3 members to the group, so he will organise a meeting in December. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Parish Councillor J Rhind agreed try to attend the meeting to represent Beadnell.

Min 112/18- Financial Statement-

Current Account	£ 9127.55
Savings Account	£ 4817.08
Marshall Burial Ground Account	£ 154.40

Min 113/18- Finance:

Payments due

• J Hall	£ 21.60	Play Areas – pegs for matting
• Parish Council Websites	£ 120.00	Annual website fee
• I Hunter	£ 450.53	Salary - 2 months October & November
• HMRC	£ 112.80	Paye
• I Hunter	£ 21.00	Expenses
• W I Hall	£ 16.50	Hire of Hall
• Stableyards Landscapes	£ 425.00	Grass cutting
• I Hunter	£ 31.95	Goal net
• A Nation	£ 8.09	Cable ties – Play Areas
• Zurich Municipal	£ 309.60	Annual ROSPA Play Area inspection
• Resident	£ 39.89	Fixings for WW1 plaque

Receipts

• Strettle Memorials	£ 75.00	Replacement headstone
• BCV	£ 80.00	Flag

The Chairman proposed that she undertake a review with the Clerk ahead of the January meeting, with the possibility of moving the Clerk's post to payment for actual hours works. The Vice-Chairman agreed to e-mail the Chairman with examples of additional work the Clerk could undertake if there were additional hours.

Min 114/18- Playgrounds-

- **Freehold Meadow Lane** – The Chairman stated that Mandy Thompson at Northumberland County Council is dealing with this.
- **Annual Inspection-** Parish Councillors agreed to pay Zurich Municipal £309.60 to undertake the annual ROSPA Play Area inspection.
- **Weekly Inspections-** Parish Councillors agreed to pay Northumberland County Council £1449.80 + VAT to undertake the weekly play area inspections in 2019.
- **Hedges/fencing/gate-** The Chairman informed the meeting that Karbon Homes have been in contact and stating they are agreeing a course of action with their contractor, they have supplied a plan showing their intentions. Parish Councillors agreed there needs to be sufficient access to the play area for the cherry picker.
- **Repairs-**The Chairman thanked BCV and especially a volunteer for the repair work they have undertaken on the play areas, it is appreciated. She also stated that BCV have £2k from the auction which will be used for play area repairs.
 The volunteer present agreed to obtain a cost for the replacement of the 4 legs for the swing as this will allow the swing to be brought back into use. Parish Councillors ratified the purchase of the goal net and agreed the purchase of a basketball hoop c/w net at a cost of approx. £30. Parish Councillors agreed the volunteer could purchase fixings when the hoop arrives.

The volunteer suggested the placing of a seat in the Longbeach play area would be an advantage. The Chairman agreed to speak to BCV or to offer it as a site for memorial bench if any enquiries were made.

Min 115/18- Correspondence

- **CPRE-** Autumn Newsletter
- **NALC-** Local Council Review
- **NCC-** Definitive Map Modification Order (No 21) 2018- Byway Open to All Traffic Nos 42, 29 & 30 Parishes of Beadnell & Ellingham
- **NCC-S106** Housing Developer Funds for Sport and Play facilities
- **EBDA-** Request for nominations
- **War Memorial Trust-**Bulletin
- **Clerks & Councils Direct-** Newsletter

Min 116/18- Car Parking charges- The Chairman stated that it is a long way for residents to walk to the beach. Parish Councillors agreed to respond to the consultation raising the following points:

- Requesting 1st hour free
- An annual parking permit for council tax payers.
- Electric charging points to be installed.
- Revenue to be used locally i.e. shed for local skiff.
- Charges for coaches.
- No overnight parking for campers.
- Concerns about parking on surrounding verges, to avoid charges.
- If the overflow car park is legal it needs to be improved.
- New Pay & display parking on Harbour Road.
- How will this be enforced?

Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor J Rhind draft a response.

Min 117/18 Litter Bins - Parish Councillor A Nation tabled prices for litter bins. Parish Councillors agreed to replace the litter bin at the Seabreeze with the litter bin from the bus shelter.

Parish Councillors agreed to purchase 2- 120ltr Maelor Traffex litter bins c/w finger curtains, bases and fixings for £493.90 + VAT. The Clerk to check with Northumberland County Council that they will agree to empty this type of litter bin.

The litter bins are to be installed at the bus shelter and at the corner of Longstone Crescent/ Harbour Road.

The Clerk to check with Northumberland County Council to see if they would charge any installation costs.

Min 118/18- Grass Tenders-The Clerk informed the meeting that 5 invitations to tender were sent out and only 2 tenders were returned.

Stableyard Landscapes submitted a tender for £2350

M & M Contractors submitted a tender for £7380

Parish Councillors agreed to award the contract to Stableyard Landscapes to cut the grass within the Parish for 3 years from 2019 as per the tender.

The Clerk to prepare a contract to include all new employees must have a valid DBS before undertaking any work within the Parish. Also a right to

terminate the contract at certain points within the contract to be included within the contract.

Min 119/18- Highways- Parish Councillors considered the new double yellow lines within the recently installed Temporary Experimental Order, which is valid for 1 year. Parish Councillors agreed the double yellow lines at the Church are not long enough, on the Church side of the road they need to be extended by 10ft and the other side of the road they need to be the full length as the bus is unable to get round the corner. Parish Councillors agree the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council to ask them to come back and extended the double yellow lines as they don't want the bus to stop coming into the village due to access issues. Parish Councillors also felt the double yellow lines at The Craster Arms are not long enough at either end, need extending to the telegraph pole on the hill and another 5 feet, But not in front of the gate at The Craster Arms. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk should also report this to Northumberland County Council.

Min 120/18 – Government Consultation on Business Rates-The Chairman asked Parish Councillors if they wished the PC to respond to the current second home business rates consultation. This was agreed, Parish Councillor A Willis to draft the response.

Min 121/18- Policy Review-The Chairman informed the meeting that Northumberland County Council are going to give the Parish Council some guidance on the health & safety issues of headstones. Parish Councillors agreed to adopt the amended Cemetery Regulation Policy, the only change is to include 'in accordance with BS4815'. The Chairman informed the meeting that there are 26 trees with the Cemetery. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk try to locate plans for the Bullring, Cemetery and Play Areas, before undertaking a review.

Min 122/18- AONB - The Chairman informed the meeting:

- That she is now the Parish Council representative for the northern area, and she and the Vice-Chairman are currently attending Parish Council meetings of the Parishes within the northern part of the AONB.
- The Chairman encouraged people to complete the current government consultation on AONB's and National Parks, responses must be submitted by 18th December.

Min 123/18- Community Updates-

WW1 plaque- The Chairman advised the meeting that the plaque has arrived and will be installed on the Cemetery wall. Parish Councillors agreed to refund the volunteer £39.89 for the fixings.

Beadnell in Bloom-The Chairman advised the meeting that the winter planning have been home grown to save money.

Christmas light switch on- The Chairman advised the meeting that the Church service will be at 6pm on 7th December followed by the switch on at the Bullring at 6.30pm and refreshments and choir at 7pm in WI Hall.

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Bus Shelter-The Chairman advised the meeting that all the works to enhance the building have been completed with thanks to all volunteers involved. The bus timetables are still the responsibility of Northumberland County Council.

Defibrillators-The Vice-Chairman stated that it is proposed to have a defibrillator at The Craster Arms, and we are still waiting to see if there will be an interest for a defibrillator at West Fleetham. At that point the Parish should have sufficient coverage.

Min 124/18- 2019/20 Budget-The Chairman informed the meeting that if the Parish Council spends £2k on Play Area repairs on top of the purchase of 2 litter bins the current budget could be exceeded. Parish Councillors considered and agreed the budget for 2019/20.

Parish Councillors agreed to increase the Precept for 2019/20 to £11500 which is approx. £400 increase.

Any Urgent Business-

Min 125/18- Annual Parish Meeting-The Chairman proposed holding the Annual Parish Council meeting on a separate night to the Annual General Meeting, as this will allow residents time to make their views felt re Parish development and issues. This type of evidence will be important if any Community Infrastructure Levy funding becomes available. Parish Councillors agreed.

Min 126/18- Noticeboards- The Chairman informed the meeting that the noticeboards in the car park are progressing, and both AONB & the Parish Council will be key holders.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 6pm

Chairman _____

Date _____