

**MINUTES OF THE BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6.00pm**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: A Nation (Chair); J Hall (Vice-Chair),  
J Rhind, A Baker, C Scott-Roy & J Davison.  
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson  
Clerk: I Hunter  
7 Members of the public

**Apologies for Absence:** Parish Councillor M Dawson

**Declaration of Interest:** The Chair declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 I)  
The Vice-Chair declared an interest in Agenda Item 13 as a former employee of  
Citizens Advice.  
Parish Councillor J Davison declared an interest in Matters Arising Min 13/2021  
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**Request for Dispensation-** None

**The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021-** Parish  
Councillors agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
were a true record of the meeting. The Chair to sign a hard copy.

**Any urgent matters arising from the minutes if not already on the agenda-**

**Min 23/2021- Min 13/2021- Updates- I) State of an area on Harbour Road-** The Chair informed the  
meeting that contact has been made with the landowner, who has stated in the  
future they will be submitting a new planning application and building on the site.  
The landowner has confirmed they will be boarding up the site in the near future  
and are in agreement that artwork could be painted on the boarding by a local  
organisation/group. The landowner has given permission for their email address  
to be forwarded on to the local organisation/group. Parish Councillors agreed to  
the forwarding of the landowners email address to the local organisation/group.

**Min 24/2021- Min 12/2021- Coastal Erosion-** The Chairman provided a verbal update in relation to  
flooding and coastal erosion which had been received from David Green FCERM  
(Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management) Programme Officer of  
Northumberland County Council. She concluded by saying David Green is happy  
to attend a future Parish Council meeting.  
Parish Councillors agreed to consider at the May meeting if they would like to  
invite David Green to a future Parish Council meeting.

**Min 25/2021- Planning Minutes-** Parish Councillors agreed that the Minutes of the Planning Meeting  
held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were a true record of the meeting. The Chair to sign  
the hard copy.

**Min 26/2021-Planning Applications-** Parish Councillors agreed the detailed list attached to these Minutes

**Min 27/2021- Planning Approvals-** Parish Councillors agreed the detailed list attached to these Minutes

**Min 28/2021- Play Areas-**

- The Vice-Chair informed the meeting that it was her understanding that it was agreed not to progress the access gate at Kennedy Green until the road and footpath to the new development has been completed. This was agreed
- The Vice-Chair gave the following update on the screening and the green island: The area has been cleared, she gave a vote of thanks to volunteers and to D Smith for removing the tree stumps and spreading the soil. Some of the excess soil could be used at the cemetery. Some planting has been undertaken by a resident, some trees from the cemetery have been replanted in this area. However, there are still outstanding works.
- The Chair reported that she had reported the damaged sign to the Police. Parish Councillors have agreed the purchase of a replacement sign which has been ordered.

**Min 29/2021- Cemetery-**

- The Vice-Chair informed the meeting that the tree had been removed and there has been no deterioration to the base of the cemetery wall. She proposed no action is taken until the summer. It was agreed to consider this at the May meeting.
- Parish Councillors ratified the removal of 1 tree.
- Parish Councillors ratified the payment of £282 to M Stewart for felling the tree.

**Min 30/2021- Financial Statement**

Current Account	£ 10593.27
Savings Account	£ 11341.39

**Min 31/2021- Finance:**

**Receipts**

• A Haile	£ 100.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Interment Plot No N19
• Donation	£ 200.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Home owner
• B Endean	£ 100.00	Part payment 2 <sup>nd</sup> Inscriptions x 2 - Plot No's 677 & N19
• Savings A/c	£ 0.28	Interest

**Payments made**

• M Stewart	£ 282.00	Cemetery- fell tree
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**Payments due**

- I Hunter                                   £   578.37   Salary 69.25 hours @ £ 10.44 per hour
- HMRC                                       £   144.60   PAYE
- A Nation                                   £    12.49   Sundries cemetery/play area
- Beadnell PC                               £  3000.00   Transfer to Savings Account.

The Vice-Chair raised concerns about budget overspend, and proposed that Parish Councillors need to monitor the Clerk's salary due to the number of hours the Clerk is currently working. Parish Councillor A Baker stated that so far, no VAT reclaim had been submitted.

The Vice-Chair proposed transferring £3K from the Current Account into the Savings Account:

£2K to be ring fenced for the playground

£1K to be ring fenced for inspections within the cemetery

This was agreed

The Chair proposed £600 be ring fenced for the water fountain

Parish Councillors agreed to ring fence the £600 for a limited period.

Parish Councillors agreed to add budget discussion to the May Agenda.

**Min 32/2021-Community Police-** The Clerk read out the following police report:

Crimes since the last Beadnell PC meeting are as follows –

- 1) Cause fear with firearm
- 2) Assault police officer – these two crimes are from the same incident when an intoxicated male pointed an air weapon at, and by other means assaulted a police officer. The male was arrested with no injuries occurring to the attending officers. Enquiries are ongoing regarding the final outcome to this matter.
- 3) Damage to sign – sign in playground damaged, no offenders seen.

**Min 33/2021- County Councillor report-** County Councillor G Renner-Thompson provided the following updates:

**Parking-** The Café developer is open to use of his land as a temporary car park, however he would prefer a longer period than the permitted 56 days. Therefore, I am in talks with Northumberland County Council Planning Officers.

**North Northumberland Coast NHP-** David English at Northumberland County Council has received the replies from Beadnell & Bamburgh Parish Councils, so we are awaiting a response from David English on the next steps in relation to a review.

**Car park-** The re-lining of the car park has been completed. I have received mixed responses, especially in relation to the disabled parking bays being re-located, Northumberland County Council Officers are looking into this.

**Swinhoe Road-** I have received complaints about mud on the road and have contacted Northumberland Estates direct. Therefore, if any issues are raised during the development people should contact Northumberland Estates.

The Chair asked about the possibility of using coastal car parks for the overnight parking of motorhomes which was raised at the Coastal Summit, and it was said Parish Councils would be consulted. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson responded to say

he had no updates and he was sure Parish Councils would be consulted.  
The Chair asked if Parish Councillors were interested in requesting no parking cones to be placed on Harbour Road on a temporary basis during the busy periods. Parish Councillors did not support the request.

**Min 34/2021- Updates-** The following updates were received:

- A) Water Fountain:** Parish Councillor A Baker informed the meeting that the Parish Council have decided not to proceed with the installation of a water fountain at the present time. The Parish Council had been awarded a grant of £2K to cover the purchase the equipment, which at the time meant the Parish Council would need to fund the remaining £600 for installation etc, however, the proposed costs increased up to in excess of £4K. The Parish Councillors decided this was not value for money, however the Parish Council would look at this project again if the costs could be reduced, as he was sure the Parish Council would be able to access a grant again to purchase the equipment.
- B) School reading room stone-** The Chair informed the meeting that the text for the sign has been agreed which will include a qr code, the Parish Council is awaiting a mockup for Parish Councillors to consider/agree.
- C) Holiday let donations-** The Chair informed the meeting that the 2020 letter was successful as the Parish Council received over £2K in donations, therefore the Parish Council have agreed to distribute a letter in 2021, which will be delivered before Easter by the Chair, Vice-Chair & Parish Councillors A Baker & J Rhind. Parish Councillors agreed a copy of the letter would be placed on the noticeboard and the website.
- D) Donation/projects-** The Vice-Chair proposed linking this to the community survey. Parish Councillors agreed.
- E) Countylife donation-** The Vice-Chair proposed linking this to the community survey. Parish Councillors agreed.
- F) Any updates on the car park works-** The Chair informed the meeting that the fence and new path have been installed. Parish Councillor A Baker proposed a vote of thanks to the Coast Care volunteers for installing the fence.
- G) Tree planting-** Parish Councillor A Baker informed the meeting that the free trees have now been planted in the 2 Caravan Parks, and it will be considered later in 2021 if an application will be submitted for further packs of free trees.
- H) Seawall-** The Chair provided a verbal update.
- I) Streetlighting/ The Kilns -** Parish Councillors considered the discharge of condition and agreed Parish Councils are not consulted on this type of application. Parish Councillor J Rhind had already personally submitted an objection. It was agreed not to comment as the Parish Council did not have a quorum to make a decision. The Clerk read out a statement received from a member of the public.  
**Access Road-** The Chair informed the meeting that the following update had been received from Northumberland Estates:  
Construction of The Kilns and access road in Beadnell  
There will be no access issues to the holiday lets at Windy Edge Farm. The road will be tarmacked to an acceptable level (formation) by the end of business  
**26/3/21.**

Work is progressing and current intentions are that all the access road works planned at this stage of the development along with landscaping/ levelling each side to be completed **by 12/4/21**.

The last of the containers, machinery and so on be moved up to nearer The Kilns site **by April**.

The current intention is that all works to the lower part of the site (area south of the loop/ 30 Swinhoe Road), detention basin, access to the site, and defective works to passing places will be complete **by 3/5/21**.

**Min 35/2021- Donations-** Parish Councillors considered the following requests for donations received with 2020/21:

Age Uk

Bailiffgate Museum

Citizens Advice

Parish Councillors agreed not to donate as the parish Council had already donated £500 to BCV and £250 to Seahouses Primary School

**Min 36/2021- February Coastal Summit meeting-** The Chair provided a verbal update which included Northumberland County Council will increase the public bin collections during the busy periods and if the current bins are unable to cope with the level of litter temporary bins will be placed in car parks.

There will be a meeting in October with bus operators to look at options for summer 2022. The Chair asked County Councillor G Renner-Thompson if there were any updates about people being able to use an app linked to Northumberland County Council website to see if car parks are full. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied he had no updates; however, he is pushing for more trains to stop at Chathill. Parish Councillors stated there is no bus service from Chathill to the coast. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson stated there is funding for a bus review so this could be considered.

The Coastal Summit meeting can be viewed on you tube.

**Min 37/2021- Policies-** Parish Councillors undertook the annual review of the Asset Register and agreed it was up to date.

**Min 38/2021- AONB/National Trust- Beach closures by National Trust 2021/nesting birds-** The Chair reported there will be a virtual Parish Council meeting with National Trust and AONB on 14<sup>th</sup> April which will be open to the public.

Parish Councillors agreed an outline agenda and format for the meeting. The Clerk to prepare the agenda for councillors' final approval.

Parish Councillors agreed the maximum length of the meeting will be 90 minutes, which will include a 15-minute presentation from the National Trust and AONB, and a maximum 30 minutes public question time.

**Min 39/2021- Community action record/survey-** Parish Councillors agreed a copy of the final report of the Community Conversation 2019 action record will be placed on the website.

**Community Survey 2020-21-** Parish Councillor J Davison, gave a vote of thanks to the public for responding and the Vice-Chair for collating the

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responses. Parish Councillors agreed a copy of the Community Survey Feedback and comprehensive list of comments submitted will be placed on the website and a poster will be placed on the noticeboard. The Chair reported she had prepared a working document, referring to a couple of points;

- 1- Safety issues at the beach and harbour. The Coastguard will patrol every weekend from Easter onwards throughout the busy period.  
There are no life rings at the harbour - the RNLI have this in hand.
- 2- Bins- requests for additional bins and stickers on litter bins to say that all litter bins can take dog waste. The Chair asked if there was any interest in stickers on litter bins saying they are dual purpose. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson, reported that Northumberland County Council can steam clean litter bins on request.

Parish Councillor C Scott-Roy stated that nationally there will be changes to the waste collection.

It was agreed there were sufficient bins in view of the proposed additional collections and no stickers will be placed on the bins at present.

**Min 39/2021- Consultation-** Parish Councillors agreed to defer a consultation in 2021 on ideas for the use for Longbeach Drive/ St Ebbas Way area + VG49 (south of church) until later in 2021.

**Min 40/2021- Local Election update-** The Clerk informed the meeting that all Parish Councillors term of office ends on 5<sup>th</sup> May, as Parish Council elections will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May, and if there are more than 7 candidates for Beadnell Parish Council there will be an election. The Parish Council will pay a share of the election costs in 2021/22 if there is an election for the Parish Council, and so far, Northumberland County Council have not provided an indicative cost. All information relating to the elections can be found on the Parish Council website, nomination forms are available from the Parish Clerk or Northumberland County Council. The nomination forms need to be submitted between 29<sup>th</sup> March and 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Purdah begins on 26<sup>th</sup> March, which is where potential candidates need to be careful what they say in public meetings etc.

The Clerk informed the meeting that permission to hold virtual meetings stops on 5<sup>th</sup> May, so we are still awaiting guidance on how Annual meetings will be held in May, therefore the date of the May meeting may need to change.

**Min 41/2021- Annual footpath review-** Parish Councillors agreed to defer the review until later in 2021.

**Min 42/2021- Highways-** Parish Councillors considered the following:

- Signage for Meadow Lane- Parish Councillors agreed to consider at the May meeting the possibility of a one-way system from Longstone Close to the junction of Swinhoe Road, and if this is an option then undertake a consultation with residents.
- The reduction of the speed limit on Swinhoe Road & B1340- Parish Councillor J Rhind reported that Northumberland County Council had provided a negative response and proposed the Parish Council monitor the situation and accumulate

evidence. This was agreed

- Narrow bridges- Parish Councillor J Rhind again proposed the Parish Council monitor the situation. This was agreed.

**Min 43/2021- Correspondence-**

- **NALC-** Local Council Review
- **Seahouses Primary School-** Email – thanks for donation
- **NCC-** Update – car parking charges 2021
- **Clerks & Councils Direct-** March Newsletter

**Any Other Urgent Business-**

**Min 44/2021- Conservation Area Beadnell-** The Chair informed the meeting that the Beadnell Conservation Area map is on the Parish Council website and noticeboards, and proposed the Parish Council recommends anybody wishing to make any changes to their property or works to trees within their property that they check to see if they need planning permission or if it is classed as permitted works before commencing any works. This was agreed.

**Min 45/2021- Public Question Time-** None received

The Chair gave a vote of thanks to Parish Councillors and members of the public for their support as this is the last scheduled meeting of this Council.

**The date of the Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 6pm (TBC)**

Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_