

**MINUTES OF THE BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 6pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall**

**Present:** Chair- G Martindale, Vice-Chair J Hall  
Parish Councillors: C Williamson, J Rhind, A Baker & A Nation  
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson  
Clerk: I Hunter  
5 Members of the public

**Public Question Time:** The Chair read out a letter from a resident which asked the Parish Council to call a meeting of interested parties to discuss the possibility of installing a generator in the WI Hall to be used in the event of an emergency. The Vice-Chair suggested this could be considered at a local networking meeting which is being considered at Agenda Item No 20. It was also agreed the alternative options for a power supply could be looked into.

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

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**Request for Dispensation-** None

**The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021-** Parish Councillors agreed that the Minutes of this meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were a true record of the meeting. The Chair signed a hard copy.

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

**Min 1/2022- Online Banking-** The Vice-Chair reported electronic banking had been set up.

**Min 2/2022- Broadband-** The Vice-Chair reported she still had not received a reply from Ofcom about the broadband speed.

**Min 3/2022- White lines-** The Vice-Chair reported that Northumberland County Council have renewed the white lines at the Wynding/Swinhoe Road, however they have not renewed the white lines at the Wynding/Craster Arms area. The Chair reported that he has reported signage issues. Parish Councillors agreed the Chair check Beadnell village for locations requiring white lines to be renewed and provide a list of locations to Northumberland County Council

**Min 4/2022- Street lighting-** Parish Councillor A Baker asked if there were any updates in relation to the street light issues on Harbour Road. The Clerk reported there are still no updates, and agreed to email Northumberland County Council copying the email to County Councillor G Renner-Thompson.  
Parish Councillors reported street lights 4BD & 6BD were not working. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson agreed to report the non-working street lights.

**Min 5/2022- Co-option policy-** Parish Councillor A Nation asked Parish Councillor C Williamson if a draft policy will be circulated ahead of the March PC meeting, in preparation for adoption at the

meeting. Parish Councillor C Williamson replied she would try.

**Min 6/2022- Coastal Erosion-** Parish Councillor A Nation asked for confirmation that David Green from Northumberland County Council will be invited to attend the Annual Parish meeting in May. This was confirmed.

**Min 7/2022- Bernicia-** Parish Councillor A Nation asked the Chair if there are any updates. The Chair replied no the difficulty is obtaining land.

**Min 8/2022-Community Police-** The Clerk read out the following report:

Over the last eight-week period there have been four recorded crimes and two incidents of ASB. Due to the nature of the incidents, I am unable to give you further specific details. I can confirm however that none of these are relevant or have a wider impact on the community.

Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor J Rhind invite Sergeant Budge or Inspector Swan to the July Parish Council meeting.

**Min 9/2022- County Councillor report-** County Councillor G Renner-Thompson provided the following updates:

- There has been a lot of interest in the Kiln development which should complete in August. Northumberland Estates are interested in providing more affordable housing.
- I have undertaken an interview with Look North on affordable housing.
- The petition about affordable housing was considered at North Northumberland Local Area Council.
- Bernicia are looking at building houses on 2 sites in North Sunderland. However, they do not have capacity to build everywhere at the same time.
- There is a backlog of potholes as 12 members of staff are absent from work with covid.
- The planning application for the car park will be considered at committee on 1<sup>st</sup> February.
- The AONB Glover review is out. There is no additional funding.
- I am dealing with an unauthorised gate.
- I am trying to set up a meeting to start the review of the North Northumberland Coast NHP.
- County Councillors that cover the catchment area of The Duchess High School are going to discuss the latest Ofsted report.

Parish Councillors asked if land could be compulsory purchased for housing. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson responded yes, however, it is a long process and you have to demonstrate the need. The Chair asked if any development in Beadnell could be linked to the North Sunderland development. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson, replied it would be dependent on capacity to build. However, there are other organisations apart from Bernicia that can deliver affordable housing.

Parish Councillors mentioned the closing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tax loophole, which will come into effect on 2023 so we may be going in the right direction as other parts of the country have similar issues.

Parish Councillor C Williamson asked about the capacity at The Duchess High School as a family moved into the area and only one of the two children were able to get a place in the school. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied that the specific class must have

been full because normally all children from the catchment area get a place. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson gave an update on the works which had been undertaken on the seawall, and agreed to look into the issue of the road subsidence on the Harbour Road area.

Parish Councillor A Nation asked about a meeting with Northumberland County Council Highways Development Officers, and asked County Councillor G Renner-Thompson if he would attend. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied this would be a good idea and would attend if he was available.

County Councillor G Renner-Thompson left the meeting at that point.

**Min 10/2022- Parish Council Policies-**

- Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Baker amend the wording of noticeboard-website policy, to include the length of time external information is displayed. The draft policy to be circulated ahead of the March meeting, to allow the policy to be adopted at the March meeting.
- Parish Councillors agreed to defer the draft email policy until the March meeting to allow Parish Councillors time to comment on the draft policy. NALC to be consulted on the final draft ahead of the March meeting.

**Min 11/2022- Play Areas-**

- Parish Councillors accepted the quote of £154 +VAT from RoSPA Play Safety to undertake the annual play area inspection of the 2 play areas in 2022.
- Parish Councillors accepted the quote of £1584.24 + VAT from Northumberland County Council for undertaking the weekly inspection of the 2 play areas under an SLA in 2022. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council and ask them to prepare the SLA.
- A resident provided an update on the minor repairs he had undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council. He also raised concerns about the condition of the perimeter fence along the path at Kennedy Green and at the back saying the posts are rotten. The Chair agreed to look into this.
- The Vice-Chair informed the meeting that she had received permission from Northumberland County Council to install a bench at Longbeach Drive play area. She concluded by saying that O Kavanagh will install the bench and asked Parish Councillors to let her know if there is a specific location within the play area that they would prefer.

1 member of the public left at that point

**Min 12/2022- Cemetery-**

- The Vice-Chair advised the meeting that she is continuing to deal with the Funeral Director over an issue of a sunken grave.
- The Vice-Chair reported that she has checked the trees in the Cemetery, there are no issues however, there is some broken wood and small branches on the ground.

**Min 13/2022- Financial Statement**

Current Account	£ 16385.65
Savings Account	£ 19342.76

**Min 14/2022- Finance:**

**Receipts**

• A Halie	£ 175.00	Purchase Plot CP6
• A Haile	£ 400.00	Purchase Plot N45
• Co-op Funeralcare	£ 250.00	Re-open Plot 697A
• Donation	£ 50.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Homeowner donation
• Barclays	£ 0.48	Interest High Interest A/c
• Resident	£ 972.49	Purchase & installation bench

**Payments made**

• Glasdon Ltd	£ 806.99	Purchase bench
• O Kavanagh	£ 50.00	Install bench

**Payments due**

• I Hunter	£ 329.98	Salary 39.5 hours @ £ 10.44 per hour
• HMRC	£ 82.40	PAYE
• Beadnell WI	£ 36.00	Room hire
• A Nation	£ 4.98	Play area repair receipts
• I Hunter	£ 10.28	Expenses

**Min 15/2022- Correspondence-**

- **NALC- Local Council Review**
- **Post Office**-Information on re-opening of mobile service.
- **NCC**- Breakdown costs on 2021 Election- Invoice March 2022.
- **NALC**- Survey on relationship with Northumberland County Council. Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Nation, draft a response for Parish Councillors to agree and the Chair submit.
- **Resident**- Email dark skies/lighting. Parish Councillor A Baker advised the meeting that the resident has been advised to contact AONB.
- **NCC**- Information on Storm Arwen review
- **NCC**- Information on Queen's Platinum Jubilee fund. Parish Councillors agreed that the Parish Council will be involved in the meeting proposed by Beadnell W I and that this meeting is looking at the Platinum Jubilee.
- **NHS**- Improving access survey- to be completed by 25<sup>th</sup> February
- **NCC**- Car Park planning application at Strategic Planning Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Parish Councillors agreed the Chair would speak at Committee, and Parish Councillors to agree the wording of the speech.
- **Resident**- Email Re 4 The Haven- Parish Councillors agreed this is being dealt with by Northumberland County Council.

**Min 16/2022- Grass Cutting/ grounds maintenance.**

- Parish Councillors considered the following grass cutting tenders:  
Northumberland County Council £8814.92  
S Ternent £2920  
Makespace £7200
- Parish Councillors agreed to award the contract for 2022-2024 to S Ternent

**Min 17/2022- Website/Emails**

- Parish Councillors agreed to pay £60 to Town & Parish Council websites to allow the Parish Council to see the numbers of visitors accessing the website.
- Parish Councillors to agree the length of time external information remains on the website if there is no end date identified. This was covered at Min 10/2022.
- Parish Councillors agreed to the setting up of email addresses for Parish Councillors. and the Clerk. However, Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Baker setup up this as a test only for the Chair, the Clerk and Parish Councillor A Baker until an email policy is adopted at the March meeting.

**Min 18/2022- Seating Area-**

- Parish Councillors considered the report prepared by Parish Councillor C Williamson and agreed to proceed as this was an item which was mentioned a few times in the community survey feedback. The cost for the paving stones etc will be approx. £1200- £1500 + VAT  
The 3 benches will cost approx. £1138 + VAT
- Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor C Williamson organise a Licence Agreement with Northumberland County Council.
- Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor C Williamson obtain 3 quotes for the paving stones etc.  
Parish Councillors agreed to waive Standing Orders in respect in purchasing the benches as Marmax is the Parish Council's preferred supplier.
- Parish Councillor C Williamson & the Vice-Chair reported BCV may make a donation towards the project.
- Parish Councillor A Baker proposed & Parish Councillor C Williamson seconded a maximum gross spend of £3.5K. This was agreed.

**Min 19/2022- Planting of Free trees/hedging in St Ebba's Way area-** Parish Councillor A Baker advised the meeting that he had applied for and received the hedging plants. However, due to approvals required he would like to suspend the hedge planting in this area, and use the hedge plants in the Meadow Lane play area. This was agreed.

**Min 20/2022- Updates.**

- Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Nation prepare a discussion paper on Parish Council responsibilities and how future Parish Council business will be undertaken for consideration at the March meeting.
- Parish Councillor J Rhind advised the meeting that Arriva are going to undertake a risk assessment about the re-instating their original route through Beadnell village. Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor J Rhind contact Northumberland County Council Parking Enforcement Officers asking them to add driving past The Craster Arms to their

route. Parish Councillor J Rhind informed the meeting that it had been reported to him that the Travelsure service via the coast which is scheduled to connect with the Arriva X15 service at Belford had on one occasion departed as the Arriva service entered Belford. This, and the one minute allowed for the connection, had been raised with Northumberland County Council Transport Managers

- The Chair informed the meeting that Parish Councillor M Dawson will be undertaking the annual review of the Asset Register.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chair would check the trees on the Village Green next to St Ebba's Church.
- Parish Councillor C Williamson advised the meeting that Coast Care volunteers are currently walking the Rights of way.
- Parish Councillor A Nation asked if there were any highway's updates. The Chair advised the meeting that everybody should report potholes, signage issues etc direct onto the Northumberland County Council website. Parish Councillor A Nation asked about the installation of double yellow lines at the junction of The Wynding/Swinhoe Road, as vehicles are still parking up to and over the junction. Parish Councillors agreed they would prefer not to request double yellow lines in this area. The Chair reported this is a police matter. Parish Councillor J Rhind agreed to raise this matter with the police.
- Parish Councillor A Nation asked about updates linked to the holiday season. Parish Councillors agreed:
  - 1- A number of EV charging points have been put in place.
  - 2- The Clerk contact Northumberland County Council about the old tractor
  - 3- Northumberland County Council will deal with the boat launch contract.
  - 4- There is no update on the temporary car park which was available in 2021.
- Parish Councillors agreed the only point to take forward at the present time following the meeting with Northumberland County Council planners is to organise a meeting with Highways Development.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chair work with the Clerk on drafting an Agenda for Parish Councillors to consider for a face-to-face meeting with Northumberland Estates. All Parish Councillors will be invited to attend the meeting.

**Min 21/2022- BCV-** The Vice-Chair gave the following update: there had been 1 meeting, there will be 3 car boot sales, 1 dog show, the Platinum weekend event + 1 other event, also, the Parish Council will receive an annual report after the BCV AGM. She concluded by saying she has had to stand in as an Interim Chair and invited people to come forward to become Chair of BCV. Parish Councillor A Nation suggested including £500 in the budget which could be used for planting/ xmas lights etc.  
Parish Councillor A Baker proposed if the annual holiday let donations exceed £2K the Parish Council will make a donation to BCV up to a maximum of £500. This was seconded by the Chair.  
Parish Councillor C Williamson proposed & Parish Councillor A Nation seconded that the Parish Council give a donation of £500 to BCV from reserves to cover the current request. This was agreed by a majority vote.

**Min 22/2022- 2022/23 Budget**

- Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chair, & Parish Councillors A Baker & C Williamson

prepare and organise the holiday let letter for 2022.

- Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated draft budget which had been compiled by Parish Councillor A Baker.
- Parish Councillors agreed the following:
  - 1- £500 will be transferred to the High Interest Account, towards the fund for the 5-yearly inspection.
  - 2- £150 contingencies
  - 3- £2K winter toilet opening & £500 donation to BCV will come from holiday let donations.
  - 4- £3500 for the new seating will come from reserves.
- Parish Councillors agreed the budget for 2022/23
- Parish Councillor A Baker proposed & the Vice-Chair seconded the precept for 2022/23 would be £12K

**Min 23/2022- Local networking-** The Vice-Chair proposed setting up an annual meeting with all groups within the Parish, and the Parish Council pay the room hire. Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chair take the lead in organising a meeting. The Vice-Chair reported all groups will be represented at the forthcoming WI meeting, so she would use this as a starting point.

**Any Other Urgent Business-**

**Min 24/2022- Planning-** Parish Councillor A Nation reported that Rob Murfin of Northumberland County Council has stated he is happy to speak to residents to negotiate outcomes, and gave a vote of thanks to a resident who had work hard on an issue recently.

**The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at 6pm**

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