

MINUTES OF THE BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 27th July 2022 at 6pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall

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

Public Question Time: None

Apologies for Absence: Vice-Chair J Hall & Parish Councillor A Baker

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation- None

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 25th May 2022- Parish Councillors agreed that the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 25th May 2022 was a true record of the meeting. The Chair to sign a hard copy.

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Parish Councillor J Rhind pointed out that the Chairman's Report did not include the possible and actual attendance record of Parish Councillors at meetings during 2021/22 as had had been previously agreed. Parish Councillor J Rhind proposed and Parish Councillor A Nation seconded that the Chair provide a supplementary report at the September meeting in order to provide this information requested.
Parish Councillors then agreed that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 25th May 2022 was a true record of the meetings. The Chair to sign a hard copy.

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

Min 81/2022 (Min 78/2022 (e))- Updates- Parish Council email addresses- Parish Councillor A Nation read out a statement, which included issues with the Parish Council's policy and confirming that she will continue to use the g-mail email address which she had set up for use as a Beadnell Parish Councillor.
The Chair responded to say that the policy and email addresses will be reviewed as and when required.

The Minutes of the Planning Meetings: Parish Councillors agreed the minutes of the Planning Meetings held on 1st June & 20th July 2022 were a true record of the meetings. The Chair to sign a hard copy.

Min 82/2022-Community Police- The following report circulated after the meeting.
Over the last 28-day period there have been 27 incidents and 6 crimes. No incidents of youth ASB reported. 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. I have noted your email re the smashed bottles.

Min 83/2022- County Councillor report- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson provided the following updates:

- Northumberland County Council Enforcement officers are looking into the new railings at the Harbour.
- NWL attended the recent flooding at Longstone Close within 4 hours.
- Northumberland County Council Planning Department are looking into the price increase of the discount market homes on The Kilns site.
- At the NIFCA meeting held on 21st July Defra reported the consultation on the fishing ban from Lindisfarne to the Farne Islands which will have an impact on Beadnell. He advised the meeting that he is against the ban and encouraged people to respond to the current Defra consultation

Min 84/2022- Planning Approvals-

- 22/01385/FUL- Conversion of integral garage to create bedroom and new window on side elevation- 19 Longbeach Drive Beadnell NE67 5EG
- 22/01166/FUL- Raising height of existing flat roof to side of property including installation of lantern light and single storey rear extension- Longlands Retreat 35 Longstone Close Beadnell Chathill NE67 5BS
- 21/00026/FUL-Double garage extension and associated changes to access road and parking- Nook End 4 Bradshawgate Cottages Swinhoe NE67 5AA
- 21/00368/FUL-Primary residency self build dwelling with workspace and garage- Land North East Of Bradshawgate Cottages Bradshawgate Cottages Swinhoe
- 21/03792/FUL- Retrospective: Construction of outdoor timber serving building and temporary siting of 4 no. all weather restaurant shed- Land East Of The Craster Arms The Haven Beadnell Northumberland
- 22/01670/FUL-The siting of two storage units (Use Class F2) and ancillary use (retrospective)- Land South West Of Sewage Pumping Station Benthall Beadnell Northumberland NE67 5BQ

Min 85/2022- Planning Refusal

- 21/01112/FUL- Replacement of existing store and smoking shelter within the rear car park with a shipping container to provide outdoor food and drink service ancillary to Beadnell Towers Hotel- Beadnell Towers Hotel The Wynding Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5AY

Min 86/2022- Planning Withdrawal

- 22/01418/VARYCO- Variation of Conditions 2 (Approved Plans) and 7 (Construction Method Statement) to allow amendments to the design and appearance and agree a

construction management plan on approved application 18/01045/FUL- Land
South Of 70 Harbour Road Harbour Road Beadnell Northumberland

Min 87/2022- Play Areas.

- Parish Councillors considered the annual ROSPA inspection reports and agreed the following:
 - 1- Parish Councillor J Rhind research the option of synthetic tuft to repair the goal post area ahead of the September meeting.
 - 2- The Clerk contact O Kavanagh for a price for the installation of a gate at the Meadow Lane play area.
 - 3- Parish Councillor A Nation obtain a cost for the replacement of the damaged picnic table with an inclusive bench from recycled material, a cost for repairs to the activity trail and raise the gate with Highway's Planners at the forthcoming meeting.
 - 4- Parish Councillor A Nation to speak to S Ternant about strimmer damage to posts etc, and suggestions for future maintenance of the to be grassed mound area.
 - 5- The Clerk to advise S Ternant that the Parish Council will pay an additional £10 per cut until the end of the season for the border area on the Meadow Land play area to be strimmed, and to enquire about the cutting of the bushes/hedges.
 - 6- Parish Councillor A Nation to co-ordinate the annual greasing of the cantilever swing with the volunteers.
 - 7- Parish Councillors agreed to monitor the wooden posts.
 - 8- Parish Councillors agreed to take advice and monitor the decay of the wooden posts.
 - 9- Parish Councillors to receive updates at the September meeting.
 - 10- Parish Councillors agreed not to take any action on the other points raised in the annual ROSPA reports at this time. However, a number of small maintenance jobs such as recommended painting equipment and repairing wetpour are proceeding as agreed
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council again in regards to the missing sections on the weekly reports.
- Parish Councillors ratified the payment of £184.80 to Playsafety for undertaking the annual ROSPA inspections.

1 member of the public left the meeting at that point.

Min 88/2022- Cemetery

- Parish Councillor A Nation proposed the Clerk contact S Ternant about undertaking groundworks which were due to be undertaken last winter/spring time, asking for confirmation this will be undertaken later this year. This was agreed.

Min 89/2022- Financial Statement

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| Current Account | £ 18664.84 |
| Savings Account | £ 19344.70 |

**Min 90/2022- Finance:
Receipts**

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| • Donations | £ 210.00 | 2 nd Home owners |
| • Barclays Bank | £ 1.46 | Interest premium A/c |
| • HMRC | £ 418.07 | VAT Refund |

Payments made

- Playsafety £ 184.80 ROSPA inspection- play areas

Payments due

- I Hunter £ 353.07 Salary 32.25 hours @ £ 11.05 per hour + back pay
- HMRC £ 88.40 PAYE
- I Hunter £ 16.28 Expenses
- Beadnell WI £ 36.00 Room hire
- S Ternant £ 660.00 Grass cutting

Parish Councillor A Nation asked the Chair to email Parish Councillors with the information which was agreed in the confidential section of the May meeting about the Clerk's pay rise, and once agreed a copy of the update will be attached to the Clerk's contract. Also, any pay adjustments if any will be made at the September meeting. This was agreed.

Min 91/2022- Updates

- Parish Councillors received updates on the following items and considered any actions:
 - a) **Footpath to Swinhoe.** The Chair reported this is progressing.
 - b) **Swinhoe junction.** Parish Councillor J Rhind referred to the his previously circulated update, stating that Northumberland County Council are due to complete the design study for the junction in August and will update the Parish Council, however, any necessary funding will not become available until the 2023/24 financial year and this will impact on the start date of any works, improvements etc. Parish Councillors agreed to await receipt of the options contained within the design study before considering next steps.

1 member of the public joined the meeting at that point

- c) **Winter gritting-** Parish Councillor J Rhind advised the meeting that he had received what was in his view an unsatisfactory and superficial reply to his enquiry from Northumberland County Council. A more detailed and comprehensive reply has therefore been sought. Specifically; the cost of including the bus route through the village in the County gritting network; and an explanation why Beadnell fails to meet the criteria for routine gritting as set out in the "UK Roads Liaison Group, Code of Conduct." The County Council's comment that Parish Councils could request gritting be carried out required more detail to be provided in order to be understood and evaluated
- d) **Street signage-** Parish Councillor J Rhind advised the meeting that the damaged sign at The Haven is to be replaced.
- e) **Consider purchasing housing for wheelie bins at the car park.** The Chair again proposed the Parish Council purchase recycled plastic housing for the Northumberland County Council wheelie bins in the car park, which will tidy up the area. He concluded by saying that the cost will be approx. £800 per housing x 4. Parish Councillor A Nation raised the issue that one of the two designs (Broxap) is highly unsuitable for windy coastal areas and suggested that if councillors wished to proceed a metal framed housing (with metal/ wood infills) may be more suitable and contacting a local firm to

make the housings a possibility. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson offered to speak to the AONB officer to see if there is any funding left from the car park works to allow AONB to purchase housing, and agreed to provide an update at the September meeting.

- f) **Parish Council projects-** Parish Councillor A Nation suggested the following:
- 1- Playgrounds- repairs, replacements – Some repairs are being considered replace equipment as and when required.
 - 2- Cemetery- The Clerk to contact S Ternant about the proposed winter works. Surface water and future flooding. Parish Councillors agreed to add this to the September Agenda.
 - 3- Beadnell- Seahouses footpath- The Clerk to contact Northumberland County Council Highways Department as the issue is a maintenance issue.
 - 4- Long Beach Drive play area- Adult exercise equipment. Parish Councillors agreed to add this to a wish list. Additional seating outside the play area. Parish Councillor C Williamson advised the meeting that BIB will be planting bulbs in this area.
 - 5- Village Green-unadopted Road at St Ebba's Church- alternative options to stop cars parking in this area compared with current cones as it is a Conservation Area. Parish Councillor A Nation agreed to raise this with Highway's Planners at the forthcoming meeting.
 - 6- Trees within Beadnell village- Undertake a survey of the trees, consider what is suitable and the purposes for the trees or additional trees. This is linked to Climate Change. Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Nation draft an email for the Clerk to send to Northumberland County Council's Tree Officer and Woodland Trust to obtain a cost for the survey. Parish Councillor A Nation to contact the Climate Change Officer for information. A member of the public suggested the following link [Northumberland County Council - Great Northumberland Forest](#)

Min 92/2022- Local Transport Plan- Parish Councillors considered the feedback from the Parish Council's 2022/23 priorities.

Parish Councillors considered the options for the 3 priorities for 2023/24 and agreed the following 3 priorities:

1. Improvements to the Swinhoe crossroad/junctions on safety grounds.
2. The re-instatement and creation of a footpath/cycle path from Beadnell to Swinhoe along the edge of the B1340. Beadnell Parish Council are willing to contribute to cost and manage the construction
3. Drop kerbs within Beadnell village. Parish Councillor C Williamson to provide a list of locations.

Min 93/2022- Correspondence

- **NCC-** Town & Parish Council Climate change toolkit. Parish Councillor A Nation to forward information from the recent workshop she attended on the subject. This to be added to November Agenda.
- **Healthwatch-** Healthwatch Northumberland Annual report 2021/22
- **NCC-** Veterans Needs Survey- 31st August
- **Member of public & MP-** Car parking charges at The Landing car park
- **Member of the public** – Car parking charges

Min 94/2022- Memorial Bench- The Clerk informed the meeting that the Vice-Chairman has responded to the person who had made the request offering outside the cemetery and Long Beach Drive play area as options for locations.
Parish Councillors suggested an electronic leaflet be prepared which can be issued to anybody wishing to install a memorial bench providing a list of locations where a bench could be placed.

Min 95/2022- Seating Area- Parish Councillor C Williamson provided a verbal update on the proposed seating area at Longstone Close area, quoting the update which had been received from Northumberland County Council, and residents in the area are keen to proceed with the proposed seating area. Parish Councillors debated the proposal.
Parish Councillor A Nation asked if the Task Group had met with the owner of the property opposite the proposed location that had sent a written objection. Parish Councillors were assured by Task Group members that various efforts had been made to meet and discuss the proposal and no response received.
Parish Councillors agreed to proceed with the seating area at the original proposed location.
Parish Councillor J Rhind proposed and the Chair seconded the Clerk obtain revised quotes from MKM & JT Doves, the Parish Council suspend standing orders to allow the seating to be purchased from a preferred supplier.
The vote was 3 Parish Councillors for and 1 abstention.

Min 96-2022- Cycle stands- Parish Councillor C Williamson suggested as the BT phone box is to be removed the area could be used for a cycle stand. Parish Councillors agreed to add this to the September Agenda, also, this could be added to a wish list.

Any Other Urgent Business-

Min 97-2022- AONB- Parish Councillor A Nation proposed a copy of the stage 1 Northumberland Coast AONB Visitor and Access and Travel Management Strategy be placed on the Parish Council website, concluding stage 2 is commencing. This was agreed.

The date of the next meeting 28th September 2022 at 6pm

Chair _____ Date _____