

**MINUTES OF THE BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 6pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall**

**Present:** Chair- G Martindale, Vice-Chair J Hall  
Parish Councillors: J Rhind, C Williamson, A Baker, A Nation & M Dawson  
Clerk: I Hunter  
2 Members of the public

**Public Question Time:** None

**Apologies for Absence:** County Councillor G Renner-Thompson

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**Request for Dispensation-** None

**The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Parish Councillor J Rhind proposed & the Vice-Chair seconded the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was a true record of the meeting. This was agreed. The Chair to sign a hard copy.

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

**Min 119 /2022 (Min 99/2022)- Annual Review of the Clerk's salary-** Parish Councillor A Nation proposed the actions in relation to the annual review of the Clerk's salary are ratified. This was agreed.

**Min 120/2022 (Min 100/2022) - Parish Council email addresses-** Parish Councillor A Nation again raised concerns that some Parish Councillors are not using the email address she had identified for Parish Council business, therefore she is not receiving all Parish Council communication. Parish Councillor A Baker reminded the meeting of the Parish Council Email Policy.

**Min 121/2022 (Min 104/2022)- Beach Lea Bungalow 67 Longstone Park Planning Application-** Parish Councillor A Nation suggested changes to the Chair's speech for the Planning Committee which included the correct name of the NHP "North Northumberland Coast NHP". The majority of Parish Councillors agreed the speech with the tweak of the NHP name. The Chair to circulate a copy of his revised speech.

**Min 122/2022 (Min 114/2022) - Housing for wheelie bins at the car park-** Parish Councillor A Nation suggested the Clerk contact County Councillor G Renner-Thompson for an update as he had agreed to fund the purchase of the housings. This was agreed.

**Min 123/2022 (Min 115/2022) NCC AONB-** Email about beach fires. Parish Councillor A Nation read out the response from AONB. Parish Councillor M Dawson informed the meeting that as a local business owner he is working with AONB in relation to beach cleans. Parish Councillors agreed this is not a Parish Council matter.

**Min 124/2022-Community Police-** The Clerk read out the following September & November reports:

Over the last 28-day period covering September there have been 10 incidents and 3 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.

Over the last eight-week period there have been 10 incidents. Only three recorded crimes and no recorded 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 all incidents should be reported to the police, and residents can sign up to Northumbria Connected to receive updates from the police.

**Min 125/2022- County Councillor report-** Parish Councillors noted the report, stating they would prefer future reports to be received 24 hours ahead of Parish Council meetings.

The Vice-Chair raised concerns about the proposal to ban all parking on the Main Street in Seahouses as this will impact on Beadnell residents, stating that Beadnell Parish Council were not consulted. Parish Councillor A Nation proposed & Parish Councillor A Baker seconded that the Vice-Chair draft a letter for Parish Councillors to agree which will be sent to North Sunderland Parish Council and CC Bamburgh Parish Council. This was agreed. The Vice-Chair referred to 2<sup>nd</sup> homes and the Council tax loop hole.

**Min 126/2022- North Northumberland Coast Neighbourhood plan-** Parish Councillor A Nation stated she would attend the Bamburgh & North Sunderland December Parish Council meetings as they are scheduled to discuss the NHP review.

Parish Councillor A Nation asked that all Parish Councillors comment on the "Tracking/ Monitoring Selected Planning Cases" criteria set out in the email of 12.9.22 before any further work was undertaken. It was agreed Parish Councillor A Nation re-circulate this email for comment.

**Min 127/2022- Planning Applications**

22/03884/FUL- The installation of flues to serve woodburning stoves and solar panels- 1, 2 And 4 East Farm Steading The Stables Swinhoe NE67 5AA. Parish Councillors considered and debated this application. Parish Councillor A Baker proposed and the Vice-Chair seconded that the Parish Council support this application. This was agreed.

22/04069/FUL- Remove existing porch and replace with new, and garage converted to bedroom- 29 Swinhoe Road Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5AG. Parish Councillors considered and debated this application. Parish Councillors agreed to object to this application on the following grounds:

- Policy 8 of North Northumberland Coast Neighbourhood Plan  
Proposals resulting in the loss of existing car parking spaces will not be supported unless it can be demonstrated the loss will not result in any additional on-street parking capacity problems or equivalent alternative

provision can be made in locations that are equally or more accessible than the parking spaces to be lost. Planning obligations will be sought where they are necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms, directly related to the development, and fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development, for the following improvements

- The property is within the Beadnell Conservation Area
- From the location plan it appears that part of the adopted highway may be included as part of the land within the planning application.
- A scaled plan should be provided with the planning application to show that there is sufficient parking within the curtilage to match the number of bedrooms within the property.
- Is a Change of Use application required for this property?

#### **Min 128/2022- Play Areas.**

- Picnic bench- Parish Councillors ratified the purchase of 1 picnic bench from Marmax at a cost of £792. Parish Councillor A Nation advised the meeting that the damaged picnic bench had been adapted which means there is now an additional picnic bench in the play area.
- Spares- Parish Councillors ratified the order of the spares and their installation from Playdale at a cost of £2784.16.
- Gate – Meadow Lane play area- The Vice-Chair provide a verbal update. Karbon Homes had met Northumberland County Council on site, however, she had not been invited to attend the site meeting. The Vice-Chair concluded to say she will be contacting Northumberland County Council to ask for information on the positioning & type gate is being proposed.
- Repairs- Parish Councillor A Nation advised the meeting that the mound had been filled and seeded. The springer knobs and replacement swing parts had been fitted by Playdale. She agreed to contact Play & Leisure to obtain a quote for replacing the chains and worn shackles on the cantilever swing. Finally, she advised the meeting that she along with a volunteer will check the condition of the wet pour and consider what repairs can be undertaken and report back ahead of the January meeting.
- Activity Trail- Parish Councillor A Nation advised the meeting that Playdale are unable to help with the supply and installation of the ropes etc for the gap on the activity trail, however, parts can be ordered online. Parish Councillors agreed to contact local contractors for quotes to bring the trail back into use. Parish Councillor A Nation to provide Parish Councillor A Baker with the details to allow him to draw up a specification to be issued to local contractors.

#### **Min 129/2022- Cemetery**

- The Vice-Chair advised the meeting that there currently is no wasps or moles in the cemetery and the pipe running through the cemetery is not an electric pipe.
- The Vice-Chair reported that 2 hand grave diggers have now been found in North Northumberland.
- The Vice-Chair advised the meeting that she had obtained one quote for works to the boundary wall, however, due to the costs involved other quotes will be required. Parish Councillors provided alternative names for the Vice-Chair to contact. The Vice-Chair agreed to continue to work on this subject and update Parish Councillors as and when she had any

updates.

- The Vice-Chair agreed to make enquiries into future drainage/waterlogging in the cemetery and what work would be required.
- The Vice-Chair advised the meeting that Northumberland County Council are willing to undertake the 5-year Memorial Inspection between April 2023- March 2024 at a cost of £575.89. They are also offering to make memorials safe at a cost of £2 per memorial where they are identified as failures. Parish Councillors agreed to accept the quote from Northumberland County Council including £2 per memorial to make them safe if they are identified as a failure.
- Parish Councillors agreed confirmation is required if the trees/hedge at the north boundary of the cemetery is a hedge or individual trees, if they are identified as trees, they will need to be added to the Tree Management Policy.

**Min 130/2022- Financial Statement**

Current Account	£ 19145.37
Savings Account	£ 19350.66

**Min 131/2022- Finance:**

**Payments made**

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|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| • J T Doves            | £ 1675.20 | Materials for The Chatterry base      |
| • Playdale Playgrounds | £ 1392.07 | 50% deposit on spares & installation. |

**Payments due**

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|---------------|-----------|---|
| • I Hunter    | £ 247.60  | Salary 28 hours @ £ 11.05 per hour                                |
| • HMRC        | £ 61.80   | PAYE  |
| • Beadnell WI | £ 24.00   | Room hire   |
| • E I Hunter  | £ 7.10    | Expenses  |
| • Marmax      | £ 792.00  | Picnic bench (to be paid after delivery is received)              |
| • Marmax      | £ 1111.20 | 3 seats for The Chatterry (to be paid after delivery is received) |
| • Playdale    | £ 1392.08 | Play area spares outstanding 50%<br>Balance                       |

**Min 132/2022- Northumberland Coast AONB**

- It was agreed the Clerk recirculate the feedback from the Parish Councils Annual Chair's meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November. The Vice-Chair reported that all Parish Councils seem to raise the same complaints, and there is no timescale for the Sustainable Transport Strategy.

**Min 133/2022- Parish Council Policies-**

- Parish Councillors agreed the Risk Assessment which was circulated with the agenda. The Chair signed the hard copy.
- Parish Councillors agreed to start the annual review to the Parish Council's assets. Parish Councillor A Baker to be the lead Parish Councillor. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk check to see if the names on memorial benches can be added to the public version of the Asset Register.

- Parish Councillors agreed that the Vice-Chair and Parish Council A Nation had been undertaking informal checks of the trees following the last formal inspection. Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Baker ask Mark Furnell of Coast Care to undertake a survey of the Parish Council trees.

**Min 134/2022- Local Issues-**

- Parish Councillor A Nation provided a verbal update on flooding and coastal erosion from NCC/FCERM.

**Min 135/2022- Updates**

- Parish Councillors received updates on the following items and considered any actions:
  - a) **Footpath to Swinhoe.** Parish Councillor A Baker advised the meeting that Northumberland County Council had originally provided a quote of £150,000 for the works, however, the quote had now been revised to between £62,000- £72,000 as the specification had been amended. He proposed the maximum the Parish Council agrees to contribute to the scheme is £10k-£15k, however, he would continue to work with Northumberland County Council to obtain a better deal. The footpath will not extend as far as the Swinhoe junction or the hamlet.
  - b) **Footpath to Seahouses-** Parish Councillor J Rhind stated he still had concerns about the state of the footpath. The Chair agreed to attend the North Sunderland December Parish Council meeting to ask for their support for the footpath to be improved.
  - c) **Footpath through The Kilns development-** Parish Councillors received the update from Northumberland Estates to say this could not be taken forward. Parish Councillors agreed not to pursue this idea.
  - d) **Swinhoe junction.** Parish Councillor J Rhind provided a verbal update. In his view a realignment of the junction is the only safe solution the Parish Council had handled this issue badly. Parish Councillors agreed the current signage at the junction is giving mixed messages to drivers. Parish Councillors agreed Parish Council J Rhind to continue to work on this matter.
  - e) **Road signage Harbour Road-** Parish Councillors agreed new signage had been erected.
  - f) **Winter gritting-** Parish Councillor J Rhind advised the meeting that disappointingly Northumberland County Council had advised that Northumberland County Council were not prepared to include Beadnell Village in the gritting network. However, anybody can go on the Northumberland County Council website to request a road to be gritted during bad weather.
  - g) **Parish Council projects-** Parish Councillors considered possibilities and agreed once The Kilns development is completed a finger post or where you are map at Swinhoe Road to direct people to the beach etc could be an option. Parish Councillors agreed considering a concept for the Long Beach Drive area was not necessary at this time
  - h) **Village Green-** Parish Councillor A Nation advised the meeting that the bunting flags at the Bullring are coming off, it was agreed to refer this to BCV for removal. She suggested the Parish Council should check the boundaries of the Village Greens within the village. Parish Councillor C Williamson agreed to circulate the information she had on the Village Green VG56 Benthall. Village Green (by church). Councillors agreed not to consider developing a concept or changes for this area at this time.

- i) **Tree Survey-** Parish Councillor A Nation suggested tree planting as part of climate change. Parish Councillors agreed not to progress this at the present time as the National Trust had planted 15,000 trees in the parish last year. A majority of Parish Councillors agreed not to accept the offer from AONB/ Mark Furnell of Coast Care as a climate change initiative to survey the local area in and around the village to assist with ideas and planning for the future (new and replacement planting, noise and wind barriers, advise on species suitable for climate changes ahead and so on) at this time. It was agreed the Clerk would inform Mark Furnell of this decision.

**Min 136/2022- Correspondence-**

- **NCC-** Climate Change Initiative toolkit. Parish Councillors considered initiatives, and agreed not to make a declaration. However, the Vice-Chair agreed to prepare a spreadsheet of pros, cons, why & who then circulate it for Parish Councillors to consider.
- **Northern Powergrid-** Information on Energy Resilience Grant Funding. Parish Councillors agreed BCV will take the lead on this item.
- **NCC-** Town & Parish Council Conference 16/1/2023. Parish Councillor A Nation advised the meeting that she would attend the conference.
- **NCC-** iNorthumberland digital digest- autumn edition
- **EBDA-** Request for nominations for annual award Parish Councillors agree not to make a nomination.
- **NCC Coast Care-** Information on The Tree Council's Branching Out Fund.
- **Planning Inspectorate-** Beadnell Towers Appeal- Parish Councillors ratified the Parish Council's response.
- **War Memorial Trust-** November 2022 bulletin. The Vice-Chair advised the meeting that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission will be making contact in relation to erecting a sign to recognise the one war grave within Beadnell cemetery.
- **NCC-** Planning Application No 22/02876/FUL Beach Lea Bungalow 67 Longstone Park to be considered at committee. The Chair will speak at Planning Committee
- **NCC-** Invite to visit the Recycling Centre.

**Min 137/2022- Consultations-** Parish Councillors agreed the following:

- Parish Councillors agreed not to respond to the Northumberland County Council, Northumberland Gypsies, Travellers, & Travelling Showpeople Local Plan- call for sites.
- Parish Councillors agreed not to respond to the current Northumberland County Council, Public Space Protection Order.
- Parish Councillors agreed not to respond to the current Northumberland County Council Phase 2 Consultation on Education in the Berwick Partnership
- Parish Councillors agreed not to respond to the current Northumberland County Council, review of Gambling Policy Statement of Principles and Street Trading policy 2022.

**Min 138/2022- The Chatterly- The Seating area at Longstone Close-**

- Parish Councillors ratified the payment of £1675.20 to JT Doves for materials for the base.
- Parish Councillor C Williamson advised the meeting that the flagstones had been laid, the benches had arrived however, one was damaged on receipt so we are still awaiting a replacement. A plaque will be organised to be placed on a separate plinth, the wording to be

agreed, helpers and contributors will be recognised. She concluded by saying there will be an official opening.

Parish Councillor A Baker asked for confirmation that BCV is making a £1500 donation towards the project. The Vice-Chair as Chair of BCV confirmed yes that is correct.

**Min 139/2022- Communications-** Parish Councillor A Nation asked that all statements / communications from the Parish Council including Chair's speeches at Committee meetings, responses to planning applications and submissions in appeal cases should be agreed by a majority of Parish Councillors ahead of issue, and once agreed the Clerk should issue the statements /communications where applicable. This was agreed by Parish Councillors.

**Min 140/2022- Cycle stands-** Parish Councillor C Williamson suggested the area where the old phone box was could be used for a cycle stand. Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor C Williamson provide an estimation of the cost for inclusion in the draft 2023/24 budget ahead of the January meeting.

**Min 141/2022- 2023/24 Budget**

- Parish Councillors received an in-year budget update.
- Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Baker draft a budget for 2023/24. Parish Councillors agreed to consider donating to Coast Care if an application for a donation is received.
- Parish Councillors agreed the budget & precept will be moved up the January Agenda.

**Any Other Urgent Business-**

**Min 142/2022- Toilet refurbishment-** Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to contact Northumberland County Council to see if there is a timeline for the refurbishment of the Beadnell toilets.

**Min 143-/2022- BCV-** Parish Councillor A Nation asked if it was possible to have a list of BCV events and the Parish Council be added to the BCV and BiB email mailing list. The Vice-Chair agreed to look into this.

**The date of the next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 6pm**

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