

**MINUTES OF THE BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 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  
Clerk: I Hunter  
7 Members of the public

**Public Question Time:** None

**Apologies for Absence:** None

**Declaration of Interest:** The Vice-Chair declared a personal interest in Planning Application No 22/02338/FUL- The applicant is a distant family member

**Request for Dispensation-** None

**The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Parish Councillors agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 was 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 98/2022- Memorial Bench-** Vice-Chairman confirmed that to date there is no progress on the original enquiry for a memorial bench.  
The Vice-Chair proposed not producing an electronic leaflet as the only land the Parish Council owns is the play areas, any other alternative locations would need to be agreed with the landowner.

**Min 99/2022- Annual Review of the Clerk's salary-** Parish Councillor A Nation asked the Chair for written confirmation of the final agreement made by Parish Councillors. The Chair asked the Clerk to forward a copy of the email he sent to the Parish Clerk onto Parish Councillors

**Min 100/2022 - Parish Council email addresses-** Parish Councillor A Baker asked as he was not present at the July meeting that Parish Councillor A Nation circulate a copy of her statement. Parish Councillor A Nation agreed to recirculate the email on this subject.

**The Minutes of the Planning Meeting:** Parish Councillors agreed the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 were a true record of the meeting. The Chair to sign a hard copy.

**Min 101/2022-Community Police-** No report received. Parish Councillor J Rhind asked the Clerk to contact the Police requesting the report is received at least 24 hours before the Parish Council meeting

**Min 102/2022- County Councillor report-** No report.

- Parish Councillor A Nation reported that County Councillor G Renner-Thompson is in dialogue with Northumberland County Council planners in relation to available grants to start the review process for the North Northumberland Coast NHP

**Min 103/2022- Parish Councillor attendance record-** The Chair tabled a copy of the attendance record for all Parish Councillors in 2021/22. Parish Councillors asked for a copy of the record to be emailed to all Parish Councillors.

Parish Councillor J Rhind reminded Parish Councillors that at two previous meetings it had been agreed that the actual and possible attendances at meetings by Parish Councillors in 21/22 should have been included in the Chairman's report. Councillor Rhind pointed out the information tabled fell short of what was required by the agreed decision and called on the Chair to comply by implementing that decision. The Chair replied no.

**Min 104/2022- Planning Applications**

22/02876/FUL- Construction of single storey front extension - re-submission of planning application ref:21/03848/FUL- Beach Lea Bungalow 67 Longstone Park Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5BP

Parish Councillors debated the planning application.

Parish Councillor A Baker proposed & Parish Councillor C Williamson seconded the Parish Council object to the planning application.

The vote: object 3, support 2, abstention 1

The Parish Council to object to the planning application by a majority vote and submit the following response.

This property is part of a group of 8 attached properties. There are 36 of these L shaped chalets on the Longstone Park Estate built as one bedroom holiday chalets round 1968. At that time there was an Agreement between the builder and Local Authority which prohibited the erection of any building or structure on the amenity areas. Therefore, this application contravenes this Agreement. Each of these chalets were allocated one car parking space in purpose-built areas away from these properties.

Parish Councillors are objecting on the following grounds:

- The application contravenes Policy No 5 of the North Northumberland Coast NHP, by failing to respect the local context and character of the area.
- The application contravenes Policy No 8 (c) which states that all proposals for development must demonstrate sufficient car parking is provided within the curtilage to ensure no additional on-street parking on nearby streets.
- The application is contrary to Policy QOP2 point 2 (a) which states "The physical presence and design of the development preserves the character of the area and does not have a visually obtrusive or overbearing impact on neighbouring uses..."

22/02338/FUL- Retrospective: Refurbishment and change of use of existing garage building to coffee shop to run alongside onsite accommodation business- Gardeners Cottage Beadnell House The Haven Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5AT.

Parish Councillors debated the planning application.

The applicant confirmed that there was adequate on-site car parking available and that any signage to be erected would be sensitive to the premises location within a Conservation Area

Parish Councillor A Baker proposed & the Vice-Chair seconded the Parish Council support the planning application.

The vote: support 5, abstention 1

The Parish Council agreed to support the planning application by a majority vote.

The Chair stated the Parish Council supports new and existing businesses within the Parish.

Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact County Councillor G Renner-Thompson and raise concerns about the lack of co-ordination between Building Regulations & the Planning Department in relation to what type of applications are required.

**Min 105/2022- Planning Approvals-**

22/02134/VARYCO- Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) to allow revisions to the approved plans for the insertion of 2 x first floor windows in side (south) elevation, replace first floor rear single window with two smaller windows and replace rear french door with sliding door on approved planning application 20/00479/FUL (retrospective)- 64 Harbour Road Beadnell NE67 5BE

22/00557/FUL- Temporary 4 year permission sought for a single storey food retail unit (A3 use) with indoor and limited outdoor terrace seating, together with the provision of associated 11no. car parking spaces, including 1no. disabled car parking space, vehicular access and manoeuvring space- Land South West Of Sandy Lane Court Bernicia Way Beadnell Northumberland.

Parish Councillor A Nation questioned if conditions within the planning approval which needed to be complied with ahead of opening had been discharged. The Chair replied if a Parish Councillor had any concerns about any approvals and conditions, they should contact Northumberland County Council Planning Enforcement Department.

22/01869/FUL- Retrospective: Installation of building for safe and secure storage of machinery including: 2no. sit on grass cutters, 1no. tractor, 1no. excavator and 1no. tipper trailer- Land North West Of Braeside Swinhoe Links Beadnell

22/01075/FUL- Demolition of existing timber shed, single storey extension and sun lounge and construction of two storey rear and side extension- 12 Church Cottages Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5AS

**Min 106/2022- Planning Withdrawals**

22/01198/FUL- Proposal to remove existing roof and install larger roof trusses to create habitable space in new attic; convert garage into habitable space with pitched roof- The Chimes 7 The Wynding Beadnell Northumberland NE67 5BU

22/02664/FUL-Demolition of UPVC porch; Construction of brick porch with wc shower room- 37 Longstone Park Beadnell NE67 5BP

**Min 107/2022- Play Areas.**

- Gate – Meadow Lane play area- The Vice-Chair provide a verbal summary on the history on this subject. The Vice Chair advised the meeting that O Kavanagh had undertaken a site visit, and the following will be required:

- 1- A 1.4 mtr x 1.6 mtr paved area for the gateway
- 2- A 4ft gate
- 3- Paving to the wall and the kerb
- 4- The cost to undertake the above works will be approx. £2166

Parish Councillors considered the above.

Parish Councillor A Baker proposed & Parish Councillor C Williamson seconded the following:

- 1- The Vice-Chair write to Karbon Homes again in relation to installing a gate, giving them 2 weeks to respond, ahead of engaging contractor.
- 2- The Parish Council allocates a maximum budget of £2500 to install the gate.
- 3- The Vice-Chair in consultation with the Chair organises the works.
- 4- The Vice-Chair engages O Kavanagh to undertake the works.
- 5- The Parish Council suspend Standing Orders to allow O Kavanagh to undertake the works as the budget is over £500.

Parish Councillors agreed the above recommendations by a majority vote: 5 support 1 abstention.

3 members of the public left the meeting at that point.

- Picnic table- Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Nation obtain quotes for a brown recycled overlapping table for adults. Parish Councillors to agree purchase via email.
- Repairs- Parish Councillor A Nation agreed to submit receipts for fixings etc in time for the November meeting. The total spend will be within the agreed £120 budget. Parish Councillor A Nation advised the meeting that the volunteer is progressing with the minor repairs.
- Play equipment spares/replacements- Parish Councillor A Nation advised the meeting that 2 flat seats and 2 cradle seats on the swing's c/w fixings had been identified in the Annual & weekly reports as needing to be replaced. She confirmed that play providers will only supply spares for equipment they had supplied, which means only Playdale had provide a quote of £1845 + VAT for supply and delivery of the 4 seats. Parish Councillors considered the information and agreed Parish Councillor A Nation obtain a quote for Playdale to supply and install the 4 swing seats c/w fixings. Parish Councillor A Nation asked if handles for the rocker seat could be added to the quote. This was agreed. Parish Councillor A Nation suggested 2 wires could be placed on the missing section of the Activity Trail.

Parish Councillors agreed to consider options at the November meeting

- Grounds maintenance Meadow Lane play area- Parish Councillors agreed S Ternant spray the mound with safe weed killer at a cost of £30 and cut the hedges at an additional cost of £120

Following enquiries Parish Councillor J Rhind confirmed his previously reported view that synthetic turf was not a realistic option for the goal area

Parish Council A Nation confirmed the volunteer will undertake repairs at the goal post area with soil from The Kilns development.

**Min 108/2022- Cemetery**

- The Vice-Chair provided a summary on the condition of the boundary wall in places. Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chair obtain a quote for repairs, and investigate any future drainage issues.
- The Vice-Chair reported that there are no hand grave diggers in North Northumberland. Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chair and Parish Councillor A Baker investigate to see if they can find a hand grave digger, before alternative options are considered.
- The Vice-Chair reported a cable/pipe had been discovered when preparing a recent plot for an interment. The Chair suggested this could be an old redundant water pipe. Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chair see if a local contractor will cat scan the cable/pipe to see if it is live.
- The Vice-Chair provided an update on possible winter groundworks saying that S Ternant has reported that the cost of top soil had increased. Parish Councillor A Baker proposed and the Vice-Chair seconded the budget for the works be increased to £650. Parish Councillors agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow S Ternant to undertake the works up to £650.

**Min 109/2022- Financial Statement**

Current Account	£ 23700.75
Savings Account	£ 19350.66

**Min 110/2022- Finance:**

**Receipts**

• Donations	£ 180.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Home owners
• Northumberland CC	£ 6000.00	½ Annual precept
• Barclays Bank	£ 5.96	Interest Savings A/c

**Payments due**

• I Hunter	£ 417.71	Salary 47.25 hours @ £ 11.05 per hour
• HMRC	£ 104.40	PAYE
• Beadnell WI	£ 36.00	Room hire
• Parish Council websites	£ 160.00	Annual website fee
• A Nation	£ 32.16	Spares for play areas- deferred
• S Ternant	£ 770.00	Grass cutting

**Min 111/2022- Northumberland Coast AONB**

- Parish Councillors agreed as the Vice-Chair would be attending the Parish Councils Annual Chair's meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November as the Parish Council Northern Area representative, the

Parish Council representative would be Parish Councillor A Baker if the Chair is unable to attend.

- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk respond to the Landscape Improvement scheme asking for the completion of the scheme to underground the cables along Harbour Road.

**Min 112/2022- Parish Council Policies-** Parish Councillors undertook the annual review of the Risk Assessment, including the suggested changes made by Parish Councillor A Baker. The Clerk agreed to add the suggested changes from Parish Councillor A Nation along with the comment of electronic banking to the document and circulate for Parish Councillors consideration. Parish Councillors agreed to agree the final version of the document via email.

**Min 113/2022- Local Issues-**

- The Vice-Chair raised concerns about the use of the passing place as well as the variety of litter which is being left in the passing place on Swinhoe Road. She went on to say she had reported the issues to the Police and County Councillor G Renner-Thompson, only to be told by the Police to report any suspicious vehicles and activity as it happens. She concluded by proposing the Clerk contacts County Councillor G Renner-Thompson asking what are Northumberland County Council going to do to address the apparent rise in drug use in the area. This was agreed.
- Parish Councillor A Baker reported that there had been 4 accidents in the same area at Benthall on Harbour Road this year, suggesting the white lines should be extended to the end of the adopted highway. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council Highways Department and ask for a site meeting.
- Parish Councillor J Rhind raised concerns about spam emails being received supposedly from the Chair requesting financial help. Parish Councillors noted the comment. The Vice-Chair suggested the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council and remind them when sending emails to use BCC. This was agreed.

**Min 114/2022- 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 provided a quote of £150,000 for the works, and said he would continue to work on this project.
  - b) **Footpath to Seahouses-** Parish Councillor J Rhind stated he was not happy with the response received from Northumberland County Council Highway's Department. Parish Councillors agreed this would have been raised with County Councillor G Renner-Thompson if he had been in attendance.
  - c) **Swinhoe junction.** Parish Councillor J Rhind advised the meeting there are no updates and suggested going to the press as there is still no update from the design study which was due by the end of August. he requested that he be allowed to exert pressure e.g. via press coverage etc on Northumberland County Council Highways Department on behalf of the Parish Council in order to expedite the preparation and sight of the study. There was no support for the suggestion and the Chair proposed the Parish Council awaits the update from the design study before considering next steps. This was agreed.
  - d) **Winter gritting-** Parish Councillor J Rhind advised the meeting that a negative response from Northumberland County Council had been circulated and that he had

- requested further information with a view to having the decision revised.
- e) **Bus Services-** Parish Councillor J Rhind asked for this to be removed from the agenda. This was agreed.
  - f) **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. Parish Councillor A Nation asked if there had been any update from County Councillor G Renner-Thompson who was going to speak to the AONB officer to see if there was any funding left from the car park. The Clerk replied that there had been no update from County Councillor G Renner-Thompson. Parish Councillor A Baker proposed the Clerk contact County Councillor G Renner-Thompson and the AONB Officer to see if there are any updates and if there are no updates the Parish Council purchase a minimum of 2 housings. A vote took place 4 – support, 1- against & 1- abstention.
  - g) **Parish Council projects-** Parish Councillors agreed to defer this until the November meeting.
  - h) **Village Green-** Parish Councillors agreed to defer this until the November meeting.
  - i) **Tree Survey-** Parish Councillor A Nation asked Parish Councillors to read the email which was circulated on 2<sup>nd</sup> September on this subject, and email their responses/comments.

**Min 115/2022- Correspondence-** Only 1 item considered.

- **SAAA Ltd-** Emails – External Auditor 2023 onwards
- **Northern Powergrid-** Energy resilience grant funding information
- **NCC-** Free tree giveaway
- **Ellingham Parish Council-** Consultation on draft NHP
- **NCC-** Call for volunteers
- **NCC-** Northumberland Local Plan (hard copy)
- **NCC AONB-** Email about beach fires. Parish Councillors agreed this is not a Parish Council matter.
- **Healthwatch Northumberland-** Invite to AGM 19/10
- **National Trust-** Summer newsletter

**Min 116/2022- Conclusion of Annual Audit 2021/22-** Parish Councillors agreed the following:

- No issues or questions had been raised by members of the public.
- The accounts are no longer draft accounts.
- This now concludes the Annual Audit for 2021/22.
- The Chair gave a vote of thanks to the Clerk and Internal Auditor for completing the Annual Audit.

**Min 117/2022- The Chatterry- The Seating area at Longstone Close-** Parish Councillor C Williamson advised the meeting that works would commence 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> October. Parish Councillor A Nation asked for confirmation that local permanent residents will be monitoring the area, as well as keeping it clean and tidy. Parish Councillor C Williamson agreed this is correct.

**Min 118/2022- Cycle stands-** Parish Councillors agreed to defer this until the November meeting.

**Any Other Urgent Business-** None

**The date of the next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 6pm**

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