

**MINUTES OF THE BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 6.00pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall**

**Present:** Vice-Chair J Hall (in the chair)  
Parish Councillors: A Baker, & A Nation  
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson  
Clerk: I Hunter  
4 Members of the public

**Public Question Time:**

- 1- A member of the public raised concerns about daily fires on the beach as well as empty bottles being left on the beach, stating that the matter had been reported to AONB and the Police
- 2- A member of the public gave a vote of thanks to Parish Councillor C Williamson for contacting Northumberland County Council about getting the area of grass outside his property added to the Northumberland County Council grass cutting rota.

**Apologies for Absence:** Chair- G Martindale, & Parish Councillor C Williamson.

**Declaration of Interest:** The Clerk declared a personal & prejudicial interest in Agenda item No 22 Clerk's salary review.

**Request for Dispensation-** None

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

**Min 79/2023 (Min 57/2023) Housing survey-** Parish Councillor A Nation asked if there were any updates from the survey. The Vice-Chair replied that she had spoken to the consultant. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson, reported that the results are currently being compiled, however, the responses are showing a need for more affordable housing, therefore a % increase for affordable housing could be considered when reviewing the NHP. The final report is being prepared for Bernicia as they commissioned the survey.

**Min 80/2023 (Min 60/2023)- Annual Insurance premium-** Parish Councillors noted that there will be no additional payment due to cover the increased replacement value for the Village clock.

1 member of public joined the meeting at that point.

**Min 81/2023- County Councillor report-** County Councillor G Renner-Thompson provided the following verbal updates:

- **Beadnell- Seahouses footpath-** he read out the response he had received from Paul Jones at Northumberland County Council, stating as a footpath it would not score highly under the Local Transport Plan criteria, as it is primarily a leisure route. He concluded that if submitting this footpath as a Local Transport Plan priority the Parish Council should suggest stating reprofiling due to flooding.  
Parish Councillors agree the Clerk email North Sunderland Parish Council and ask them to consider adding the footpath to their list of Local Transport Plan priorities.
- **New double yellow lines The Wynding-** The report is being prepared for approval, then it will go through the TTRO process.
- **Toilets-** There is no base budget to cover the winter opening of the Beadnell toilets, therefore the cost will be £2K.
- **North Northumberland Coast NHP-** We are currently awaiting Bamburgh Parish Council to agree to support a review of the NHP.
- **Chathill Station-** The recent meeting confirmed there had been a meeting with Transport North East and a press release will be issued.

**Min 82/2023- North Northumberland Coast NHP review**

- Parish Councillors considered the feedback from recent Steering Group meeting
- Parish Councillors agreed to support a review of the North Northumberland Coast NHP.
- Parish Councillors agreed North Sunderland Parish Council will continue to be the lead Parish Council for the NHP.
- Parish Councillors agreed at the next Steering Group meeting Beadnell Parish Council ask North Sunderland Parish Council not to respond to Beadnell planning applications.

**Min 83/2023- Planning Application-** Parish Councillors ratified the latest submission to the following planning application

23/00918/FUL- Demolition of existing 3 x 3m conservatory prior to erection of single storey extension to rear of property extending 3.8m beyond existing rear wall, or 0.8m beyond current garage wall. Proposed 2.65m extension to side elevation of existing garage of property to create entrance area. Installation of light cement fibre shiplap panel with insulation to be used as cladding- 42 Longstone Close Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5BS

**Min 84/2023- Planning Approvals-**

23/01116/FUL- Regularisation application for existing biomass heating plant granted approval under reference 18/00755/FUL- Beadnell Towers Hotel The Wynding Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5AY

23/01117/LBC- Listed Building Consent for regularisation application for existing biomass heating plant granted approval under reference 18/00755/FUL- Beadnell Towers Hotel The Wynding Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5AY

23/01277/FUL- Garage conversion- The Chimes 7 The Wynding Beadnell NE67 5BU

23/00918/FUL- Demolition of conservatory on rear elevation and creation of single storey rear extension. Provision of two car parking spaces to front of property- 42 Longstone Close Beadnell Chathill NE67 5BS

**Min 85/2023- Planning Withdrawal-**

21/01757/VARYCO- Variation of condition 2 on approved application 18/01036/FUL in order to amend the design and internal layout of each property- Land East Of 21 Bernicia Way Bernicia Way Beadnell Northumberland

**Min 86/2023- Play Areas.**

- Parish Councillors considered the report compiled by Parish Councillor A Nation from the annual ROSPA reports
  - 1- Parish Councillors to monitor the wet pour & slippery steps at the Longbeach play area.
  - 2- Parish Councillors to monitor the wet pour at the Meadow Lane play area.
  - 3- The volunteer will undertake the annual grease of the play equipment after the summer holidays.
  - 4- The new gate will be installed within the next day or so. Parish Councillor A Nation to organise the rehangng of the information signs once the gate is installed.
- Parish Councillors ratified the payment of £196.80 to Playsafety for the Annual ROSPA inspection.
- Parish Councillors agreed to add the trimming of the perimeter hedges in the autumn to the current grass & hedge cutting contract. The hedge next to Kennedy Green to be kept to approx. 2 mtrs high.
  - 1- The Clerk to obtain a price from S Ternent for cutting the perimeter hedge, and ask for the hedges to be cut this autumn.
  - 2- Parish Councillor A Nation to speak to owners of the neighbouring properties about the hedge cutting.
- Parish Councillor A Baker to obtain advice as to what type of trees could be planted in a shaded area in Meadow Lane play area. The maximum number of trees to be planted is 2-3 trees.
- Parish Councillors agreed not to purchase a strimmer for Parish Council use.
- Parish Councillors agreed the replacement of play equipment to be added to the September agenda.
- Parish Councillors gave a vote of thanks to the volunteer for his work at the play areas.

**Min 87/2023- Cemetery**

- Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated Memorial safety inspection report prepared by the Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair concluded that all 7 warnings were amber warnings, therefore no urgent action was required, and the memorials for which we have family contact details for had been contacted.
- Parish Councillors agreed payment of £610.39 to Northumberland County Council for the Memorial safety inspection.
- Parish Councillors agreed no actions were required at the present time.
- The Vice-Chair proposed & Parish Councillor A Baker seconded to increase the number of grass cuts for both the cemetery & play area from 14 to 16, and reduce the number of extra cuts by 2. This was agreed.

- Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated report on the drainage for the cemetery, following Parish Councillor A Nation & the Vice-Chair’s site visit with a local contractor.
- Parish Councillors agreed to obtain a formal quote from the contractor who met Parish Councillor A Nation & the Vice-Chair on site as well try to obtain additional quotes, which will be considered at the January meeting, when all budget items will be considered. The works may be undertaken in summer 2024.

**Min 88/2023- Cherry trees-**

- Parish Councillors ratified the Clerk requesting quotes to fell 2 cherry trees as per Arborist report
- Parish Councillors ratified the submission of the 2 planning applications for works to 2 cherry trees in the Conservation Area.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk complete & submit a planning application to remove T1 at St Ebba’s Village Green as the tree is showing decay and would need to be inspected every 18 months.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk to contact all tree surgeons asking them to revise their quotes to include T1, as well as providing a quote to leave the wood on site.
- Parish Councillors agreed to consider replacement planting at a future meeting as there may be a condition if the planning applications are approved.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Tilia Tree Consultancy Services for their recommendation on the frequency of formal tree checks.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chair would monitor and continue to check the trees in the cemetery regularly, as well as recording her checks.

**Min 89/2023- Financial Statement**

Current Account	£ 6915.99
Savings Account	£ 19425.90

**Min 90/2023- Finance:**

**Receipts**

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|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| • Donations     | £ 250.00 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Home owners |
| • Barclays Bank | £ 40.42  | Interest Premium A/c        |

**Payments made**

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| • Northumberland CC | £ 1958.12 | Annual SLA weekly Inspections      |
| • Smiths of Derby   | £ 756.00  | 3-year Clock maintenance agreement |
| • Playsafety Ltd    | £ 196.80  | ROSPA inspection – play areas      |
| • S Ternant         | £ 1140.00 | Grass cutting                      |

**Payments due**

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| • I Hunter          | £ 397.88 | Salary 41.25 hours @ £ 12.06 per hour |
| • HMRC              | £ 99.60  | PAYE                                  |
| • I Hunter          | £ 8.84   | Expenses                              |
| • Beadnell WI       | £ 30.00  | Room hire                             |
| • Northumberland CC | £ 610.39 | 5-year memorial inspection -Cemetery  |

**Min 91/2023- Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan**

- Parish Councillors debated possible options and agreed to submit the following the 3 priorities as the Parish Council's priorities for the 2024/25 Local Transport Plan:
  - 1- The reprofiling of the footpath along the edge of the B1340 from Beadnell to Seahouses.
  - 2- The installation of white lines on the road from Benthall junction to the public car park.
  - 3- A 200-metre extension of the 30mph limit east from Swinhoe to Beadnell on the B1340, along with safety measures at the Swinhoe junction.

**Min 92/2023- Updates**

Parish Councillors received updates on the following items and considered any actions:

- a) **Footpath to Swinhoe.** Parish Councillor A Baker reported that a section of tarmac had been exposed and weed killed, as well as a length of grass had been cut. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk thank Northumberland County Council and AONB for organising the works, as well as asking for the grass to be cut annually and the footpath sprayed. Parish Councillors agreed to remove this item from future agendas.
- b) **Swinhoe junction.** Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council Highway's Programme Officer to see when the proposed works will be completed. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson to be copied into the email.
- c) **Chathill rail services.** Parish Councillors noted the previously circulated update from the latest meeting.
- d) **Coastal erosion & flooding-** Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council to see if there are any further updates as the submission was due to be made in July.
- e) **Refreshing road markings at the junction of The Haven and The Wynding-** Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council for an update.

**Min 93/2023- Winter opening of Public Toilets-** Parish Councillors debated funding the winter opening of the Beadnell public toilets, which would cost the Parish Council £2K. Parish Councillors agreed not to fund the winter opening of the public toilets in 2023.

Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chair as the Northern AONB representative contact the other Parish Councils in the AONB area to see if they are willing to fund the winter opening of public toilets which are under the ownership of Northumberland County Council.

The Vice-Chair to draft a press release for Parish Councillors to consider/agree explaining why Beadnell Parish Council is not funding the winter opening of the public toilets.

**Min 94/2023- Correspondence**

- **Belford PC-** Email response from DfT Re dualling A1
- **Resident-** Email request for financial support for defibrillators. Parish Councillors agreed to consider a donation at the March meeting along with any other requests. The Vice-Chair reported the initial £5K target had been reached.
- **Ord PC-** Email request for support to write to Transport North East Re dualling A1. Parish Councillors had already agreed to support the letter.

**Any Other Urgent Business-**

**Min 95/2023- AONB Highway design guide-** Parish Councillor A Nation proposed the Clerk contact AONB to request training guidance on the design guide. This was agreed

**The date of the next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 6pm**

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Parish Councillors passed the following resolution:

**The Council may be recommended to pass a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the media and public from the discussion of the following business on the basis that public discussion may prejudice the Council's position and/or staffing issues may be discussed.**

County Councillor G Renner-Thompson, Parish Clerk & members of the public left the meeting at that point.

**Min 96/2023- Clerk's salary review 2022/23-** Parish Councillors agreed increase the Parish Clerk's salary to NALC, SCP 12 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

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