

Minutes of the Meeting of Hexhamshire Parish Council held on Thursday 10th June 2021
in the Malcolm Caisley Meeting Rooms, Whitley Chapel Parish Hall.

- 6.1 Apologies for Absence - Gill Whatmough, Roger Rutherford, Edward Parker
Present – Marge Rastall (Chair), Nicola Matthews (Vice Chair), Hilary Kristensen, Greg Finch, Davy Short, Alison Tweddle, Councillor - Colin Horncastle, Clerk Gaynor Scandle
- 6.2 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20th May 2021
It was agreed the minutes were a true record of the meeting.
- 6.3 Declarations of interest
None
- 6.4 Matters Arising
- 2.8.2 Rushwood – Reply received from planning dept of NCC (copy attached) not the response everyone was hoping for. NM to reply with information regarding the details of the owners etc.
- 12.4.2 Lilswood Caravan Site – application is going to the full planning committee in July.
- 12.14 Lighting at the Church Gates – still ongoing
- 6.5 Neighborhood Plan – Stage one of the report has been circulated and comments needed by the 14th June. Grant application has been requested for this financial year.
- 6.6 Public Participation
No members of the public were present
- 6.7 Correspondence
- 6.8 Finance
- 6.8.1 Balances as at 6th June 2021
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| Treasurer’s Account | £13778.27 |
| Sportsfield Account | £2683.19 |
| Dukesfield Account | £13232.83 |
| Wetlands Account | £672.43 |
- 6.8.2 Expenses for Clerk G Scandle for Planning Meeting and Highways meeting (2x£10 each) plus file and dividers etc was approved – total £39.05
- 6.9 Matters for discussion with the Unitary Councilor - Cllr Horncastle present – Cllr Horncastle explained the details of his new position within NCC.
- 6.10 Planning –
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Cook Application No. 21/01732/FUL
Location: Dairy House, Steel, Hexham, Northumberland, NE47 OLG
Change of use of part of paddock to create new highway entrance and loose horse boxes.
Extensions, window alterations and replacement garden room to dwelling. Replace existing double garage with new double garage including implement store.
The documents had not been validated by NCC at the time of the meetings so could not be viewed.

6.11 Highways, footpaths and BOATS

6.11.1 Highways to be contacted re priority signs at Dalton Bridge and to inform them there is a crack on the actual bridge.

6.11.2 Request for a passing place between Dipton Mill and Shield Green Nursery has been requested.

6.11.3 Pot Holes at Dipton Mill, Lambshield, Eshells Road, Lords Lot, Dalton Bridge and subsidence on the Lea Road etc, all to be reported.

6.11.4 New barriers stopping motorcycles using the Peth Bridge have been erected, very simply design and seem to be working.

6.12 Reports

Wetlands – We were not successful in getting any trees under the LATF scheme.

Dukesfield Arches – Doonan Architects confirmed that three submissions have been received from suitably qualified conservation masonry companies in response to the tender for capital maintenance works on the arch chimney remains. Heritage Consolidation Ltd submitted the most competitive bid.. In view of this, the quality of their original conservation work at Dukesfield Arches in 2013, and reliability, it was decided to award the contract to them, with the work to take place in September 2021.

Hall – The Hall AGM is 15/6/21

School -

Sportfield – Equipment still needs to be viewed and inspected by Cllrs.

6.13 Any Other Business

The protected verges signs will be placed between the Village Hall and the Ammunition Store, there was a discussion about placing a sign at Low Staples but more investigation as to which actual verge, as this area has more visibility issues. The other signs could go where they were last year.

The Ammunition store near the Sportfield has kindly been cleaned out by Mary Macklon, Ruth Marlee and her sons and Buzz Hilton. Now it is cleared out what do we do with it? It was suggested to put a gate (no door or locks as they will just get broken into) and possibly a plaque explaining the history of the building and what it was used for. More investigation needed on the history.

The meeting closed at 9.40