

Minutes of the Meeting of Hexhamshire Parish Council held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
in the Malcolm Caisley Meeting Rooms, Whitley Chapel Parish Hall.

7.1 Apologies for Absence - Alison Tweddle, Davy Short

Present – Marge Rastall (Chair), Nicola Matthews (Vice Chair), Hilary Kristensen, Greg Finch, Gill Whatmough, Roger Rutherford, Edward Parker, Clerk Gaynor Scandle  
Councillor - Colin Horncastle.

7.2 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021

It was agreed the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

7.3 Declarations of interest

None

7.4 Matters Arising

2.8.2 Rushwood – NM replied to NCC with information regarding the details of the owners of the site. Paper work including emails have been found back to 2007 regarding the complaints for this site. NCC were not concerned about the road or the state of the buildings or fences. Their only concern was the trees. Some Cllrs are still very concerned for the welfare of the horses on site.

12.4.2 Lilswood Caravan Site – new retrospective application was received 8 July 2021 – see 7.10.3 for more information. This will be addressed at the full planning committee in Sept as did not make the July meeting.

12.14 Lighting at the Church Gates – still ongoing.

6.13.1 The protected verges signs were not put out in time and the verges were cut.

6.13.2 The Ammunition store - more investigation needed on the history.

7.5 Neighborhood Plan - Grant funding has been received.

7.7 Public Participation - No members of the public were present

7.7 Correspondence

Sports Tynedale – requesting funding – this will be deferred to Feb 2022. Also asking if any affiliated sports clubs in area would like any assistance to get started again after covid.

7.8 Finance

7.8.1 Balances as at 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Treasurer's Account	£13531.44
Sportsfield Account	£5913.21
Dukesfield Account	£13232.94
Wetlands Account	£672.44

7.8.2 Invoices approved for payment

Whitley Chapel Village Hall £30 for one Parish Meeting and one Neighborhood Plan meeting  
Doonan Architects Invoice £1440

7.9 Matters for discussion with the Unitary Councilor - Cllr Horncastle present –

7.10 Planning –

7.10.1 **Applicant: Mr & Mrs Cook Application No. 21/01732/FUL**

Location: Dairy House, Steel, Hexham, Northumberland, NE47 0LG

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.

**COMMENTS**

The documents were now available and shown to the meeting, concern was shown over the entrance, although the present entrance is dangerous and suggestions were made to have warning ‘concealed entrance’ signs and mirrors for public safety. No objection to the house alterations, garage and stables.

7.10.2 **Applicant: Mr Alastair Stevens Ref. No: 21/01847/FUL**

Location: Oakfield House Hexham Northumberland NE46 1ST

Demolition of an existing porch and erection of a single storey extension to the rear.

**COMMENTS**

Application Supported

7.10.3 **Applicant: Mr Andrew Durrant Ref. No: 20/03451/FUL**

Location: Lilswood Caravan Park Steel NE47 0HX

Redevelopment of holiday caravan park to site 15 caravans, construction of access road, new service building, new lighting and associated drainage (Part Retrospective) (Amended Description)

**COMMENTS**

The new application calls for 5 caravans at front of site to be brown (presently some are cream), Tree planting is detailed on the plan but at present there is no space for this landscaping to take place as the caravans are located directly onto the fence. To allow the proposed landscaping the front 5 vans and their decking would all need to be moved back away from the fence. It is the east facing fence, so they would need to be moved slightly to the west.

The owner has requested permission for the site to be open 12 months of the year but no permanent residency allowed.

Cllrs still concerned over the lighting used on the site.

Application going to Full NCC planning committee in Sept 21.

7.11 Highways, footpaths and BOATS

7.11.1 Road through Juniper has been relayed

7.11.2 Pot Holes at Dipton Mill, Lambshield, Eshells Road, Lords Lot, Dalton Bridge and subsidence on the Lea Road etc, all have been reported. There is a lot of NCC Highways activity in the neighboring areas so everyone hopefully some of our parish roads will be resurfaced too.

7.12 Reports

Wetlands –

Dukesfield Arches – Details of project to be sent to Colin Horncastle regarding possible financial support.

Hall – Toilet block to be refurbished in January 2022, GW to request some support from Cllr Horncastle.

Sportsfield – Equipment still needs to be viewed and inspected by Cllrs – GS has offered to assess the equipment in August and report to committee and ask Matt Hope to deal with any issues.

7.13 Any Other Business

- 7.13.1 Slaley Parish approached Anne Porter and asked her to join their environmental group. Slaley is very proactive instigation recycling at the shop, pub, school and community hall, they have planted 6 trees and are looking at planting more in the autumn. Could HSPC do more? Annes suggestions were - to plant trees or shrubs at the far end of the Sportsfield.
- 7.13.2 Himalayan Balsam needs pulling out and those who can help to park at layby next to Dye House Woods at 10am-12 on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021, in recent years I has spread immensely and it would be good if we can prevent it spreading further although there is evidence it has started to grow near The Peth.
- 7.13.3 The vacant position for a Parish Councilor has still not been filled and a number of suggestions were discussed, Chair to contact a possible candidate.
- 7.13.4 The Committee agreed to not hold a meeting in August.

The meeting closed at 9.40