

Minutes of the meeting of Hexhamshire Parish Council held on Thursday 13th September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Malcolm Caisley Meeting Rooms, Whitley Chapel Parish Hall.

9.1 Apologies for Absence

Councillors present: Alastair Stevens, Austin Iliffe, Ed Parker, Davy Short, Greg Finch Marge Rastall, Hilary Kristensen, Gill Whatmough, Alison Tweddle, Colin Horncastle (County Councillor).

9.2 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 9th August 2018.

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

9.3 Declarations of interest.

None

9.4 Matters Arising

6.11.1 No new snow poles have been erected at either Stobby Lea nor Kings Law. Reminder sent

7.14.5 We have had an application for the vacant councillor role, from Nicola Matthews who has lived in the Parish for over 15 years. AS to speak to her and invite her to join the committee at the October meeting.

4.14.2 The planning application submitted for Lilswood Caravan Park is still not valid as NCC are still waiting for relevant important information, until it is valid no one can comment on the application.

The Enforcement Officer, Ms Alex Campbell has attended Lilswood Caravan Park and will be visiting the site regularly.

8.6.2 Alastair confirmed he had responded to the NALC consultation about the rural economy as discussed at the last meeting.

8.6.3 Training for BOATS a meeting on the 4 Sept at Wylam, no one was available to attend.

8.9.2 Alex Campbell has carried out an enforcement visit at Windy Hill to inspect the works carried out over previous months and they have to apply for retrospective planning. Query if they also needed a tipping licence.

9.5 Public Participation

There were no issues raised.

9.6 Correspondence

9.6.1 We had a request under the Freedom of Information act to know how many council houses under our remit. There are no houses under our remit they have always been NCC houses.

9.6.2 A navigation exercise will take place on 10 Oct 2018, maximum of 12 cars and will be running through the Shire between 8:45 and 9:30pm

9.7 Financial Report

9.7.1 Invoice has been received from Trade & DIY for the seats £1543.78 and Geosphere Ltd for mapping subs £36.00. GW to action.

- 9.7.2 Received £4190 precept.
- 9.7.3 Gregg, Gill, Alastair and Gaynor to have a separate meeting to discuss new spreadsheets and accounting systems to be implemented.

Treasurer's Account - £11335.55
Sportsfield/Savings Account - £12196.36
Wetlands Account - £138.05
Dukesfield Account - £12,520.

9.8 Matters for Discussion with the Unitary Councillor

Cllr Horncastle informed the group about the budget cuts.
The A69 upgrade was also discussed – no one present was in agreement with the changes.

9.9 Planning Application

- 9.9.1 Applications received from Gair Shield had been dealt with by email prior to the meeting - no objections.
- 9.9.2 The lean to side extension at Hamburn Hall has been refused by NCC.
- 9.9.3 The planning applications at Black Hall for agricultural sheds has been approved but has not come forward to the parish as they have been granted on permitted development. Which raised concerns that if the original application had not been brought to the attention of the Parish Council then 3 barns would have been erected, in very close proximity to Blackhall Barn etc. The group believe that they should be informed of all application including AGDO / PD etc, but statutorily NCC do not have to inform the Parish Council. Therefore, everyone needs to be vigilant for future PD projects.

9.10 Broadband

- 9.10.1 No new connections, none expected until Viewly is online
- 9.10.2 Andrew has supplied price for agreed mast and arrangements at Viewly but awaiting instruction from Airnexus to proceed
- 9.10.3 Agreement with Viewly sent to Derwent Gibson, awaiting his response.
- 9.10.4 Fault at Kiln Pit Hill seems to have resolved and the situation is being monitored.
- 9.10.5 Fault with equipment at Consett led to a system shut down but up and running again.

9.11 Highways

- 9.11.1 The closure for the section of C282 between Channel Well and Dalton Cross roads for re-surfacing work is taking place at present, and all seems to be going well.
- 9.11.2 Assurances that the snow poles at Stoby Lea will be replaced.
- 9.11.3 Report on Rural Roads sent to NALC as part of their response to the House of Commons Select Committee. "Austin was thanked for his comprehensive response."
- 9.11.4 The footpath from Red Lead Mill into the wood has been repaired and vastly ungraded.
- 9.11.5 Concern regarding the amount of Pot holes from Stotsfold Lodge to Westburnhope and some on the Eshells road.

9.12 BOATS

- 9.12.1 The winter closure of some paths has now started.
- 9.12.2 Lee Davison from Northumbria Police will start doing some more exercises soon.

9.13 Reports

Wetlands:

2 ponies on at present

- 9.13.1 GS to speak to Mandy to investigate if we have had the stewardship grant?

Hall

- 9.13.2 Response received from Land Registry on the second submission for registering part of the land (not previously registered) that the hall stands on. Issues still to be addressed.
- 9.13.3 Christmas Fayre to be 2nd Dec 2018
- 9.13.4 Boiler problem last week identified as a consequence of interference with oil supply valves leading to an air lock in the system. Measures to be taken to protect valves and tank pipes.

School

- 9.13.5 Pledge auction 19 Oct 2018 in school to raised money to buy another interactive wipe board

Sportsfield/Play Area

- 9.13.6 Hedges to be cut

Smelting Arches

- 9.13.7 GF – we need to have a autumn clear out of brambles etc on the site, it was agreed to be Saturday 3rd November 2018 at 10.30am at the Arches.
- 9.13.8 Cheque to be received from the Friends of Kilhope for book sales.

9.14 Any Other Business

- 9.14.1 Where should the seats that are at Trevor's house be situated?

1 x Mire House

2 x Sports field

Discussed if one should go on Tom's Hill as it is never used and it was suggested to put one in the lay-by just out of Whitley Chapel instead.

- 9.14.2 Church remembrance service 11 Nov 2018 in the Parish Hall at 10.30am

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.20