

Minutes of the meeting of Hexhamshire Parish Council held on Thurs 12th November 2020 at 7.30 pm
Held via Zoom call

- 11.1 Apologies for Absence Hilary Kristensen, Alison Tweddle,

Councillors present Marge Rastall (Chair), Roger Rutherford, Davy Short, Gillian Whatmough, Edward Parker, Greg Finch, Nicola Matthews, Colin Horncastle (County Councillor), Alastair Stevens, Gaynor Scandle (Clerk)
- 11.2 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 8th October 2020
It was agreed the minutes were a true record of the meeting.
- 11.3 Declarations of interest
None
- 11.4 Matters Arising

2.8.2 Rushwood – Issue has been taken to Head of Enforcement at NCC to make a decision/plan of the way forward. NCC still have issues over who rightfully owns the site, NM had given the details but she will forward the full information again to Elizabeth Sinnamon, Senior Planning Officer at NCC.
Neighbours are concerned over the state of some trees, most of the trees in Rushwood have TPO's attached to them, this has also been passed to NCC for urgent intervention. Planning permission would need to be granted to remove trees.

5.10.1 Lilswood Caravan Site – The new planning application has been received – see planning

10.11.4 PTRO at Raw Green BOAT is still ongoing
- 11.5 Neighbourhood Plan

The steering group have put the questionnaire online but to-date they have not had a great response. Discussions took place to consider a paper copy delivered to homes but the questionnaire is quite long so this is under discussion.
- 11.6 Public Participation
No members of the public were present
- 11.7 Correspondence
None
- 11.8 Finance

11.8.1 Balances as at 9th Nov 20.
Treasurer's Account £17,724.16
Sportsfield Account £858.07
Dukesfield Account £13081.31
Wetlands Account £348.59
- 11.9 Matters for discussion with the Unitary Councillor
Cllr Horncastle was attending on the zoom call, but the signal was very poor.
Have the grit supplies been delivered to the area – no
The Cllrs asked if the Spital Shield road could have grit this year – especially near the bridge

11.10 Planning

20/03451/FUL | Redevelopment of holiday caravan park to site 15 caravans, construction of access road and associated drainage (Part Retrospective) | Lilswood Caravan Park Steel NE47 0HX – Notified NCC 20/11/20 of the concerns regarding drainage and flood risk to neighbour's land, screening, trees etc. Enforcement Officer to visit site.

20/03484/FUL | Change of use of part of existing range of buildings including alterations and demolition of part of existing outbuildings. | Moss House Whitley Chapel Hexham Northumberland NE47 0HL – No objections – notified NCC 13/11/20

20/03445/FUL | Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of proposed two storey extension | The Annexe High Juniper Hexham Northumberland NE46 1SN
No objections – notified NCC 13/11/20

11.11 Highways, footpaths and BOATS

11.11.1 Highways have been informed regarding the damaged road in the dip on the Lee Road.

11.11.2 Dalton Bridge and Mill Bank Top are still waiting for new signs.

11.11.3 NCC have funds available for any damage to 'U' roads – report to be submitted.

11.11.4 The Ramblers' Association have a campaign to reclaim any 'lost' footpaths. If anyone aware of any 'unofficial footpaths' in Hexhamshire please let us know.

11.11.5 More illegal activity continues in Slaley Forest, and new destructive damage to BOATS is very alarming. Reminder to contact Police to log incidents and try to have another combined 'day of action'. Some concrete posts stopping 4x4 entering areas have been ripped out.

11.12 Reports

Wetlands - we have been allocated some trees via the Northumberland carbon neutral by 2030 scheme, we can collect the trees in December. Some flooding on the track which needs further investigation.

Dukesfield Arches - GF to replace the missing signs to the Arches on the gate at Low Mill
The 5 year inspection for the arches should take place this month.

Hall - closed at present.

School - Open at present.

Sportsfield – The damaged boards have been replaced by Nigel Robson, some believe this is vandalism.

The storage containers at the top of the field – 1. Is owned by the Village Hall and they are going to investigate. 1. container is YFC equipment and 1. Is used as a football changing room.

11.13 Any Other Business

A new scheme has been started for anyone who is suffering from fuel poverty, were free logs can be provided. Further information – Peter Trevelyan 01434 603016.

The meeting closed at 8.20