

Minutes of the meeting of Hexhamshire Parish Council held on Thurs 10th December 2020 at 7.30 pm
Held via TEAMS call

12.1 Apologies for Absence Hilary Kristensen, Alison Tweddle, Davy Short, Edward Parker

Councillors present Nicola Matthews (Vice Chair), Marge Rastall, Roger Rutherford, Gillian Whatmough, Greg Finch, Alastair Stevens, Colin Horncastle (County Councillor), Gaynor Scandle (Clerk). Due to technical problems Nicola Matthews acted as Chair.

12.2 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 12th November 2020
It was agreed the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

12.3 Declarations of interest
None

12.4 Matters Arising

2.8.2 Rushwood – Still ongoing - NM has given the details of the owner to Elizabeth Sinnamon, Senior Planning Officer at NCC.
Still waiting to hear from Head of Enforcement at NCC re decision/plan of the way forward.

12.4.2 Lilswood Caravan Site – The new planning application is being reviewed by NCC but is a long way from approval: -

The LLFA* have very strong objections on the flood risk grounds, unsuitable pipes and root damage and issues re SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) and flood risk to neighbouring lands. (*LLFA – *Lead Local Flood Authority are responsible for reducing the risk of flooding from surface water, groundwater etc under the Flood & Water Management Act 2010*)

Highways had no objections

AONB – strong objections regarding the lighting, and comments regarding the trees and additional planting.

10.12.4 PTRO at Raw Green BOAT is still ongoing

12.5 Neighbourhood Plan

The steering group have posted out the questionnaire to all properties in the Parish via the Parish Magazine (140) and post (180). Applications need to be returned by 31 Dec 2020.

12.6 Public Participation
No members of the public were present

12.7 Correspondence
None

12.8 Finance

12.8.1 Balances as at 9th Dec 20.

Treasurer's Account	£18,002.97
Sportsfield Account	£858.08
Dukesfield Account	£13099.18
Wetlands Account	£348.59

12.8.2 Zen Invoice to be paid £8

12.8.3 RPA remittance for £383.81 for Wetlands received

12.8.4 Precept application form for £8380 has been signed by Chairman and will be returned.

12.8.5 Grant for Neighbourhood Plan is to be paid into the Sportsfield Account, this was the only account that a physical statement is received for and the Grant required some forms of identification before paying. It was agreed that the money would be transferred into the Wetlands Account as there is very little activity on this account and we can monitor the transactions easier.

12.8.6 Alistair Stevens submitted an invoice from Robson Print £328.80 and Postage etc £146.23 which was approved to be paid once the grant for the Neighbourhood Plan had actually been received.

12.9 Matters for discussion with the Unitary Councillor

Cllr Horncastle was attending on the zoom call, but the signal was very poor.

The grit supplies should have been delivered to the area.

Budgets ongoing.

12.10 Planning

There was an amendment to a permission for McAlpines at Fine Chambers Mill but this did not come into our 'consultee' tray and we were not contacted regarding it.

12.11 Highways, footpaths and BOATS

12.11.1 We now have a generic email to contact NCC for all highways issues – highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk

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

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

12.11.4 Clerk to email highways and David Hunt re Houtley Bank, Juniper and Dalton Bridge regarding mud and leaves on the road.

12.11.5 Request to cut back the overhanging bushes/branches on the right as you drive up from Lilswood bridge towards Broadwell.

12.11.6 More illegal activity in Slaley Forest, and new destructive damage to BOATS.

12.12 Reports

Wetlands – trees to be collected next week.

Dukesfield Arches - 5 year inspection for the arches should take place this month.

Hall - closed at present.

School - Open at present.

Sportsfield – 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.

White Lines for the tennis courts have faded, GW to ask Matt Hope to renew them.

Play Inspection to automatically take place in Jan or Feb 2021.

12.13 Any Other Business

Great concern shown by everyone at the speed everyone is driving around the shire, not just delivery drivers who are particularly bad but residents too. Can we have a speed limit through Whitley Chapel, this was put on the Local Transport Plan LTP but needs to be investigated. The issue maybe that the Police have to approve speed limits and they can only be done if the Police can monitor / enforce them.

12.14 Lighting at the Church Gates, where are we with this? GW to speak to Rev Andrew Pattinson.

John Graham formerly of Raw Green has sadly passed away.

The meeting closed at 8.10