

Minutes of the meeting of Hexhamshire Parish Council held on Thurs 14th January 2021 at 7.30 pm
Held via TEAMS call

- 1.1 Apologies for Absence Hilary Kristensen, Alison Tweddle, Davy Short, Edward Parker, Greg Finch
Councillors present Marge Rastall (Chair), Nicola Matthews, Roger Rutherford, Gillian Whatmough, Alastair Stevens, Colin Horncastle (County Councillor), Gaynor Scandle (Clerk).
- 1.2 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 10th December 2020
It was agreed the minutes were a true record of the meeting.
- 1.3 Declarations of interest
None
- 1.4 Matters Arising
- 2.8.2 Rushwood – Still ongoing -
- 12.4.2 Lilswood Caravan Site – The new planning application is being reviewed by NCC.
- 10.12.4 PTRO at Raw Green BOAT is still ongoing – it seems the local community know more about the barriers that the Parish.
- 12.14 Lighting at the Church Gates. GW to speak to Rev Andrew Pattinson.
- 1.5 Neighbourhood Plan
The steering group received 97 completed questionnaires, these are being analysed at present and a synopsis will be prepared.
- 1.6 Public Participation
No members of the public were present
- 1.7 Correspondence
None
- 1.8 Finance
- 1.8.1 Balances as at 9th Jan 2021
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| Treasurer's Account | £17518.35 |
| Sportsfield Account | £4538.09 |
| Dukesfield Account | £13123.29 |
| Wetlands Account | £348.59 |
- 1.8.2 Insurance invoice for £673 to be paid. We have agreed to go for the 3 year period.
- 1.8.3 Precept for £8380 has been sent to NCC
- 1.8.4 Grant for Neighbourhood Plan for £3680.01 has been received (into Sportsfield ac) and relevant invoices paid.
- 1.8.5 Invoice received from Matthew Hope for grass cutting etc for the whole of 2020 for £1380, investigation needed to make sure no duplications.
- 1.9 Matters for discussion with the Unitary Councillor
Cllr Horncastle was attending on the call
- 1.10 Planning
- 1.10.1 Ref. No: 20/02180 Linnels Coach House Fellside Hexham Northumberland NE46 1TS

Conversion, extension and alteration of existing coach house buildings to create a new wedding venue with associated demolition of existing outbuildings, new access, parking and landscaping (as amended).

Concern was shown by all Councillors on the amount of parking allocated for this venue. When submitting comments to NCC the Clerk will say that the Councillors support the conversion to a wedding venue but they are concerned about the lack of adequate parking.

1.10.2 Discussion took place about the wording used on future planning applications. The difference between 'Supporting' and 'No Objection' to planning applications was explained but awaiting answer from Elizabeth Sinnamon re actual wording. When we have a Neighbourhood Plan we will then be classed as a 'Statutory Consultee' and have more input to planning requests.

1.10.3 A virtual 'Introduction to Planning' course run by NALC on 30/6/21 – GS, NM, MR all stated they would like to attend. Final number's will be requested nearer the date.

1.11 Highways, footpaths and BOATS

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

1.11.2 1.11.3 Gill Whatmough completed the report on 'U' roads submitted it to NCC.

1.11.3 Big Pot Holes at Dotland bends, which need addressing.

1.11.4 More illegal activity in Slaley Forest, and new destructive damage to BOATS. There has been a Facebook Group created to monitor the activity. On this group some locals knew more information regarding the barrier at Gingleshaugh but it is still on going.

1.12 Reports

Wetlands – trees still to be collected – now after the current Lockdown

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

Hall - closed at present but have secured Government grant due to Lockdown.

School - Open to key worker children during lockdown restrictions.

Sportsfield – Matthew Hope has asked if we want the hedges on the Sportsfield done now and everyone in agreement.

Tenders for Sportsfield are up for renewal this year.

1.13 Any Other Business

At present, we have been informed that the May elections will still take place.

Thanks to Alex Campbell the NCC Enforcement Officer for dealing with the rubbish being removed from near Hollybush.

The meeting closed at 8.25