

Minutes of the Meeting of Hexhamshire Parish Council held on Thursday 10th March 2022
in the Malcolm Caisley Meeting Rooms, Whitley Chapel Parish Hall

- 3.1 Apologies for Absence - Lee Riley, Davy Short, Edward Parker, Greg Finch,
Present – Marge Rastall (Chair), Nicola Matthews (Vice Chair), Gill Whatmough, Hilary Kristensen,
Alison Tweddle, Roger Rutherford, Councillor - Colin Horncastle, Clerk - Gaynor Scandle
- 3.2 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 10th February 2022
It was agreed the minutes were a true record of the meeting.
- 3.3 Declarations of interest – Gill Whatmough re planning application
- 3.4 Matters Arising
- 12.4.2 Lilswood Caravan Site - waiting to go to full planning committee. Concerns regarding the
lighting on some caravans – which is a strong light and is being left on all night. GS to inform
- 6.13.2 Plaque to commemorate the WW2 Home Guard Shelter – ongoing HK - waiting for appropriate
wording.
- 1.11.1 Anti-speeding measures - Cllr Horncastle informed us that NCC will be putting down
‘monitoring tubes’ to monitor the traffic flow.
- 3.5 Public Participation – none
- 3.6 Neighbourhood Plan – Chair had meeting with Alistair Stevens and Roger Rutherford, project has now
passed back to the PC and they still need to speak with Jenny Ludman. The expenses for this year need
to be reconciled and the remaining grant reimbursed and claim again in next financial year.
This project needs to move forward and another questionnaire or public meeting maybe the way
forward, as some of the previous questions may not have been appropriate.
- 3.7 Correspondence
- 3.8 Finance
- 3.8.1 Invoice £40.80 for tree canes - approved
- 3.8.2 3 invoices for village hall hire - approved
- 3.8.3 Balances as at 8th March 2022
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| Treasurer's Account | £14,952.22 |
| Sportsfield Account | £1,793.48 |
| Dukesfield Account | £12,103.40 |
| Wetlands Account | £996.33 |
- 3.9 Matters for discussion with the Unitary Councilor -
- Cllr Horncastle informed the PC about the budgetary reductions of £9.5m at County Hall which have been made with no redundancies and no major cuts to services.
 - In April the Council Staff will have a phased return to County Hall.
 - The Local Plan has now passed the Government Inspectors and comes into force on 22 April.
 - Ukraine Refugee situation is ongoing. NCC have housed 40 Afghan refugees.
NCC thanked everyone for their kindness in donations for Ukraine but all depots are now full, so Cllr Horncastle would advise to use Disaster Relief fund for future donations.
 - No longstay car parks in Wentworth car park – 250 new spaces at the new Hexham Gate (Bunker site).
 - NCC have a fund of £2.3 million earmarked for repairs to C roads. If anyone knows of areas in need of repair please advise the Clerk or a councillor.

3.10 Planning

22/00453/FUL | Construction of single storey extension with pitched roof, incorporating french doors and slot windows to south elevation | Mire Meadows Steel - NE47 0HA | Supported

EWCO-155-21 | New Woods at East Greenridge | Cllrs were asked to for their comments in a consultation | Fully Supported

3.11 Highways, footpaths and BOATS

3.11.1 The notes from the meeting regarding Slaley Forest held on Monday 7th March at Whitley Chapel Village Hall will be attached to these minutes.

3.11.2 Repairs to potholes have been taking place but there are still many potholes in the area – Baker House down to the stream the road is slipping away.

3.12 Reports

Wetlands – A morning of planting the 200 Alder trees is to be on Saturday 19th March at 10am. GS to ask YFC, GW to promote on parish FB page to try to get some help.

The Chair received a letter from the Slaley and Hexhamshire Environmental Group asking if they could sublet a some of the wetland, but the terms of the lease with NCC do not allow for this.

Dukesfield Arches

School

Hall - New toilets all up and running but issues with heating system at present.

Sportsfield – At next meeting Cllrs to inspection Play Equipment prior to meeting

3.13.1 Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations –

- GS has applied for some contribution from the NCC fund
- WI will do teas, WI having their own celebration on the Wednesday prior and will leave up the bunting in the hall.
- GS to contact school to see if they want to contribute with pictures or model crowns etc. and have a little competition and put them on display in the hall.
- Agreed to purchase Jubilee Rosettes to give as prizes – 1,2,3,4 and specials so that every child gets a rosette.
- Someone from Parish needs to be in charge of games. YFC to be asked if they will help with games
- HK to ask Tom Kristensen regarding tug-of-war

3.14 Any Other Business

Meeting closed at 9.15