

Minutes of Hedgeley Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2013 in the Breamish Hall Powburn commencing 730pm

Those Present: Cllr S English, (Chairman), Cllr C Robinson, Cllr R Burn, Cllr I Smith, Cllr J Brown, Cllr J Taylor (NCC)

Apologies for Absence Cllr J Macdougall, Cllr M Wilson, Cllr M Clark

Minutes of previous meeting held 2nd September 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

Co-option Vacancy

Graham Williamson had handed in his resignation, Co-Option vacancy advertised, and to be included in Cheviot Views.

Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matters on the agenda

There were no matters.

Matters Arising from previous meeting

Flooding Powburn: Flood defences had worked in recent heavy rainfall, however Cllr J Brown had attended to gullies, with further gullies full of debris, Cllr J Taylor to speak to NCC. Flood alert had not been announced, therefore no sand bags released by NCC further to Cllr J Taylor's request. It was agreed two dumpy bags of sand should be ordered, preferably via a local builder, and stored next to the container, Cllr S English to speak to P Wood who had been working on Christmas lights, and to also give thanks for this work. J Taylor to speak to NCC regarding flood defences.

Speeding: John Taylor, Speeding Report: Working group set up regarding A697 between Cornhill and Heighley Gate, NCC Highways had agreed to refresh white line paintings, to look at chevron crash barriers between Crawley Dene, and proposing to deal with bank to Edlingham Newtown over a 3 year period. 50mph limit from A1 to Heighley Gate and additional road signage to be implemented in New Year, however no date for proposed speed survey. Two new signs to be placed in Powburn to record speed, at 30mph zone and 30mph limit outside Breamish Hall, at a cost of 8K financed through J Taylors member fund, with maintenance to be passed to PC after 2 years. Red hatching, white lining and illumination to be funded through NCC Highways, proposed mini roundabout rejected. Culvert full of rocks under A697, which Cllr R Burn had requested NCC clear out. Cllr S English and R Burn to look at maps and information with response to be forwarded to J Taylor. Two street lights off in Powburn, J Taylor to report

Overgrown Hedge: Grainger Homes were taking on responsibility of the hedge and clearing of gutter until ownership confirmed. J Carr Ellison had asked if PC wish to take on maintenance of community garden, which would involve cutting the area twice a year. It was agreed to take over this area, Cllr J Brown to seek quotes for cutting five times a year. Clerk to write to Hugh Tindale thanking him for his work with the garden.

Flowers and flowerpots: Bulbs had been purchased at a cost of £30, to be reimbursed to G Williamson,

Rat problems: Problems now rectified.

Signposts: Cllr R Burn had carried out a survey of signposts within the parish, with area to Bolton from A697 and Shawdon farm road to be completed. 65 posts had been inspected with several having plastic coming off but structurally sound and overall 30% requiring attention.

Review of monthly progress updates: Monthly updates being circulated, bonfire donation authorised between meetings.

Planning

Planning Applications have been received for the following:

13/02832/REM: Mrs J Armstrong, Land South East of Kennels Cottage, Titlington Lane, Bolton – reserved matters application for layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping relating to planning permission 13/00940/OUT (single bungalow with garage) – dealt with between meetings.

- 13/03305/FUL: Mr J Carr-Ellison, sunroom extension/one new dwelling – 11 & 13 Beanley Cottages, Beanley – dealt with between meetings – supported.

Approval of Planning Application had been received for the following:

13/02832/REM: Mrs J Armstrong, land south east of Kennels Cottage, Titlington Lane, Bolton – outline permission for bungalow. It was agreed to form a planning advisory group consisting of Cllr S English, Cllr R Burn, Cllr J Brown, absent Cllrs to be asked if they wish to be involved with this.

Notice of withdrawal of Planning Application

- 13/02362/RENE: Mr J Stanners, land North West of Breamish Park, small turbine

Finance

The following accounts were authorised:

- Fireworks - £100 – authorised outside between meetings
- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses - £275.34
- Inland Revenue – PAYE on above - £43.20
- G Williamson - £30 - bulbs
- Request for Donation – Great North Air Ambulance – to be discussed at next meeting.
- Precept 2014/15 to agree – to be retained at £2500

Correspondence

- NCC – Local Development Framework consultation – comments required by 2/1/14, Cllr R Burn to look at.
- War Memorials Trust – bulletin – discussed whether persons in parish had been involved in World Wars, with commemoration of First World War next year may be beneficial to erect a plaque in Village Hall. It was agreed to ask for information to be printed in Cheviot Views for details of any persons involved in conflict.
- CPRE – newsletter.

Parish Plan

2009 action points ran through; Flooding: dealt with on the whole by Environment Agency, however ongoing maintenance issues; Housing: to be tied up with local development framework; Roads & Traffic: ongoing; Litter on A697: reoccurring maintenance issue with NCC; Parking in Powburn: matter resolved at present; Footpaths in Bolton: not an issue at present; Public Transport: ongoing issue, bus timetable could be printed in Cheviot View; Job opportunities: not a current issues; Quarterly newsletter: in place; Community Garden: current issue. Cllr S English to look at planning permission for local quarry, as it was thought company should be carrying out a monthly road sweep.

Urgent Business

- Christmas lights to be switched on 6/12/13 with mulled wine and mince pies.
- Cllr R Burn had reported culvert works to NCC minuted at last meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Monday 17th February 2014 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall Powburn. Future dates to be Wednesday 21st May 2014, Monday 1st September 2014 and Monday 1st December 2014.