

Minutes of Hedgeley Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th February 2014 in the Breamish Hall Powburn commencing 730pm

Apologies for Absence Cllr I Smith

Those Present: Cllr S English (Chairman), Cllr M Clark, Cllr C Robinson, Cllr R Burn, Cllr J Brown, Cllr M Wilson, Cllr N Birnie

Minutes of previous meeting held 2nd December 2013

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

Co-option vacancy

Vacancy had been publicised in Cheviot Views, however no interest had been received

Matters Arising from previous meeting

- **Flooding Powburn:** P Wood to organise the purchase of sand bags which would be stored behind container.
- **Speeding:** Letter received from Alan Beith MP, who had written to NCC on behalf of the speeding group. Painting and village signage had been renewed and two electronic signs displaying speed to be placed within Powburn. Existing electronic signage may be resited, and would be effective if placed within 30mph signs. Subsequently one resident had already indicated they would not wish the structure outside of their property. Speed survey underway, results awaited, which will be passed to Northumbria Police and safer roads initiative who would then decide if and what action taken. As a PC would need to find out timeframe and enforcement action, if any, to be taken.
- **Glanton Cluster:** Nothing to report, could be advertised in Cheviot Views and on web-site.
- **Overgrown Hedge/Community Garden:** Sid willing to take on clearing of community garden, nominal fee of £100 per year suggested to cover fuel etc, and a maintenance plan would be created. J Frater willing to cut community garden three times yearly and continue with hedging works for £100 per year. Agreed J Frater would continue with hedge cutting, and Sid to cut the grass.
- **Signposts:** J Taylor had received copy of report, with 30% of signage requiring attention, however no action had been taken by NCC.
- **Monthly Updates:** A useful tool for the PC.

Planning

Planning Applications had been received for the following:

- 13/03715/FUL: Dr S English, The Manse, Powburn – conversion of existing garage/store to residential accommodation - supported
- 14/00266/LBC: J Carr-Ellison – listed building consent, Dean House, 29 Beanley Cottages - supported
- 14/00332/RENE: Mr J Stanners, land North West of Breamish Park, resubmission: installation of a Gaia 11kW wind turbine 15m to hub, 21.5m to tip – supported

Notice of Appeal

- J Carr-Ellison – sunroom extension, 11 & 13 Beanley Cottages

Finance

The following accounts were authorised:

- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses – £235.49
- HMRC – PAYE on above - £43.00
- Request for Donation – Great North Air Ambulance - £100 donated March 2013 - £100 agreed
- NALC – Cllr/Chairman training events - £15.00
- J Frater – hedging - £65
- P Wood – sand – £108.00 emergency contacts were to be placed in noticeboard for details of obtaining sand with Cllr J Brown & Cllr R Burn's details.

Correspondence

- NCC – budget consultation – comments can be made on NCC web-site

- NCC – free parking – comments can be made on NCC web-site
- Northumberland Residents’ Festival – information item
- WRVS – Get about community transport service – information item
- NCC – Feedback workshop dates for Core Strategy comments

Parish Plan

2009 action plan mentioned flooding, bunds, overflow etc. Although EA/NCC are informed does PC have responsibility, and should a mini-plan be devised for inclusion in parish plan? Previously questionnaire had been circulated with a low return rate of 14% and it would be useful to gain up-to-date local interest, as there had been an increase in population since last plan formulated. It was agreed information would be made available when a local event is held in April in Breamish Hall. Cllr R Burn to look into options.

Review of Risk Assessment

Current document circulated to all Cllr’s, loss of cash through theft or dishonesty to be reduced to medium risk from high. It was agreed the Risk Assessment had been reviewed and was adequate.

Declaration of Interest’s to be added to the agenda at the beginning of each quarterly meeting.

Any Other Business

- Further to recent accident on A697 with radioactive material, it was thought the A697 should not have been used for this route when travelling through so many villages and there should be a prescribed route for transporting such material which H&S Executive will be aware of. It was agreed to also query why it was being transferred from Scotland to England for disposal. Clerk to write to NCC voicing these concerns and Chairman to contact J Radgick of Glanton PC regarding his previous efforts on A697 road safety.
- Cllr R Burn wished clarification on Co-Option vacancy, regarding a person who had previously applied as a Cllr, it was agreed this person would be co-opted if he is still interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.
- Pothole damage to a vehicle: driver had asked if PC had complained about this particular pothole, however PC had complained numerous times generally about potholes within the parish.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 21st May 2014 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall, Powburn.