

**Minutes of HEDGELEY PARISH COUNCIL quarterly meeting held on Monday 1st December 2014 in the Breamish Hall
Powburn commencing 730pm**

Apologies for Absence Cllr J Macdougall

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

Minutes of previous meeting held 1st September 2014

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

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

None.

Declarations of Interest

M Clark declared an interest in Ditchburn Wind Farm proposals.

Matters Arising from previous meeting

- Costs for safety mirrors investigated, and it was agreed advice should be sought from NCC Highways. If further persons should ask for similar mirrors in the parish it was agreed requests would be considered. Clerk to contact NCC to arrange meeting, and also invite AM Consultants, sub-contractors of NCC who are looking at the road depression in Powburn. Solar powered speed sign not working to also be discussed at proposed meeting, along with several other highway matters.
- Street light not working near to Crawley Dene, clerk to contact NCC.
- Environment Agency had confirmed they do not determine what route a waste carrier transports waste, but do regulate the transportation.
- Acknowledgement had been received from NCC regarding signage request.
- Clerk to enquire whether NCC had contacted North East Concrete regarding road sweeping.

Planning

Planning Application refusal had been received for the following:

- 14/01694/FUL: Mr M Oldfield – Wineburn Cottage, Bolton – extension

Planning Application approval had been received for the following:

- 14/02634/FUL: Mr P Hornsby, Ayton Law House, Powburn – garden room extension
- 14/01999/FUL: Mr J Herriman, Bolton Village Hall – installation of 2000 litre gas LPG tank
- 14/02364/FUL: Mr P Hornsby, Ayton Law House, Powburn – garden room extension

Ditchburn Wind Farm

Cllr P Barton had attended meeting regarding nine proposed turbines with company PNE, and if the scheme goes ahead, the company would be giving monies to persons living nearby, and all persons affected visually, and it was the opinion monies should be spread out evenly to those affected, and Cllr P Barton to attend further meeting held early next year. The Community Foundation take receipt of monies from wind turbines, and receive applications for funding, however parishes need to be within ten miles of the farms to apply for funding. Clerk to find out if Hedgeley PC would be eligible for funding.

Finance

The following accounts were authorised:

- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses - £277.54
- R Burn – bulbs - £30.00
- P Lake – Repair of CPAD mains on light on defibrillator - £17.83 – Cllr P Barton to carry out monthly checks
- P Wood – cleaning out Pow burn - £480.00

Internal Audit Report 2013/2014

BDO had made comment the Internal Auditor had not reported their findings, however there had been no findings, and internal auditor had signed return stating this fact.

Precept 2015/16

Clerk had circulated projected year end balances and it was agreed to retain the precept at the current level of £2500. Approximately an additional £600 would be spent this financial year compared to year ending 31/3/14.

Correspondence

- NCC – signage request Powburn to Branton – acknowledgement
- Environment Agency – transport of waste - discussed earlier
- NCC – Northumberland Local Heroes - for persons who had contributed greatly to their community
- NCC – Core Strategy – training dates for next stage of consultation
- C Donald – Pow Burn clearance works – giving permission to access land for ditching works
- CPRE – newsletter
- War Memorials Trust – Bulletin
- NCC – Archaeology in Northumberland
- Community Action Northumberland
- NCC – Winter Services – information regarding gritting/grit bins – general grit supplies discussed, clerk to contact NCC regarding bins requiring filled within Powburn and noting these bins are not listed on NCC schedule.

Parish Plan

Cllr R Burn had queried results from speeding survey, and would be attending the Northern Area Committee meeting on 8/12/14. Clerk to contact K Cairns regarding speed gun for Powburn which it had thought the late Cllr J Taylor had organised the purchase of. Vehicles with long trailers a cause of concern at Powburn, Cllr R Burn to raise this issue at above meeting. Proposed dualling of A1 would cause further traffic on A697.

Discussion PC planning application review mechanism

To be taken off agenda.

Mechanism to highlight issue of importance to residents of the parish

It was agreed perspex should be placed in half of the noticeboard as important PC information seems to disappear.

Any Other Business

- Tree for Christmas lighting had been felled with five stumps remaining, which could be made into a hexagonal tabletop, with hole in centre so future trees could be placed in this for the lighting, and area could be used in summer for events such as barbecues. Current benches would require replacing in the future, and it was agreed estimates would be sought for this. Idea of extending fencing also discussed. Other areas of the parish should be taken into consideration when discussing precept money to be spent in Powburn, and perspex should also be placed in Bolton noticeboard.
- Cllr I Smith reported road from Shawdon Mill Crossroads to Shawdon Hill in disrepair, and this area would also benefit from a safety mirror, however NCC should be responsible for safety mirrors on this highway, and this could be discussed with proposed NCC Highways meeting. A list of highway issues to be circulated for discussion with NCC personnel. Cllr R Burn to devise information after NCC meeting 8/12/14.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Monday 16th February 2015 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall Powburn.

Future dates for 2015 as follows

Tuesday 19th May

Monday 7th September

Monday 7th December