

Minutes of Hedgeley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th May 2016 in the Breamish Hall Powburn commencing 730pm

Those Present Cllr R Burn (Chairman), Cllr M Wilson, Cllr N Birnie, Cllr M Clark, Cllr C Robinson, Cllr J Brown, Cllr P Barton, Cllr D Smailes

18/16 Apologies for Absence

K Cairns (received after the meeting)

Stuart English had regretfully tendered his resignation from the Parish Council. Clerk to thank Stuart for his service to the PC and notice of vacancy to be displayed in noticeboards.

19/16 Election of Chairman

Cllr Wilson proposed Cllr Burn as Chairman, Cllr Birnie seconded, carried.

20/16 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Burn proposed Cllr Wilson as Vice Chairman, Cllr Smailes seconded, carried.

21/16 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

None.

22/16 Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Clark declared an interest in local wind farm proposals.

23/16 Police update

No police presence.

24/16 County Cllr update

County Cllr not present.

25/16 Minutes of previous meeting held 2nd February 2016

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

26/16 Matters Arising from previous meeting

- K Cairns had contributed funding of £2,000 towards village hall improvements, with total funding received now at £20,500. If a community group obtains funding for improvements it can be paid into a Parish Council bank account, the PC then order the work/improvements and are able to reclaim the VAT, however as Hedgeley PC do not have vast funds, this would need taken into account as there would likely be a deficit until VAT could be reclaimed.
- Cllr R Burn had inspected drains in the parish, however County Council had not cleared in at least three places, with streams travelling down hill and under gullies on A697, and in adverse weather drain spills straight onto road. Photographs had been forwarded to County Council. Hillside also saturated with water running into road and suggestion of a French drain installation.
- Concrete lintels directing water into drain placed on Thrunton bank had appeared to have cured that problem and details forwarded to K Cairns which could be of use in this parish.
- Cllr D Smailes had spoken to parent regarding pupil waiting for bus and they were to contact K Cairns directly.
- Roof tiles had been attended to on abandoned property in Powburn.
- Table tennis club well attended.
- Cllr R Burn had spoken to J Carr-Ellison regarding the Plough, who had confirmed he had employed negotiators to deal with Punch Taverns, and pub would then require extensive upgrading.
- Cllr R Burn had applied to carry out training to use speed gun, but had not hear anything further.

27/16 Neighbourhood Management

- **Seat in memory of J Taylor:** Seat had been purchased, however plinth required which had now been installed, with official seat unveiling to occur.
- **Seat repair:** Repair to be carried out in near future, and it was agreed it would be repainted black.

28/16 Planning

28/16/01 Planning Applications: no issues to discuss.

28/16/02 Planning Application approval: none received.

28/16/03 16/00112/PREAPP, Four Counties Farm, Pre-application for conversion of farm buildings to dwellings (up to 4 No): PC had opportunity to comment on pre-application

29/16 Finance

29/16/01 The following accounts were authorised:

- Clerks' quarterly salary & expenses – £297.68
- HMRC – PAYE on above – 20p
- Zurich – Annual insurance premium £380.11
- Breamish Hall – contribution to defibrillator running costs - £20.00
- D Smailes – community garden £100.00

29/16/02 VAT Implications

Discussed earlier.

29/16/03 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/16

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 agreed, and authorised and Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2015/16 agreed and authorised.

30/16 Correspondence

- Anne-Marie Trevelyan – Battle of the Somme Commemoration 1st July 2016, it was agreed to contact Glanton Hall committee regarding their war memorial and see if any persons from this parish were inscribed on monument.
- CPRE – newsletter
- Northumberland County Council – Winter Services – request for bin at Cheviot View Guest House had been scored, and request subsequently rejected, however the Parish Council could fund a bin themselves. Road from Denehouse to Edlingham increasingly suffering from potholes.
- Hospicecare – acknowledgement of donation
- Northumberland County Council – Joint area committee meetings and Parish/Town Council meetings
- Northumberland County Council – Love Northumberland Awards 2016
- Northumberland County Council – disposal of hazardous waste
- Northumberland Can News – March 2016

31/16 Parish Plan

- Perspex had been placed on noticeboards, R Poppleton had passed over spare backing materials to cover back of noticeboards and it was agreed this would be actioned on board in Powburn.
- Water table minuted at last meeting was due to **BUILDUP** of gravel (minute amended after J Brown arrived at meeting).

32/16 Play area repair

- Repair kit purchased for surfacing, however kit not suitable, and it was agreed to carry out repair by shaping and covering area.

33/16 Defibrillator

- Cllr P Barton carrying out regular checks.

34/16 Flooding

- Northumbrian Water had placed cameras in system, however no report received. Cllr J Brown had contacted them due to a problem and had been informed the enquiry was ongoing and would be completed June 2016.

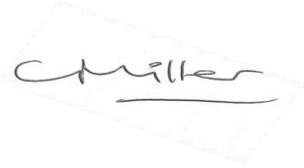
35/16 Urgent Business

- Steel shutters on pub discussed, however it appeared to be Punch Tavern policy to place these on empty properties, Cllr R Burn to speak to J Carr-Ellison.

36/16 Date of Next Meeting

Federation W.I. wished to make large booking on proposed September date, and it was agreed to rearrange Parish Council meeting for Thursday 8th September 2016.

The meeting closed at 825pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Miller', is enclosed within a faint, rectangular border. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Claire Miller
Parish Clerk