

Minutes of meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held on Thursday 8th September 2016 in the Breamish Hall Powburn commencing 730pm.

**Those Present:** Cllr R Burn (Chairman), Cllr M Wilson, Cllr J Brown, Cllr C Robinson, Cllr P Barton,

**37/16 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr I Smith, Cllr M Clark, Cllr D Smailes, N Birnie

**38/16 Vacancy**

No applications had been received for the co-option vacancy.

**39/16 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda**

There were no public questions.

**40/16 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**41/16 Police update**

No police presence.

**42/16 County Cllr update:**

- LTP requests 2017-2018 submitted, being: measures to improve road safety through Powburn, as per A697 road safety review; extension of 40mph limit past West Hedgeley Cottages/Scout Hall/Ingram Valley junction; and signage indicating hidden dips/beware of wagons in the above area - County Cllr K Cairns to also request extension of 40mph.
- Pedestrian safety outside of Breamish Hall discussed, with a solution being requested previously but with County Council advising number of persons using within one hour not sufficient – K Cairns willing to provide funding through her County Council budget for improvements.
- On a related matter, when exiting Crawley Dene, vision to the left is impaired due to signage (20mph), clerk to contact County Council.

**43/16 Minutes of previous meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

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

**44/16 Matters Arising from previous meeting**

- K Cairns had contributed £2K to Breamish Hall improvements.
- Gulley sucker machinery had been in the parish, with partial work carried out.
- No Hedgeley parishioners were listed on War Memorial at Glanton, however it could be a possibility names were included on the Whittingham structure.
- Grit bin request on road bridge had been turned down by County Council, however cost to purchase bin directly from Parish Council funds to be researched.
- Backing material for noticeboards passed to R Burn by R Poppleton.
- Steel shutters on pub had been removed.
- Some signage within the parish had been replaced/repaired.

**45/16 Neighbourhood Management**

- **Seat in memory of J Taylor:** Seat insitu, with opening ceremony carried out.
- **Seat repair:** Cllr D Smailes had dismantled, repaired and replaced seat which was now as good as new.

**46/16 Planning**

**46/16/01 Planning Applications had been received for the following:**

- 16/01753/FUL: Mr C Hunter, 1Crawley Dene, Powburn – two storey extension – supported.

**46/16/02 Planning Application approval had been received for the following:**

- 16/01775/LBC: Mrs A Nicholson, Titlington Hall, Titlington Drive – listed building consent for minor works completed in the 1990's.
- 16/01261/FUL: Dr C Blenkinsop – land associated with The Hemmel, Barn Law and The Bothy, Titlington Mount Farm – domestic garage block to accommodate three properties.

#### **46/16/03 Any other planning matters**

There were no further planning matters.

#### **47/16 Finance**

##### **47/16/01 The following accounts were authorised:**

- Northumberland Association of Local Council – annual subscription - £92.98
- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses – £276.49
- HMRC – PAYE on above – 60p
- ROSPA – play area inspection - £79.80
- J Givens – plants - £37.00
- M Wilson – plants - £20.97

#### **47/16/02 Request for Donation**

- Community Action Northumberland – organisation had suffered funding cuts, after discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed to donate £20.00.

#### **48/16 Correspondence**

- Northumberland County Council – proposed 30mph speed limit at Hedgeley and Powburn – this had previously been identified within the Hedgeley parish plan – Cllr Burn had replied as Chairman of Hedgeley PC in favour of the proposals.
- CPRE – newsletter.
- NALC – future County Council anticipated budget cuts – anticipated cuts 2018/10 to 2019/20 to be to grasscutting, public w/c provision, supported bus services and community group support - this may affect several bus services within the parish; and grass cutting at the play area and verges could be affected. Hedge at play area had been attended to early this year, which had affected rosehips.
- Northumberland County Council – Surface Dressing – confirmation A697, south of Glanton crossroads was to be resurfaced August 2016, which had been carried out.
- Northumberland County Council – consultations available on public spaces protection order for the control of dogs and advertising by business's using 'A' Sandwich Boards.

#### **49/16 Parish Plan**

No further issues had arisen since the last meeting that came under the remit of the parish plan.

#### **50/16 Business decisions between meetings**

Urgent business had arisen between meetings regarding possible funding from the Parish Council towards Breamish Hall repairs, with only two members replying to Cllr R Burn's email to all Cllrs. A mechanism needs to be in place for urgent business between meetings, and it was agreed a sub-committee should be set up to deal with such issues.

#### **51/16 Play area repair and ROSPA annual play area inspection report**

No areas of concern, slight repair to be carried out by Cllr D Smailes.

#### **52/16 Defibrillator**

Regular tests being carried out; S Carey Trust were to provide details regarding wall mounted signage. National Parks to place information board in Breamish Hall car park.

#### **53/16 Flooding**

Without French drain, same problems will reoccur this Winter; list of 21 volunteers in time of emergencies held; sandbags and fluorescent jackets in storage and Cllr R Burn would co-ordinate action plans.

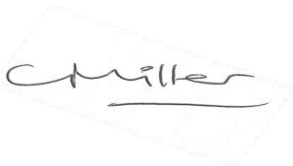
#### **54/16 Urgent Business**

- Sand had been placed at back of Breamish Hall, however a local resident had been taking it without permission, and it was agreed to write to the resident and state the sand is for flood defence emergency purposes only and ask when it will be replaced.
- Gravel vehicles should all be sheeted when travelling through Powburn – and a recent spillage had not been cleared away – Clerk to contact the possible companies which could have been involved in this incident.
- Northumbria Sewage Treatment Plan – 18tonne wagons visiting the site, being the only traffic accessing that area, with huge potholes now appearing in the road. Cllr D Smailes had spoken to Northumbria Water with no action and it was agreed to officially write to them and request repairs carried out.
- Cllr P Barton had spoken to parishioners trained in using the speedgun, with 2 volunteers required to carry this out - Cllr R Burn also willing to train as a volunteer, and would contact Northumbria Police. Speed gun warning signage would be beneficial, as displayed in other parishes.
- Possibility of placing wooden structures as a speed calming measure discussed - designed to give the impression of narrowing the road, however as a Parish Council there were no powers to erect these without County Council permission.
- Play area did have space for a slide, and a sub-committee could be created to seek funding for such an item. However all other equipment is only 2foot high, and a slide would be at least 6foot, which would lead to a rise in the insurance premium, however steps to the railway embankment and a structure there could be an option. A support group to be established to seek funding, Cllr M Wilson to lead.
- Sump at corner near to play area, to right hand side of large gate, had historically been cleared out yearly by Alnwick District Council – Clerk to contact County Council.
- Branton Burn West pond – water to be increased – which could lead to flooding problems – area to be monitored.

#### **55/16 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall Powburn.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Miller', is enclosed within a faint, light-colored rectangular border.

Claire Miller  
Parish Clerk