

Minutes of meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held in the Breamish Hall, Powburn on Tuesday 6th December 2016 commencing 730pm

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

6/16 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Smailes, Cllr P Barton, Cllr I Smith, County Cllr K Cairns

57/16 Vacancy

No applications.

58/16 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

No members of the public present.

59/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

60/16 Police update

No police presence.

61/16 County Cllr update

- Residents' concerns regarding removal of cast iron signposts had been followed up and it appeared confusion had been caused by workmen informing a resident fifty standard signs were to be replaced by NCC elsewhere in the county.
- Regarding road danger on the A697, intervention measures had been suggested by K Cairns such as a roundabout and pedestrian crossing, however criteria for such infrastructures is hard to meet when pedestrian use is low, vehicle volume high and the road classified as an A road and there are ongoing discussions with officers regarding other intervention measures that could be implemented.
- NCC had recently signed up to two national standards for HGV operations which means they will be asking for best practice in vehicle safety technology, driver competence and fleet operations through planning permissions, procurement of infrastructure and own fleet operations. These standards will minimise the disproportionate risk that large, heavy goods vehicles with massive blind spots pose to communities.
- Consultation on A1 upgrade now open. K Cairns urges responders to request the above standards are applied to the construction process.
- As previously mentioned, county wide dog charter consultation available which would support licensing of commercial dog walkers and other restrictions could be proposed such as dogs on leads or banning in particular areas.
- Next NCC Northern Area Committee to be held 9/1/17, 6pm at Longframlington Memorial Hall, with next meeting after this 13/3/17, venue to be confirmed.

62/16 Minutes of previous meeting held 8th September 2016

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

- **Whittingham War Memorial:** There were no details forthcoming for names of parishioners that may be listed on Whittingham War Memorial, and it had been confirmed there were no names listed in this parish from Glanton - G Williamson maybe able to aid with advice on identifying parishioners named at Whittingham.
- **Grit bin:** Cllr R Burn had purchased and placed bin on road bridge with grit to be purchased. Clerk had chased up grit bin NCC had authorised for Broome Park Farm February 2016, and which had still not been placed.
- **Sand at Breamish Hall:** Clerk had written to parishioner regarding sand, which had now been replaced.
- **Gravel vehicles:** Clerk had written to companies whose wagons travel through the parish, with only Tarmac responding whose Transport Manager was to investigate. North East Concrete had travelled through the village, unsheeted, on three separate occasions, and it was agreed vehicle details/times/dates would be useful for reporting the vehicles.

- **Powburn Sewage Treatment Plant:** Northumbrian Water had carried out works to the road. On a separate matter, a Northumbrian Water vehicle had opened the double gates and driven across the play area, Clerk to report to N/Water.
- **Speedgun training:** R Burn awaiting training.
- **Play area slide:** Information being collated, with personnel to attend site and produce plan, as play area is PC responsibility, purchase should be made through PC bank account. It was thought insurance for slides maybe quite expensive, Clerk to check with insurance company.
- **Play area sump:** Clerk had chased this up with NCC, and there had also been no reply regarding 20mph sign at Crawley Dene impairing vision to the left.
- **Branton Burn West pond:** There had been no problems in recent adverse weather conditions.

63/16 Matters Arising from previous meeting

- Cllr R Burn had made officially made request to extend 40mph zone.

64/16 Neighbourhood Management

- **Drainage:** Drains had been cleared on A697 just before recent adverse weather conditions, and with heavy rain and leaves, they would fill up again, and this would be ongoing unless a French drain is installed. It was agreed to contact K Cairns regarding this (along with play area sump). Clerk to confirm with K Cairns PC had cleaned out these drains along with drain at Glanton Hill – which NCC should be actioning. NCC had placed signs regarding recent wagon accident, where they would see leaf clearance required but not subsequently actioned. Problems occurring with water running down playwell road then across A697 to also be reported to K Cairns.

65/16 Planning

65/16/01 Planning Applications had been received for the following:

- 16/03260/VARYCO: Mr P Moralee, Millers Hill, Glanton – variation of condition 7 (holidaymaker restriction), in order to allow residential occupancy – not within Hedgeley parish.

65/16/02 Planning Application approval had been received for the following:

None received.

65/16/03 Any other planning matters

No other planning matters.

66/16 Finance

66/16/01 The following accounts were authorised:

- Clerks' quarterly salary & expenses – £283.70
- HMRC – PAYE on above – 80p
- R Burn – grit bin - £83.40
- J Frater – hedge cutting - £100
- **66/16/02 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/16**

Annual return received and accepted, with one issue being raised – inspection period for the exercise of elector's right should have included the first ten working days of July.

66/16/03 To discuss/agree precept 2017 – 2018

Budget had been circulated to all, and it was agreed to maintain precept at the current level of £2500. Maintenance of defibrillator discussed concerning renewal of pads and battery – Clerk to contact P Barton who checks the defibrillator.

67/16 Correspondence

- Northumberland County Council – waste recovery centres – changes to opening times for smaller centres, reduced to four days per week.
- A1 in Northumberland improvements – roadshows being carried out - Cllr Burn had attended and voiced his concerns
- CPRE - newsletter – available for circulation
- NCC – notice of liaison meeting – 15/12/16, Rennington Village Hall 530-730pm

68/16 Parish Plan

Nothing further to report.

69/17 Danger and wagons

Secretary of Coldstream Community Trust had contacted the PC regarding congestion with HGV's on A697, Cllr R Burn had replied and offered to attend a group meeting, but had explained Hedgeley's problems were regarding speeding vehicles.

70/16 Defibrillator

Discussed earlier.

71/16 Flooding

Emergency contact list created, with sandbags and fluorescent jackets in storage. Buildup of gravel from bridge upwards in River Breamish of concern, lying between County Bridge and Branton, which leads to water rising and water table into Powburn to rise – Northumbrian Water did used to action clearance, and it was agreed initially to raise concern about the serious buildup of gravel to N/W.

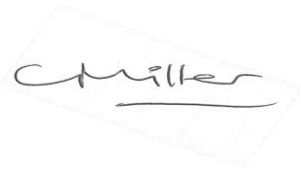
72/16 Urgent Business

- One laser light had been placed on Christmas tree last year and it had been agreed further lights would be beneficial, with funding requested from HPC towards one of the lights - Breamish Hall had already agreed to fund one light, and it was agreed PC would do also.
- Speed limit flashing signs briefly discussed, however parish does have two structures already, with one existing sign that does not work efficiently due to shading from trees.
- If road through Powburn is not wide enough for double white lines, there should be signage indicating it is a narrow road.

73/16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 7th February 2017 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall Powburn.

The meeting closed at 840pm.

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Claire Miller
Parish Clerk