

Minutes of meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th February 2017 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall, Powburn

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

C Miller (Clerk), W Patterson (County Cllr Conservative representative)

01/17 Apologies for Absence

Cllr I Smith, Cllr J Brown, County Cllr K Cairns

02/17 Vacancy

Ongoing, four yearly elections May 2017.

03/17 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

No matters raised.

04/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declaration of Interest.

05/17 Police update

No police presence.

06/17 County Cllr update

K Cairns had given apologies.

07/17 Minutes of previous meeting held 5th December 2016

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

08/17 Matters Arising from previous meeting

- **Whittingham War Memorial:** 21 men of this area had been killed in two World War's, and only two names of these inscripted elsewhere, however names were displayed in Glanton church and five names displayed in Ingram church. Cllr Burn suggested whinstone memorial be erected, and only cost would be polishing/engraving/or the purchase of a plaque, and perhaps invite the Duke of Northumberland to unveil structure - notice to be placed in local newsletters to ask for possible further names of those who had fallen, and Fusilier Museum to be contacted.
- **Grit bin:** Bin had been placed at Broomehill and bin purchased for Powburn had been filled with grit.
- **Powburn Sewage Treatment Plan:** Northumbrian Water had responded to report regarding vehicle driving across the play area, and sincerely hoped there would not be a recurrence of this activity.
- **Branton Burn West pond:** Pond had been cleaned out. J Brown left note to state there is no lifesaving equipment in place on the six ponds, however there is equipment past caravan site on Branton road – plan being for nine ponds – Cllr Burn to meet to discuss the community being involved in this conservation area.
- **Speedgun training:** Cllr Burn to carry out duties.
- **Play area slide:** Insurance company had confirmed no rise to public liability further to slide being added to insurance policy, however they were unable to quote for the structure until a firm cost had been established. Cllr Wilson to meet with play company to discuss sizes/embankments, and funding streams being researched. J Carr-Ellison had confirmed agreement to placement of slide further to any litter being picked up – on a related matter, litter pick to be carried out in April.
- **Play area sump:** County Cllr K Cairns had contacted NCC officer regarding this, along with 20mph signage at Crawley Dene.

09/17 Neighbourhood Management

- **Drainage:** Clerk had contacted Northumbrian Water and Environment Agency regarding water table at Powburn, who had confirmed it was the responsibility of County Council who had then requested photographic evidence of the problem, exact location to be confirmed from J Brown – D Smailes to liaise.
- **Roads:** Gated entrances into villages discussed which had previously been dismissed by County Council, however wooden structure could be a possibility, and it was agreed five pedestrian gates could be concreted in and painted, or wood purchased and assembled. Clerk to contact County Council initially to see if this would be permitted. Red markings placed in middle of village before corner – report had been received when wagons travel over, noise is problematic.

10/17 Planning

10/17/01 Planning Applications have been received for the following:

No planning applications had been received.

10/17/02 Planning Application approval has been received for the following:

No approvals received.

10/17/03 Any other planning matters

No other planning matters.

11/17 Finance

11/17/01 The following accounts were authorised:

- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses – £274.97
- HMRC – PAYE on above – 60p

11/17/02 Request for donation – Northumberland AGE UK

- PC had not donated to this organisation previously - £50 agreed.

12/17 Correspondence

- Northumberland County Council – Winter services/Archaeology in Northumberland

13/17 Parish Plan

Gulley cleansing had been carried out within the parish.

14/17 Danger and wagons

Danger HGV's pose to Powburn and surrounding area discussed – County Cllr had been in contact with Northumbria Police traffic department regarding statistics from the past ten years of HGV accidents causing non injury, injury, serious and fatal accidents within a five mile radius of Powburn, (two recent accidents had occurred). Stretch encompassing Ingram junction had been requested as 30mph by the PC, and with 100 HGV vehicle movements to the quarry on a daily basis action required, Clerk to re-contact County Council with request and details of recent accidents.

15/17 Defibrillator

Defibrillator had been inspected and did not require any maintenance at the present time.

16/17 Flooding

Sand had been replaced/sandbags/fluorescent jackets in store and 21 names on emergency contact list, and it was agreed two shovels should be placed in lock-up.

17/17 Urgent Business

- Complaint about dog mess on Branton road/railway, names and addresses of offenders can be reported to Environmental Health at County Council. Signs (Clerk in possession of signs/dog bags)/spray could be used to encourage mess to be picked up – Cllr Barton to research.
- 30mph signs had been witnessed placed on wheelie bins in other areas – Cllr P Barton to research if these could be obtained.

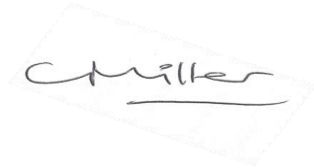
18/17 Annual Review of Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment had been circulated to all and it was agreed to be sufficient for the present needs of Hedgeley Parish Council. Noticeboards discussed – rubber backing to be placed on existing structures and refurbishment works carried out.

19/17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Friday 12th May 2017 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall Powburn.

The meeting closed at 830pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Miller', is written over a faint, rectangular grid pattern. The signature is cursive and includes a horizontal line underneath the name.

Claire Miller
Parish Clerk