

**Minutes of the annual meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 commencing at 745pm 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)

**20/17 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr P Barton, Cllr D Smailes

**21/17 Election of Officers**

Cllr Burn proposed and seconded as Chairman, all in agreement.

Cllr Wilson proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman, all in agreement.

**22/17 Co-Option Vacancies**

Cllr Smith successfully co-opted onto the Council.

**23/17 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda**

There were no members of the public present.

**24/17 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Clark declared an interest in wind farms.

**25/17 Police update**

Sharon Wilmore-Greaves from Northumbria Police had hoped to be present at tonight's meeting.

**26/17 County Cllr update**

New County Cllr Wendy Pattison present, who is extremely pleased to be elected and one area of concern and interest would be attempting to improve speed camera presence within the parish, there is genuine concern for road safety, including areas at Glanton crossroads and Shawdon. Double white lining apparently narrows the road, with County Council advising this would cause further problems if actioned in Powburn village. Outgoing County Cllr Kate Cairns had forwarded final report.

**27/17 Minutes of previous meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

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

**28/17 Matters Arising from previous meeting**

- **War Memorial:** 31 persons from the Breamish area had known to be killed during the first and second world wars.
- **Speedgun training:** Cllr's R Burn and P Barton now trained in the use of speed gun which is retained at village hall, with regular deployments carried out. Figures from 4/5 to 10/5/17 had resulted in 23percent of vehicles speeding being recorded.
- **Play area slide:** Company rep had attended site, however trees cleared and site survey required at the cost of £500, however this appeared a large sum of money, therefore no further progress made. RoSPA may be able to offer advice.
- **Play area sump:** exact location being access road to Crawley Tower at end of fence separating that road from play area - Clerk to forward historical email trail to County Cllr W Pattison.
- **Branton Burn West pond:** Hedgeley estates have plans for additional lakes, which would make a total of nine, in order to develop a habitat for different wildlife, with ponds of different depths, and which would be a major tourist attraction. Open evening would occur if local interest roused.
- **Dog Fouling:** Dog bag dispensers purchased and installed at a cost of £30 and dog warning spray materials also purchased.
- **Parish Noticeboards:** Boards in terrible condition, with refurbishments works carried out only 18 months ago. Proposal to move from side of pub and place on railings to play park or rise up to bridge.

**29/17 Neighbourhood Management**

- Drainage – Water table, Powburn – from Branton Ford, thousands of tonnes of gravel had been washed downstream and water needs cleared out from weir to Branton. Cllr J Brown to gain photographic evidence.
- Roads – gated entrances – County Council had replied to state infrastructure team at County Hall would need to be contacted, Clerk to contact infrastructure team to state the intentions of the Parish Council, and it was agreed Parish Council would pay for the materials
- Notice of resurfacing – Bridge of Aln to Garmitedge Bank

### **30/17 Planning**

#### **30/17/01 Planning Applications had been received for the following:**

- 17/00550/COU: Mr D Penny, Old Station House, Old Station Road, Powburn – demolition of existing lean to extension to rear of construction of new single storey rear extension and change of use of part of the Old Station House to office accommodation **APPROVAL RECEIVED.**

#### **30/17/02 Planning Application approval has been received for the following:**

- 17/00937/FUL: Wilkinson, 5 Breamish Cottages, Powburn, single storey rear extension

### **31/17 Finance**

#### **31/17/01 The following accounts were authorised:**

- Breamish Hall - £30.00 – meeting room May 2016 to February 2017
- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses – £294.49
- HMRC – PAYE on above – £50.20
- NALC – annual subscription - £89.46
- P Barton - £10.98
- R Burn - £30 – dog
- D Smailes – maintenance of community garden - £100

#### **31/17/02 The following request for donation had been received:**

- HospiceCare North Northumberland - £50.00 agreed

#### **31/17/03 Acknowledgement of Grant had been received from the following**

- Northumberland AGEUK

**31/17/04 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/17:** to discuss and approve Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements year ending 31/3/17 Section 1 Annual Governance Statement: Chairman read out all points which were all agreed with; Section 2 Statement and Accounting Statements year ending 31/3/17: Figures agreed as a true record, year end financial statement circulated to all, and document authorised by Clerk and Chairman.

### **32/17 Correspondence**

- Campaign to protect rural England – newsletter
- Northumberland County Council – Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) – retrospective permission to sign regarding existing signs
- Highways England – A1 – update on progress

### **33/17 Parish Plan**

G Williamson to resign from editing Cheviot Views, with replacement urgently required.

### **34/17 Danger and wagons**

Quarry is to close, however there could be proposals for Wooperton site.

### **35/17 Flooding**

Ongoing problems, French drain would improve the situation, however no action from County Council, therefore water always prevalent on A697.

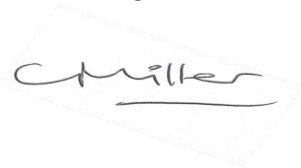
### **36/17 Urgent Business**

- W.I. had carried out litter pick 8/4/17 with the worst area being behind garage due to a fence requiring repair, with rubbish blowing onto path at rear of garage - it was agreed to contact D Penny of Penny Petroleum in person.
- Problems with unadopted layby north side of A697 to east of Crawley Dene, NE66 4HH, and it was agreed to request County Council block area off due to wagon drivers causing rubbish to accumulate, including urine and faeces.
- Water from Playwell road - Cllr Smith had met County Council officer on site who had confirmed they were to clean out cundy - Cllr Smith declared an interest in field drains. Further problems had occurred during landslips in various areas within the parish, and it was feared landslips would occur in the future.
- [Wendy.pattison@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Wendy.pattison@northumberland.gov.uk); 07779 983072 – County Cllr details.

### **37/17 Date of Next Meeting**

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

The meeting closed at 850pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Miller', is written over a faint, rectangular stamp. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Claire Miller  
Parish Clerk