

Minutes of meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th September 2017 commencing at 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 J Brown, Cllr P Barton, C Miller (Clerk)

38/17 Apologies for Absence

County Cllr W Pattison

39/17 Co-Option Vacancy

No applications received.

40/17 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

No public questions.

41/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

42/17 Police update

No police presence.

43/17 County Cllr update

- A697 undergoing programme of schemes to improve road safety between Powburn and Shawdonhill, consisting of signage and road marking improvements with any necessary vegetation clearance and gully clearing.
- Informal meeting had been held with County Cllr and Parish Council Chairman within the Longhoughton Ward – Cllr Burn had attended this meeting, and it appeared issues concerned with parishes on the coast are not similar to Hedgeley parish priorities.
- Speeding through Powburn village an issue of concern, with camera van visiting area. A vibration monitor had been installed in a residents house on main road through Powburn to measure noise level/vibration of passing traffic. The noise level had been analysed with no significant readings, suggesting the red strips outside the home are not causing vibration issues. A PV2 survey which monitors footpath and pedestrian movement to also be carried out.
- Core Strategy had been withdrawn from examination with County Cllr officers to undertake a full review of housing and employment numbers, with national planning guidelines currently being used to assess planning applications.
- Five new Area Councils are to replace the former area committees.
- Tour of Britain to pass through 26 communities in Northumberland.
- Alnwick Playhouse now owned by Northumberland County Council.
- Community Action Northumberland involved in delivering community-led housing and establishing the level of interest across the area.
- List of portfolio holders: Leader of the Council – Cllr P Jackson; Deputy Leader – Cllr W Daley; Corporate Services and Cabinet Secretary – Cllr N Oliver; Economic Development – Cllr R Wearmouth; Environment and Local Services – Cllr G Sanderson; Planning, Housing and Resilience – Cllr J Riddle; Culture, Arts and Leisure – Cllr C Homer; Adult Well-being and Health – Cllr V Jones.

44/17 Minutes of previous meeting held 12th May 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record after minor amendment to those persons present.

45/17 Matters Arising from previous meeting

- **Breamish Valley War Memorial project:** Completed roll of honour displayed on web-site, with thanks given to Graham Williamson who had spent many hours uploading the information. Steering Group had been set up to look at location, which most likely will be within the community garden and made from local, rustic materials. J Carr-

Ellison is willing to donate gateposts and provide funding, with funding also pledged from County Cllr W Pattison. Open day to be held where there will be a donation box.

- **Speedgun training:** Cllr Burn had attended meeting regarding community speed watch, however two volunteers had resigned within Hedgeley parish due to intimidation from HGV drivers. Ten deployments had been carried out between 10th May and 27th August with 296 speeding vehicles recorded, one car travelling at 70mph, a number at 65mph and HGV's at 60mph. Camera van to visit parish.
- **Play area slide:** No further progress.
- **Play area sump:** County Council had confirmed sump cleared out September 2016, Clerk to request if this could be an annual task, preferably after leaves had fallen in October/November..
- **Branton Burn West pond:** Works still ongoing. Three out of five lakes exposed, Cllr J Brown said there is a law stating from topsoil cannot be laid between September and March.
- **Dog Fouling:** Situation appears to be improving, County Council had brought out a Green Dog Walkers charter to encourage person's to approach people to pick up their dog mess.
- **Parish Noticeboards:** Plastic needs removing and both boards need refreshing, Cllr Barton to action.

46/17 Neighbourhood Management

- **Drainage – Water table, Powburn** – nothing to report.
- **Roads – gated entrances** – Richard McKenzie of NCC had requested plan of proposals, however Cllr Burn had not yet actioned.
- **Rospa play area report:** Decay to timber components on one step log classed as medium risk – it was agreed to ask Cllr D Smailes to inspect this.
- **Proposed road safety schemes A697:** Concerning ongoing road safety scheme from Powburn to Shawdonhill. Cllr J Brown reported an electric pole on bridge leaning into road, with wagons having to swerve, Clerk to report to County Council.
- **Powburn layby:** Acknowledgement for request to close off layby had been received from County Council: Reference NO 101004401784. With no litter bin, rubbish is thrown into the stream. Clerk to recontact County Council.

47/17 Planning

47/17/01 Planning Applications have been received for the following:

- 17/01901/FU & 17/01903/LBC: Shawdon Hall, Shawdon West Lodge, proposed minor internal alterations, replace existing single glazed timber sash and case windows with new timber conservation slimline sash and case windows.
- 17/02149/FUL: Ms Evans, Breamish House – proposed conversion and reconstruction of outbuildings to create 6 holiday let dwellings. **APPROVED**
- 17/02287/FUL: Shawdon Hall, replacement greenhouses and alterations to existing potting shed.

47/17/02 Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy – withdrawal from Examination

- Discussed earlier.

48/17 Finance

48/17/01 The following accounts were authorised:

- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses – £271.50
- HMRC – PAYE on above – £50.60
- Rospa – play area inspection - £79.80
- The Stephen Carey Fund – replacement pads for defibrillator - £54.90 – Cllr P Barton to enquire whether pads have been delivered
- Cardiac Science – defibrillator battery - £207.00
- J Givens – bedding plants - £37.00

48/17/02 Acknowledgement of Grant had been received for the following

- Hospicecare North Northumberland

49/17/03 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/17

- Annual return had been qualified due to the inspection period for the exercise of elector's rights not including the first ten working days of July 2016.

49/17/04 Dial a ride proposal to Alnwick from Whittingham, Glanton, Powburn

Scheme to assist those with transport difficulties. Persons have to pay an annual registration fee and book a seat for each journey, with County Council funding a six month pilot scheme. Clerk to invite Jan Chisolm, Community Transport Officer to the next meeting to discuss usage within the parish.

50/17 Correspondence

- Northumberland County Council – The Green Dog Walkers Responsible Dog Ownership Campaign – scheme to encourage dog walker's to approach those not picking up after their dog.
- Northumberland County Council –CPRE – newsletter.
- County Council – LTP 2018 – 19 – to agree/discuss priorities: It was agreed to include 40mph from Brandon White House Farm to the county bridge; advanced warning of 30mph limit ahead on both sides of Powburn. village; hidden dip warning signs North of Brandon Whitehouse Cottages at junction to Ingram.
- County Council – Joint meetings with town/parish council's – Thursday 19th October.

51/17 Parish Plan

Nothing to report.

52/17 Danger and wagons

Connected with speeding. Clerk to enquire if future vehicle movements from Wooperton Quarry had been estimated.

53/17 Flooding

French drain on A697 – County Cllr had organised works which had made an immediate impact to preventing water flowing onto A697.

54/17 Adoption of Standing Orders

With greater emphasis on transparency and displaying information on-line, Clerk had prepared draft Standing Order's which also included Grievance Policy. Clerk should also have official job contract, and documents would be discussed further at next meeting.

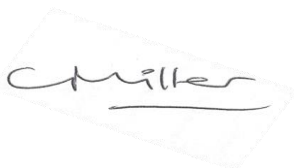
55/17 Urgent Business

- Food defence echo drain had collapsed on road from High Powburn to Glanton, and a further drain had filled with tarmac – Clerk to report to County Council.
- Clerk to contact W Pattison who had been looking into issue with sign to left of Crawley View obscuring view.
- Several trees from Eglington road require maintenance, however this would be landowners responsibility.
- Sign from Beanley to A697 junction unreadable due to overgrown shrubbery, Cllr Birnie to contact landowner.
- J Carr-Ellison, through the Charitable Trust, wished to purchase defibrillators for Bolton, Beanley and Hedgeley, which would then become the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was agreed this would be of great benefit to the parish and training in use of the machinery would be useful. Cllr R Burn to speak further with J Carr-Ellison.

56/17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 5th December in the Breamish Hall, Powburn commencing 730pm.

The meeting closed at 845pm



Claire Miller
Parish Clerk