

Minutes of meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th December 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 I Smith, Cllr J Brown, Cllr P Barton, Cllr D Smailes, C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr W Pattison, J Chisolm

57/17 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

58/17 Co-Option Vacancy

No applications received.

59/17 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

There were no members of the public present.

60/17 Meeting with Jan Chisolm, Dial A Ride scheme

Jan Chisolm present to discuss Dial A Ride scheme launched between Wooler and Alnwick, which it was hoped the Parish Council could promote. The scheme is currently a pilot service on a six month trial, with demand to be assessed as funding would be required to continue the service beyond the end of March 2018. Five to six passengers are using the service, of which two are from Hedgeley parish, and it is for people who have difficulty accessing public transport. Operating costs from April 2018 are not yet known, and the Parish Council could be involved with funding in areas such as travel costs where the Parish Council can collect funds from other sources. It was agreed to promote the service on the community web-site. A signposting service is also available, which is a county council funded project, where person's with transport difficulties can ring a helpline to see if community transport is available to them. Users do have to become a member to use the service which is £9/annum, and a fare could be payable, depending on which service is being used. The getabout scheme is also being advertised through G.P. surgeries, however it does require a pool of voluntary drivers.

61/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

62/17 Police update

No police presence.

63/17 County Cllr update

- After successful September Ward meeting, further informal meeting to be held on 9th March 2018 at Thrunton Trout Fishery, with Bob Hodgson and Mitch Young from the County Council to be asked to attend this.
- New timetable in place for preparation of the Northumberland Local Plan, the key planning policies for the county up to 2036, with a new plan to be submitted to Central Government by Summer 2019. Five year housing supply document currently at County Council Scrutiny Committee; housing white paper consultation shows future recommendation for Northumberland being 800 new houses per annum.
- Mobile phone app available for residents to report issues being rolled out region wide by Northumbria Police.
- Information on winter services available.
- Speed camera should be visiting the parish before Christmas.

64/17 Minutes of previous meeting held 6th September 2017

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

65/17 Matters Arising from previous meeting held 6th September 2017

- **Breamish Valley War Memorial project:** Site, stone to be used and company to make plaque have all been identified, with Steering Group to be formed. Most of the costs would be negligible, with only charge to foresee being stonemason, however funding offers had been received towards the project. A list and description of those who had fallen are available on the community web-site.
- **Speedgun training:** Police had been in the parish on a couple of occasions monitoring motorists.

- **Play area slide:** Last RoSPA report had brought up minor issue to piece of equipment, which was to be actioned by Cllr Smailes. Cllr Wilson had been contacted regarding request for a slide for smaller children, which had been discussed at Powburn Show meeting, County Cllr recommended a play equipment company called Kompan, which Cllr Wilson would contact. Tree at play area had required attention.
- **Play area sump:** County Council had confirmed sump cleared on 28/10/17, to be taken off agenda.
- **Branton Burn West pond/Hedgeley pond:** Nothing to report at West pond. Hedgeley ponds ongoing, to be taken off agenda.
- **Dog Fouling:** Warning Notices had been placed at Low Hedgeley, with issue not as problematic as had been previously in other areas, to be taken off agenda.
- **Parish Noticeboards:** Cllr Barton to action, with plastic to be removed. Further noticeboard, with funding available, could be placed on bridge, and would be distinct from Parish Council board. Noticeboards with unlocked doors would be preferred – Clerk to pass details to Chairman of company who could provide.

66/17 Neighbourhood Management

- **Drainage – Water table:** Cllr Brown had spoken to farmer concerning area from West Branton pond into Breamish, with eight foot high pipe up river near to top of caravan park, which had been left from gravel work times, with now only two foot of the pipe left showing. Eventually, gravel would back up and gauge the bank away and end up in Branton West Ponds. Area is within Ingram parish, however it would in time affect the water level in Powburn. Clerk to forward details to Environment Agency. Playwell Road – County had cleaned pipe out on right hand side to Glanton, however pipe goes across the field – Cllr Smith declared an interest – and appears to be restricted in the field somewhere which also requires clearance works. If leaves were removed from gully on east side of road, this would aid the situation however until concrete pipe is cleaned out, problems would continue. C85, from crossroads below Glanton village towards Shawdon, on left hand side pipes are below the verge – Cllr Smith declared an interest – a couple of years ago poles were put in for superfast broadband which could have been put through the pipe, with burst last week causing excessive water to flood main road. Map reference to be emailed to County Cllr. French drainage on A697 had been efficient after recent heavy rainfall.
- **Powburn Roads – gated entrances:** Permission required from County Council. Site meeting required on A697, map to be provided for Slow Signage, which Neil Snowdon at County Council was responsible for.
- **Rospa play area report:** Discussed earlier.
- **Proposed road safety schemes A697:** To be taken off agenda.
- **Powburn layby:** County Council had confirmed it is an official layby and on Highway land, with the County Council having to consider other users, therefore closing it is not an option, but Officer would enquire whether signs could be placed in the area. There are now large holes to surface which cause disturbance to residents from wagons, which County Council need to action, and it was agreed to request signage stating no refrigerated vehicles for noise purposes, and reiterate the major issue with rubbish and human waste and request a wheelie bin be placed - Clerk to contact Paul Jones (Highways) and Rosemary Ayre (Environmental Health) .
- **Flood defence drains on road from High Powburn to Glanton:** Actioned.
- **Electricity Pole:** Works been actioned by Northern Powergrid on 7/9/17.
- **Signpost obscuring view at Crawley Dene:** Action to shrubbery would help with this. County Cllr had been informed the signage would be improved, however this had not yet occurred – photographic evidence to be re-forwarded to County Cllr.
- **Defibrillators for Bolton, Beanley and Hedgeley:** Ongoing.

67/17 Planning

67/17/01 Planning Applications had been received for the following:

- 17/04159/LBC: Shawdon West Lodge Hall, Listed Building Consent, alterations to internal layout – no objections

67/17/02 Withdrawal of Planning Application had been received for the following:

- 17/01901/FUL & 17/1903/LBC: Shawdon West Lodge, Glanton – Listed building consent/replace existing single glazed timber sash and case windows with new timber conservation slimline sash and case windows – replacement plan discussed above

67/12/03 Approval of Planning Application had been received for the following:

- 17/02287/FUL: Shawdon Hall, replacement greenhouses and alterations to existing potting shed

- 17/02290/LBC: Shawdon Hall, listed building consent for above

68/17 Finance

68/17/01 The following accounts were authorised:

- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses – £270.09; HMRC – PAYE on above – £50.80

68/17/02 To discuss/agree Grant application received from Community Action Northumberland

Organisation involved with giving advice to Village Halls and energy issues - it was agreed to offer financial support of £50.00

68/12/03 To discuss/set precept 2018-2019

Budget had been circulated to all and it was agreed the precept would need to be raised to £3,000 to cover costs for the future three defibrillators which are anticipated to be installed, along with one existing

9/17 Correspondence

- Hospicecare Northumberland – Light up a Life – scheme for individuals in memory of a loved one
- Northumberland County Council – Bus timetables – scheme whereby Parish Council's are responsible for replacing bus timetables at bus stops – it was agreed the Parish Council would be prepared to carry out this service.
- Northumberland County Council – consultation on Northumberland Area Special Education Needs School Place Planning Strategy – available on line.
- CPRE – newsletter.
- Interactive speed signage – Stephen Rickett of NALC had asked County Council if they could liaise with speed signage suppliers in order to bulk buy equipment, which individual Parish Council's would finance, however maintenance costs are high for this machinery.
- Northumberland County Council – Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PHA) Consultation – available on line.

70/17 Parish Plan

Drainage, speeding and layby issues had covered most items. Due to Cheviot Views being withdrawn, web-site is now displaying greater information.

71/17 Danger and wagons

Wagons are travelling from Wooperton Quarry and washing at Powburn. Figures had been received from County Council for anticipated wagon movements being 20 to 25 per day. However, the biggest problem is with speeding wood wagons, however this should abate when speeding signage erected.

72/17 Flooding

Appears to be a matter of keeping drains cleared.

73/17 Adoption of Standing Orders/Grievance Policy

Documents had been circulated to all, and were agreed acceptable for the current needs of the Parish Council.

74/17 Clerk Contract

Contract deemed satisfactory with Chairman and Clerk signing document.

75/17 Urgent Business

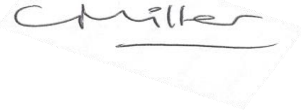
- Streetlight out beside pub, and hedge requiring cutting on footpath by pub – Cllr Birnie to arrange hedge cutting; County Cllr to contact P Jones regarding streetlight.
- Road appears to be collapsing near to Cllr J Brown's residence – it had been resurfaced recently – Clerk to report dip on road to County Council.
- Potholes opposite Playwell Road had been actioned but washed out a few weeks later. C84 requires grit heaps – Clerk to request, and it appears County Council only grit main roads.
- Clerk to also request grit heap at T junction from Crawley Tower to South of Hedgeley Hall.

- County Cllr had attended meeting with J Carr-Ellison who had reported plans to eventually re-open Powburn pub. In the meantime, a micro pub could be an option for one night a week, however community would need to be interested – County Cllr to forward further details.

76/17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 6th February 2018 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall, Powburn

The meeting closed at 920pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Miller', is written over a faint, rectangular stamp. The stamp contains some illegible text and a logo.

Claire Miller
Parish Clerk