

Minutes of meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 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 I Smith, Cllr J Brown, Cllr P Barton, C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr W Pattison

**1/18 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr D Smailes

**2/18 Co-Option Vacancy**

There had been no applications for the vacancy.

**3/18 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda**

There were no matters raised by the public.

**4/18 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr R Burn declared an interest in Breamish Valley War Memorial.

**5/18 Police update**

There was no police update.

**6/18 County Cllr update – as follows:**

- Potholes being reported as County Cllr becomes aware of them, and who urged the Parish Council to also report areas of concern. Proposals for A1 to close for two weeks, with County Council making objection to Highways England regarding this.
- Longhoughton Ward 9 Parish Council meetings – The next meeting will be on Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6.30pm at the Thrunton Trout Fishery. Bob Hodgson, NCC Area Manager for Neighbourhood Services and Mitch Young, Maintenance Engineer, (North) to attend the meeting. County Council have funding from Openreach towards superfast broadband, which needs accessed by December 2018, and places of concern need to be reported. Inorthumberland representative could attend the next PC meeting to discuss areas without the service, however some areas are unknown and any assistance from Parish Cllrs would be welcomed.
- Regarding report from last meeting, any pipe that goes across a landowners land is their responsibility unless it comes out onto a highway, and which would then be the County Council's remit. Report of posts from last meeting would be investigated in a couple of months time, unless of an urgent nature – Cllr I Smith to forward further details of this to County Cllr.
- County Council's exposure to Carillion going into liquidation is minimal
- Conservation areas are places of special architectural or historic interest with character or appearance which is desirable to preserve or enhance. An issue had arisen at Craster due to an 1860's building, with Parish Council objecting to proposals at County Council planning committee meeting, however permission had been granted. County Cllr disappointed believing this to be Craster's heritage, and had since put forward a conservation area proposal to the residents of Craster, and there maybe areas within Hedgeley parish which could be considered as a conservation area.
- Dene road closure reported from 23/2/18 to 1/3/18, with diversion at Glanton, and which had previously resulted in problems – County Cllr to speak to Head of Highway's.

**7/18 Minutes of previous meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

The minutes of the previous meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were agreed as a true record.

**8/18 Matters Arising from previous meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

**8/18/01 Breamish Valley War Memorial project**

Steering Group meeting held 16/1/18 and chaired by Graham Williamson, with J Carr-Ellison, R Poppleton and D Smailes present. County Cllr had been unable to attend. One stone gatepost had been selected for memorial and which would be sited in community garden, with small structure around it. Foundry had quoted price of £5,000 for cast bronze plaque and stonemason had quoted £500. 33 names to be placed on this. Structure would last many years, and it was agreed stewardship and maintenance should be passed to Hedgeley Parish Council once it had been erected. J Carr-Ellison had stated his insurance should cover it, being located on his land. £4100 had been secured in grants from various sources with a shortfall of £1400, with a request made to Hedgeley Parish Council for a donation of £500. Cllr R Burn had declared an interest and temporarily left the meeting, and it was agreed this would be granted, with other participating parishes to also be contacted for funding. There would be space for additional names to be inscribed, should the need arise.

**8/18/02 Speeding vehicles:** Speed van to visit the parish for three hours twice a week for the next few weeks, with 50 vehicles having been caught last week, and tickets can also be issued for those not wearing a seatbelt or using a mobile phone. Thanks given to County Cllr for support on this initiative, along with County Cllr Glen Sanderson who had also assisted. Proposals to close A1 from 2<sup>nd</sup> March for at least 17 days, with all vehicles then diverting on A697 through Powburn, with no consultation carried out for this. Parish Council and MP had made objections, along with County Council. With no crossing facilities within the village, major problems are envisaged with Chair requesting temporary crossings be installed.

**8/18/03 Play area slide:** Cllr Wilson had met with contractor who was to create a plan and costings. Outside funding would need to be sought and fund raising could be carried out, and it was agreed the Parish Council should further this. Repair required to zip wire equipment, with Cllr Brown, Smailes and Burn to action.

**8/18/04 Parish Noticeboards:** Boards could be replaced with one locking door and one unlockable and Cllr D Smailes did have details of a person who could action, with cleansing of boards also required. Option of further board to be placed at community garden/bridge or outside of Breamish Hall.

**8/18/05 Grit heaps:** Heaps had been placed by Council. Grit bin on end of bridge empty, with Cllr R Burn to speak to D Smailes regarding refilling.

## **9/18 Neighbourhood Management**

**9/18/01 Drainage – Water table, Powburn:** Environment Agency had confirmed they do not own any pipes or riverbanks and suggested contacting local authorities and water companies to identify the owner of the pipe, alternatively it could be a private owner.

**9/18/02 Roads – gated entrances:** No progress

**9/18/03 Rospa play area report:** Discussed earlier.

**9/18/04 Powburn layby:** County Council had monitored the layby and it appears there are no major issues with the crew visiting on a weekly basis. If a bin were placed there it would only increase the chance of LGV wagons dumping rubbish, however they would continue to monitor and feedback any concerns. The problem is low level noise caused by refrigerated lorries, and road surface being dipped, which also creates noise nuisance. It was agreed to request the layby be resurfaced to alleviate noise and made smaller, however County Cllr meeting with resident regarding dip in the road at this area due to wagons using the layby, and would report back to Clerk further to this site visit.

**9/18/05 Flood defence drains on road from High Powburn to Glanton:** Work carried out.

**9/18/06 Signpost obscuring view at Crawley Dene:** County Council were to look at this when signage renewed, with Cllr Burn to forward further photographic evidence to Clerk who would email to Neil Snowdon, and copied into County Councillor.

**9/18/07 Defibrillators for Bolton, Beanley and Hedgeley:** To be purchased and installed through Stephen Carey fund, and once installed checks to be carried out by Parish Council.

**9/18/08 Street light and hedgecutting problems near to pub:** J Carr-Ellison to arrange hedge to be cut outside of pub. Lamp still out of order.

**9/18/09 Dip in road at Powburn:** Discussed earlier.

## **10/18 Planning**

### **10/18/01 Planning Applications have been received for the following:**

- 17/04456/COU: Mr T Vickers, low Hedgeley Farm – retrospective application for change of use from agriculture to a six van touring caravan site and an adjoining four van touring caravan site – supported.
- 18/00196/FUL: Mr P Hick, Gulf Filling Station, Hedgeley – install 2 rapid electric vehicle stations – supported.
- **18/00325/LBC: Mr W Lindsay** – Shawdon Hall – Listed Building Consent – strengthening works to existing Grade II listed north garden wall – supported.

## **11/18 Finance**

**11/18/01 The following accounts were authorised:**

- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses – £235.06; HMRC – PAYE on above – £50.60

**11/18/02 Request for donation received from Alnwick Playhouse & Arts Centre**

County Council now own the playhouse and it was agreed not to donate.

**12/18 Correspondence**

- CPRE – newsletter

**13/18 Parish Plan**

- Web-site covering loss of Cheviot News.

**14/18 Danger and wagons**

- Further incidents had occurred due to wintry weather conditions. Reflective plastic poles could be beneficial. Cllr Burn to inspect side of road for options. Crash barrier had been damaged at Dene House due to flooding on road.

**15/18 Flooding**

Review to be carried out further to village hall committee refurbishing car park, with sand to be moved, possibly into four dumpy bags and stored in back garden.

**16/18 Annual Review of Risk Assessment**

Updated Risk Assessment had been circulated to all and was agreed as satisfactory for the present needs of Hedgeley Parish Council.

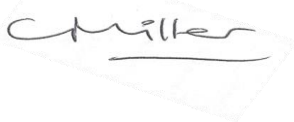
**17/19 Urgent Business**

- Request from resident had been received by County Councillor regarding relocating the 30mph flashing signage, which was given to the Parish Council by John Taylor, therefore PC would need to finance relocating it, with a sensible place for it to be at the 30mph signage.

**18/20 Date of Next Meeting**

This next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 commencing 7pm in the Breamish Hall, Powburn.

The meeting closed at 850pm.



Claire Miller  
Parish Clerk