

Minutes of meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd May 2018 in the Breamish Hall Powburn commencing at 735pm,

Those Present Cllr R Burn (Chairman), Cllr C Robinson, Cllr N Birnie, Cllr M Wilson, Cllr M Clark, Cllr I Smith, Cllr J Brown, C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr W Pattison, S Pringle, one member of the public

2018/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Barton, Cllr D Smailes

2018/20 Election of Chairman

Cllr Wilson proposed Cllr Burn as Chairman, Cllr Brown seconded, all in agreement.

2018/21 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Burn proposed Cllr Wilson as Vice Chairman, Cllr Clark seconded, all in agreement

2018/22 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Burn declared an interest in War Memorial project.

2018/23 Meeting with Sylvia Pringle to discuss broadband service within the parish

Coverage maps distributed - green ticks indicate superfast broadband available now; walking man indicates superfast broadband is included in current roll-out; orange/red crosses are areas with no plans for fibre optic; running purple man areas of ultra fast broadband, which is fibre straight to the premises; two orange icons indicate faster speeds maybe available; yellow icon in middle of map are areas partly available. Areas that cannot access superfast are Beanley, Titlington Mount and Hall Farm, Shepherds Law and Shawdon Farmhouse - a community fibre scheme can be accessed for these properties, with two million funding available for areas not included in the rollout, the scheme would need community led, and Openreach asked to provide a quote in order to bring the area(s) into fibre broadband rollout, with inorthumberland then assessing if it would be value for money/within the cost cap, and if not, partial funding could be granted. Openreach are happy to work with landowners and residents, who could assist with self-digging. Alncom had been engaged to install a type of wireless broadband within the parish. Vouchers are available from inorthumberland if speeds are less than 2 megabytes. There are no plans in the future for areas not included in current rollouts. Cllr Smith reported further to broadband installation works, the manhole covers are proud from the verge of six inches in areas – S Pringle to report this. 100% coverage in Northumberland is the expectation, with priority to concentrate on those people with two megabyte's and under, therefore there are no plans for ultrafast broadband to all properties. Inorthumberland also looking at digital skills for people to tackle isolation, loneliness and dementia, and if people are members of a Northumberland library, there is an app that can be downloaded to access ebooks and magazines.

2018/24 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

There were no matters raised from members of the public.

2018/25 Police update

There was no police update.

2018/26 County Cllr update

- Upcoming planning application at the Manse of concern. If Parish Council object, County Cllr can take to Area Council Meeting who meet monthly and a site visit would take place. At Area Council, two persons can speak at a total of 5 minutes, as well as the applicant or their consultant.
- Speed camera sign had made a slight improvement to speeding traffic, and it would be useful if there was a facility to contact Northumbria Police and receive attendance figures.
- Movement of 20mph sign located at Crawley Dene would need to go through a traffic manager and had been mentioned to G Sanderson, the portfolio holder at County Hall, this morning.

- Litter pick had been carried out on A697 and an old cast iron sign had been discovered, which was to be refurbished and relocated.

2018/27 Minutes of previous meeting held 6th February 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting held 6th February 2018 were agreed as a true record.

2018/28 Matters Arising from previous meeting held 6th February 2018

2018/28/01 Breamish Valley War Memorial project/funding request to Parish Council

Details confirmed to location, material, installation etc, with a current £900 funding in shortfall, and people to be approached who it was thought would be willing to donate. Bank account had been set up, and bronze plaque to be ordered when £5K secured in account, which should be within the next three months. Email to be forwarded to County Cllr to request £2K previously confirmed.

2018/28/02 Speeding traffic

Covered earlier.

2018/28/03 Proposed new play area equipment/funding

Two quotations had been received, with further quote awaited, however there was no Section 106 funding available through County Hall at the present time. A meeting would be held in due course to discuss proposals with local parents for preferred scheme, and fundraising would be carried out.

2018/28/04 Parish Noticeboards

Boards in need of attention – Cllr Burn and Barton to action repairs.

2018/28/05 Grit heaps

Grit heaps had been supplied by County Council and bin filled at Powburn.

2018/29 Neighbourhood Management

2018/29/01 Drainage – Water table, Powburn: County Council to carry out site visit in next few weeks.

2018/29/02 Roads – gated entrances: No progress.

2018/29/03 Rospa play area report: No progress.

2018/29/04 Powburn layby, environmental issues: Area had been tarmacked, however refuse still a problem.

2018/29/06 Signpost obscuring view at Crawley Dene: Discussed earlier.

2018/29/07 Defibrillators for Bolton, Beanley and Hedgeley: Machinery all fitted. Meeting to be held 14/5/18 at Bolton Village Hall 7pm with Stephen Carey Fund to carry out training in the use, although machinery is self-explanatory. The PC now have maintenance responsibility, and guardians are required for checking the equipment.

2018/29/08 Street light and hedgecutting problems near to pub: Hedge had been cut and street light fixed.

2018/29/09 Dip in road at Powburn: Repair had been carried out.

2018/29/10 Request to move 30mph flashing signage: It was agreed beneficial if the sign was relocated – Clerk to contact N Snowdon, copied into M Young.

2018/29/11 Continued closure of Plough inn and detrimental effect on the parish: Pub had now been shut for two years. J Carr-Ellison had carried out extensive works, and Estate Agents had been engaged to secure a buyer.

2018/30 Planning

2018/30/01 Planning Applications have been received for the following:

- 18/00737/FUL: Mr S Griffiths, 3 Breamish Gardens, construction of two storey extension to rear in lieu of existing garage **AND APPROVED**
- Cllr Smith declared an interest in Shawdon Hall planning applications.
- 18/01221/FUL: Refurbishment of Shawdon Hall and outbuildings – no objections

- 18/01222/LBC: Listed Building Consent for refurbishment of Shawdon Hall – no objections
- 18/01099/LBC: Shawdon Hall – Listed Building Consent to reinstate entrance gates and railings – no objections
- 18/01382/OUT: Iconet Ltd, outline application for 8 detached dwellings, land south of The Manse – residents objections had been received. HPC have concerns about flood water onto A697, access, strain on the sewage system. It was agreed Cllr Burn would draft objection which would be circulated to all for approval.

2018/30/02 Approval of Planning Application had been received for the following:

- 17/04456/COU: Mr T Vickers, retrospective application for change of use from agriculture to a six van touring caravan site and an adjoining four van touring caravan site
- 18/00325/LBC: Mr W Lindsay, Shawdon Hall – Listed Building Consent, strengthening works to existing Grade II listed north garden wall
- 18/00196/FUL: Gulf Filling Station, proposal to install 2 rapid electric vehicle charging stations
- 17/04159/LBC: Shawdon Hall, Listed Building Consent for alterations to internal layout, Shawdon West Lodge

2018/31 Finance

2018/31/01 The following accounts were authorised:

- Clerks' quarterly salary & expenses – £240.11; HMRC – £50.60, PAYE; Breamish Hall - £30.00; Came and Company - £330.00; Cheviot Views – grant towards War Memorial - £500.00; D Smailes - £100 – annual maintenance on community garden.

2018/32 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/2018

2018/32/01 To review the effectiveness of the system of internal control and consider the findings

The effectiveness of the system of internal control was discussed and it was agreed the current system was adequate for the present needs of Hedgeley Parish Council.

2018/32/02 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor

There were no actions arising from the internal audit.

2018/32/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2017/2018

Cllr Burn proposed and Cllr Wilson seconded that the draft accounts be approved, all in agreement.

2018/32/04 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances

Cllr Burn proposed acceptance of the Governance Statement, Cllr Brown seconded, all in agreement.

Cllr Robinson proposed approving the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances, Cllr Burn seconded, all in agreement.

2018/32/05 To confirm and approve the Certificate of Exemption

Cllr Birnie proposed and Cllr Wilson seconded approval of the Certificate of Exemption, all in agreement.

2018/33 Review of Insurance Cover

To be discussed further at next meeting,

2018/34 Correspondence

Being Active Matters Project: involving mental health which was not the remit of the Parish Council.

County Council, recycling: information leaflets; **weed control:** County Council is employing ten extra staff members to ensure the inhouse teams have the capacity to undertake the work themselves and investing £125K in the improvement programme, which includes adding a harmless blue coloured dye to the treatment so the public can see for themselves where has been treated. **Parking** –availability of potential sites severely restricted in Alnwick, with immediate focus being on making best use of existing capacity through measures including changes to time limits, maximum stay periods and better signage **Love Northumberland Awards** – nominations are invited for projects that are enriching the lives of the people of Northumberland; **Road hierarchy** – consultation regarding road priorities. **Wildlife & Countryside Act, 1982 – Review of the definitive map and statement of public rights of way** - covering bridleway No 7, no comments to

be made. **2018 Surface Dressing** – Advance notification of resurfacing of A697 Brandon White House to Wooperton Sawmills and A697 Dean House to Powburn.

2018/35 Parish Plan

No issues.

2018/36 Danger and wagons

No issues.

2018/37 Flooding

No issues.

2018/38 To receive/discuss information relating to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Action Plan to be implemented/ Councillors made aware the law is changing, with Clerk to progress implementation of consent forms, policies and notices. A data audit had been carried out to determine the type of personal information held, and a retention and disposal policy would be adopted. It was envisaged a Parish Council would not now need to appoint a Data Protection Officer.

2018/39 Urgent Business

- Litter behind garage of concern, J Brown to liaise with person who could assist with this matter.
- Posts with no signs of concern which impede hedgecutting procedures, Cllr Burn to liaise on this matter.
- Tree next to mirror on bridge requires attention, however it was thought two trees were to be removed.
- Potholes prevalent within the parish.
- Road from Bolton crossroads to Titlington Mount has water guttered down one side, 100 to 150 yards in length, further to severe winter weather. Cllr Smith and County Cllr to both report.
- The hole past Dene House further to wagon overturning had still not been actioned.

2018/40 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5th September 2018 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall, Powburn.



Claire Miller
Parish Clerk