

**Minutes of meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th September 2018 in the Breamish Hall
Powburn commencing at 730pm**

Those Present Cllr R Burn (Chairman), Cllr C Robinson, Cllr N Birnie, Cllr M Wilson, Cllr M Clark, Cllr J Brown, Cllr J Frater, C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr W Pattison

2018/41 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Smalles

2018/42 Declarations of Interest

Cllr R Burn declared an interest in war memorial project.

2018/43 Co-option Vacancies

Cllr R Burn proposed and Cllr J Brown seconded that J Frater be co-opted onto the Parish Council, all in agreement. Due to P Barton leaving the parish there is a further vacancy.

2018/44 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

2018/45 Police update

No police update.

2018/46 County Cllr update

County Cllr not present.

2018/47 Minutes of previous meeting held 2nd May 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record, further to minor amendment – Shawdon Farmhouse amended to read Shawdon Woodhouse

2018/48 Matters Arising from previous meeting held 2nd May 2018

2018/48/01 Breamish Valley War Memorial project

Gatepost and plaque in storage and hole dug in community garden. Slight delay in obtaining concrete to form the base - metal surround to be the same colour as the plaque and gravel would be placed. J Carr-Ellison to arrange delivery of gatepost, and dedication ceremony to be held 27/10/18 230pm at community garden with refreshments afterwards at Breamish Hall.

2018/48/02 Speeding traffic

County Council responsible for setting speed limits, with court then giving an order for the limit. When limit changed from 40 to 30mph, the County Council, in error, did not cancel the 40mph limit and have been attempting to now get this cancelled. The speed gun requires two person's to use it, however two volunteers had stood down due to intimidation from wagon drivers and the other volunteer had moved from the parish, therefore with only Cllr R Burn the remaining volunteer, gun is being used elsewhere at the present time.

2018/48/03 Proposed new play area equipment/funding

Three quotations received for play equipment which is aimed at younger children, further to parents comments there was nothing suitable for this age group. Plans viewed by all present and project agreed as of benefit to the parish and which the Parish Council would lead on. Twelve possible funding organisations had been identified, with Cllr M Wilson to approach funders. Present equipment is just starting to need repairs, after 11 years, and the preferred contractor is the company who installed this, and who had also provided price for repairs of current equipment, (with wet pour repair price in transit), and who could possibly incorporate the repairs into the price of the proposed new equipment and which would save cost on installation – cost of repairs received at £943. Complaint had been received regarding surface repair to carpet not yet being actioned.

2018/48/04 Parish Noticeboards

Complaint had been received about the Perspex covering historical notices, with Cllr R Burn to take this covering off both noticeboards. Both boards now require refurbishment, which would require them to be taken down and sanding, rubber backing replaced and re-varnished. Cllr M Wilson to approach local joiners, and work to be organised as soon as possible.

2018/49 Neighbourhood Management

2018/49/01 Drainage – Water table, Powburn

Cllr R Burn had met with County Council and Environment Agency. EA interested in Powburn ad-hoc flood management group, and who have a more formalised structure for such groups, but it was believed an ad-hoc group worked more efficiently. Water runs through the front of Crawley Dene, flows into pipe, then a further pipe, then out. There is a trash collector, being a set of bars, which prevents large rubbish coming down and which is located in front of the end house, however a resident empties the bars in heavy rain due to concern water will enter homes. If the trash collector was moved further up, the field would flood before the homes. A sensor could also be placed and when water reaches a certain height, this would set off an alarm which would then ring three mobile phone numbers to inform there is a blockage, however the cost for this would be £1,000. It was agreed the first step would be requesting the County Council place a trash collector in alternative location and monitor the situation - Cllr R Burn to arrange further meeting to discuss this. The original house builder could not be held liable as the homes had now been sold and Alnwick District Council had given planning permission in the first instance. Filled sand bags would be of benefit, however bags had previously been filled and had then rotted. Cllr R Burn to arrange filling of 30/40 bags which could be wrapped up in tarpaulin and stored behind container.

2018/49/02 Roads – gated entrances

County Council would charge £6,000K to erect four gated entrances. A structure cannot be built within 1.5metres of the road. Large planters had been placed at Beadnell which would be an alternative option, and trees could be placed where there is not enough room for planters to give the illusion the road has narrowed. It was agreed this should be actioned, firstly at the South end of Powburn.

2018/49/03 Rospa play area report

Discussed earlier

2018/49/04 Signpost obscuring view at Crawley Dene

County Council had confirmed sign would be removed.

2018/49/05 Guardians for defibrillators

Cllr M Wilson to carry out checks on Powburn defibrillator.

2018/49/06 Request to move 30mph flashing signage

County Council had advised moving the sign would be expensive and they believe it is in a fairly good place as there are bends ahead and it is a mid village reminder to drivers. This could be a project to add to Local Transport Plan.

2018/49/07 Rospa play area inspection report

Discussed earlier.

2018/50 Planning

2018/50/01 Planning Applications had been received for the following:

- 18/01669/LBC: Mr D Burrell, Bolton Mill – retrospective listed building consent for removal of UPVC windows
- 18/01694/FUL: Mr & Mrs C Verrill - Proposed porch extension, 13 Crawley Dene

2018/50/02 Approval of Planning Application has been received for the following:

- 18/01694/FUL: 13 Crawley Dene, proposed porch extension
- 18/01838/FUL: Shawdon Hill cottage – wooden acoustic fencing panels at north and west facing property boundaries
- 18/001461/LBC: Shawdon Hall Estates, Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations to existing property and installation of new gates and railings to existing screen wall

2018/51 Finance

2018/51/01 The following accounts were authorised:

- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses – £283.18;
- HMRC – PAYE on above - £52.60
- NALC – annual subscription - £94.94
- Playsafety – play area inspection - £79.80
- M Wilson – woodstain/paintbrushes - £43.47
- J Givens – plants - £37.00

2018/51/02 Request for Donation

- HospiceCare North Northumberland - £50 approved

2018/52 Review of Insurance Cover

£5,000 is included within the insurance policy for defibrillating machinery, which was adequate. The War Memorial would not be currently insured, and it was agreed this should be included once the structure is in place – Clerk to contact insurance company to add the value of £5,400 into the policy to cover this.

2018/53 Correspondence

- CPRE – newsletter
- County Council – disposing of hazardous waste
- County Council – notice of Annual Town and Parish Conference 11/10/18
- County Council – withdrawal of planning application – 18/01669/LBC: retrospective listed building consent for removal of UPVC windows – Bolton Mill

2018/54 Parish Plan

Comments had been made about the well in the community garden – an old fence had been removed and it had been agreed to then secure the well which had not yet occurred – Cllr's R Burn and D Smailes to carry out safety precautions, with price to be sought for this. On Remembrance Sunday, being 100th anniversary of the end of First World War, it was agreed an event should be held, a Parish Council wreath placed at the bottom of War Memorial, and a Northumbrian piper asked to attend. Refreshments could then be held in Breamish Hall.

2018/55 Danger and wagons

County Council wagons travelling with unsheeted wagons from their nearby recycling depot – clerk to report to County Council - and timber company vehicle had been witnessed travelling south with chippings uncovered on 4/9/18. A dust problem from the recycling ward migrating across the river had been caused due to the yard sweeper suppression equipment not being used.

2018/56 Flooding

Discussed earlier.

2018/57 Adoption of documents relating to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR): Information & Data Protection Policy; Publication Scheme and Councillor Details; Subject Access Request Form; Privacy Notice; Email Contact Privacy Notice; Councillor Privacy Notice; Document Retention Policy

Cllr M Wilson proposed and Cllr R Burn seconded adopting the documents, all in agreement.

2018/58 Local Transport Plan feedback 2018-19/To agree submission 2019-2020

Feedback from 2018-19 had been received as follows: 40mph signage from Brandon White House Farm to the county bridge A697 improvements completed 2017-18 and police can now enforce with the speed camera van within the village, priority can be re-submitted – it was agreed to re-submit this priority 2019-2020 and include relocating of speed indicator equipment.

Advanced warning of 30mph speed limit on both sides of Powburn – site compliance works completed 2017-18; Hidden dip warning signs north of Brandon Whitehouse Cottages and junction to Ingram – A697 improvements completed 2017-18, priority can be re-submitted – request to also be resubmitted 2019-2020.

Possible closure of A1 and diversion to A697 discussed, with works being delayed for several months. Temporary traffic lights would be installed if traffic diverted through Powburn.

2018/59 Urgent Business

- Complaint had been received about thorns on path after recent hedgeworks – however this had been rose, not thorn.
- Hedge between pub car-park and council houses requires trimming – J Carr-Ellison had arranged trimming last year and Cllr R Burn would make contact.

2018/60 Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 910pm.

Claire Miller
Parish Clerk