

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

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

**2018/61 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2018/62 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr R Burn declared an interest in war memorial.

**2018/63 Co-option Vacancy**

No applications for current co-option vacancy, and with Cllr R Burn reporting he is to retire from the Parish Council after the February 2019 meeting, an additional vacancy would occur.

**2018/64 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda**

There were no members of the public present.

**2018/65 County Cllr update**

Site meeting had been held with County Council Officer regarding drain on Cllr I Smith's land and works are to be actioned; Cllr R Burn suggested speeding vehicle figures should be reported on a regular basis and figures publicised, this would probably come under police remit – however County Cllr to find out who the community policeman is for the parish.

**2018/66 Minutes of previous meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The minutes of the previous meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were agreed as a true record.

**2018/67 Matters Arising from previous meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**2018/67/01 Breamish Valley War Memorial project**

Project completed, dedication ceremony held 27/10/18 with 140 person's in attendance, including relatives of those named on the memorial, regimental and clergy personnel. W.I. had then laid on refreshments and the project had been a resounding success. Memorial now under the guardianship of Hedgeley Parish Council, with Cllr's R Burn and D Smailes to look after the structure. £5.5K had been raised with £5040 spent on the plaque, cement, concrete and stonemason, with £250 left over. New hedging, wildflower, bulbs and poppies to be planted, and sign with poem that had been read out at ceremony to be erected. Residual monies to be retained for any future expense. As Parish Council policy, the matter of disposing of wreaths needs to be ascertained, if taken away too early it may upset people and if left too late the Memorial could look tatty. Clerk to find out when Rothbury parish remove wreaths from their memorial.

**2018/67/02 Speeding traffic**

Police had been carrying out checks, with 481 speeding offences detected over 4 days in October, with a large amount speeding at 50/60mph which is an automatic court appearance. This amount of speeding vehicles should warrant additional monitoring equipment, however County Council no longer fund speeding equipment which would now fall under the remit of Parish Council's. Responses from parish questionnaire had resulted in several comments with concerns regarding speeding/safety. Speed gun not being used within the parish as person's trained in its use had dwindled in numbers.

**2018/67/03 Proposed new play area equipment/funding; monthly play area inspection**

Play area plans had been displayed to gain feedback from parents/children, and on the whole all were in favour of the proposals with volunteers prepared to aid with fund raising and plans also shown to the school. Supplier still liaising with their manager regarding repairs on current equipment, with suggestion to place bark on surface as a cheaper option. The surface that is a possible trip hazard and children's cradle seats however need to be actioned quickly – Cllr M Wilson to speak to supplier.

**2018/67/04 Parish Noticeboards**

Contractor to visit site to quote for new boards.

**2018/68**                    **Neighbourhood Management**  
**2018/68/01**                **Drainage – Water table, Powburn**

To be taken off agenda.

**2018/68/02**                **Roads – gated entrances**

Sturdy planters could be an option, as long as they are not within 1.5metres from the highway, however a gateway could be added to next 2020-2021 Local Transport Plan. County Cllr could assist with member's allowance regarding additional/relocating current speed monitoring equipment.

**2018/68/03**                **Signpost obscuring view at Crawley Dene**

Signpost had been removed, to be taken off agenda.

**2018/69**                    **Planning**

**2018/69/01**                **Planning Applications have been received for the following:**

- 18/03046/FUL: Shawdon Hall Estates – installation of new steel deer fencing and gates to West boundary of Shawdon Hall Estate – Cllr I Smith declared an interest. No objections had been submitted.

**2018/69/02**                **Approval of Planning Application has been received for the following:**

None received.

**2018/70**                    **Finance**

**2018/70/01**                **The following accounts were authorised:**

- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses – £242.59
- HMRC – PAYE on above - £52.40
- Christmas Lights Direct - £440 – funding of £454.50 had been received from various local organisations to cover the cost of lights, with surplus to be retained in Parish Council bank account for community projects.

• **2018/70/02**                **Request for Grant:** Community Action Northumberland – no grant given.

**2018/70/03**                **To set precept 2019-2020:** It was agreed to raise the precept 2019-2020 by £250 to £3250 to cover future play area maintenance costs.

**2018/71**                    **Correspondence**

- Grant thanks and acknowledgement – HospiceCare North Northumberland
- CPRE – newsletter
- Parishioner had concerns about potholes on the lane from A697 opposite Powburn Community garden towards Branton nature reserve (partly within Hedgeley Parish) and road from A697 towards Waste Disposal Site and Caravan Park (this area within Ingram Parish), and it was agreed to encourage tourism in the parishes the roads should be up to standard, however County Cllr had held site visit with County Council officer who had stated the road at Branton appeared to have no problems. Clerk to report these areas to County Council Cabinet Member.

**2018/72**                    **Parish Plan**

Breamish Hall had circulated a questionnaire to residents of Powburn relating to what the Parish Council should be involved with, with 50% return rate. Play area proposals had resulted in several comments including parking, with 16 volunteers secured in creating a play area group and 22 person's had shown interest in being involved with the Powburn Flood Group. The vast majority of responses were regarding speeding within the parish. Contact details of parishioners had been collected and a coffee morning would be held to create working groups and hopefully gain volunteers to utilise the mobile speeding monitoring equipment. County Cllr prepared to attend such a meeting. Thankyou responses to be assimilated and circulated to those who had completed questionnaires with pertinent remarks included and date of coffee morning confirmed.

**2018/73**                    **Danger and wagons**

- Highways England had confirmed only remedial patching works would be carried out on the A1 in 2019 which would use overnight working and should cause minimal disruption. Substantive resurfacing and drainage works are unlikely to take place until 2020-2021 which local organisations/businesses/residents would be consulted on.

**2018/74          Flooding**

Environment Agency had looked at stream alongside A697, and County Council official looking at additional trash collector for stream, who had been receptive but could not see where final bund was due to weeds, but would be revisiting site in the next couple of months. Cllr J Brown suggested piping it from where it is now right to the bund

**2018/75          Urgent Business**

- Overgrown bushes at the Manse with roots breaking down flood defences/lifting tarmac of concern – Clerk to report to County Council Officer M Young, copied into B Hodgson and also D Green who deals with flooding.

**2018/76          Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th February 2019 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall Powburn.

The meeting closed at 915pm.

Claire Miller  
Parish Clerk