

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st May 2019 in the Breamish Hall Powburn commencing at 735pm

Those Present Cllr M Wilson (Chairman), Cllr C Robinson, Cllr N Birnie, Cllr I Smith, Cllr M Clark, Cllr J Brown, Cllr D Carr-Ellison, Cllr P Scott, C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr W Pattison

2019/18 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Frater

2019/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

2019/20 Election of Chairman

Cllr J Brown proposed Cllr M Wilson as Chairman, Cllr D Carr-Ellison seconded, all in agreement.

2019/21 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr N Birnie proposed Cllr D Carr-Ellison as Vice Chairman, Cllr J Brown seconded, all in agreement.

2019/22 Co-Option Vacancies

One applicant had applied to join the Parish Council, with Cllr M Clark proposing P Scott be co-opted onto the Council, Cllr D Carr-Ellison seconded, all in agreement.

2019/23 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

There were no matters raised from members of the public.

2019/24 County Cllr update

- County Cllr reported two lots of funding had been allocated to Powburn from the members allowance for 2018-2019, and funding for an interactive speed sign would be forthcoming 2019-2020 or 2020-2021.
- County Cllr had toured the recycling plant at West Sleekburn which had been extremely interesting, and free tours are available for upto 8 people.
- Aging well event to be held at Longhoughton.

2019/25 Minutes of previous meeting held 6th February 2019

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

2019/26 Matters Arising from previous meeting held 6th February 2019

2019/26/01 Breamish Valley War Memorial project: to approve works to well – one quotation had been received for walling works to well, with two further quotes to be sought. Due to safety issues it was agreed remedial action is required as soon as possible, such as a cover/netting/fencing, with Cllr D Carr-Ellison able to provide fencing and Cllr M Clark to transport to site.

2019/26/02 Speeding traffic

To be discussed later.

2019/26/03 Proposed new play area equipment/funding

No funding had been secured at the present time for the new equipment which would cost in excess of £30,000, with ongoing maintenance and additional insurance costs to be the responsibility of the Parish Council. Plans available further to public consultation and which were agreed as acceptable. Further to Rospa play area report last year and subsequent repairs authorised, an additional urgent repair had had to be organised between Parish Council meetings due to rotten poles which were still under guarantee, with these materials replaced free of charge, which had lowered the cost of repair to £906.92 nett – and due to the urgent nature Clerk and Chairman had authorised the work. It was envisaged Rospa would raise the matter of wet pour at the June 2019 inspection.

2019/27 Neighbourhood Management

2019/27/01 To discuss matters arising from site meeting with County Cllr regarding road signage/gated entrances/traffic lights

County Cllr, Richard Mckenzie, County Council Officer, and Cllr's M Wilson and N Birnie had met on site due to concerns regarding A1 works in 2021 which would increase the volume of traffic on A697 – with discussion taking place about refreshing red strips on road; interactive signage; village entry signs regarding Welcome to “Powburn” as opposed to “Hedgeley,” - it was agreed the signage should be retained as Powburn; potential for additional gates for Powburn signage near to village hall; relocating Give Way sign at Beanley road junction; County Council to look at existing crossing surveys; temporary crossing's could be a possibility when A1 diversion in place; traffic control system on bridge to be investigated - Cllr J Brown reported large artics reduce the width of the South bound lane and signage stating large vehicles in the middle of the road would be beneficial – cost of street lighting from garage and near to Breamish Hall to be investigated by County Council; possibility of 30mph road marking repeater signage. County Council to design plans for the next Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council would likely need to fund one interactive sign, with County Cllr willing to fund one other.

Further to concerns regarding icy pavements, County Council had stated they concentrate on larger communities, are unable to action all areas within the County and rely on community help.

2019/28 Planning

2019/28/01 Planning Applications received

No planning applications had been received.

2019/28/02 Approval of Planning Applications received

No approval of planning applications had been received.

2019/29 Finance

2019/29/01 The following accounts were authorised:

- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses – £250.53
- HMRC – PAYE on above - £53.80
- Breamish Hall – rent for meeting room - £39.00
- M Edgell – noticeboards - £1420 – contractor had advised the boards should be varnished with teak oil on an annual basis.
- Came & Company – annual insurance premium – policy not yet received and would be authorised before the next meeting as premium would be due at the end of May.
- NALC – annual subscription - £97.87

2019/29/02 Grant request received

- North East War Memorials Project – no grant to be given.
- Alnwick's Bailiffgate Museum & Gallery – no grant to be given.

2019/30 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/19

2019/30/01 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor

There were no actions arising from the internal audit report.

2019/30/02 To approve the Governance Statement

Cllr Birnie proposed and Cllr Wilson seconded approval of the Governance Statement, all in agreement.

2019/30/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2018/2019

Cllr Wilson proposed and Cllr D Carr-Ellison seconded approval of the draft accounts for 2018/2019, all in agreement.

2019/30/04 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances/exemption certificate

Variances had occurred due to the precept being raised by £500 to cover defib maintenance; increase in grants due to donation for War Memorial; unforeseen play area repair and defib battery replacement.

Cllr M Wilson proposed and Cllr D Carr-Ellison seconded approval of the Accounting Statement, explanation of variances and exemption certificate.

2019/31 Correspondence

- CPRE newsletter

2019/32 Parish Plan/survey

Breamish Hall had carried out a survey around the Powburn area as they were to be audited for Hallmark three, and it had been thought useful to include some questions from the Parish Council. If in the future a further survey is carried out, the whole of the parish would be included.

2019/33 Danger and wagons

Discussed earlier.

2019/34 Flooding

Cllr J Brown had arranged a meeting with County Council Officer, however confusion had occurred over the location, with meeting not yet having been re-organised. Clerk to attempt to re-arrange meeting at bottom of Playwell road.

2019/35 Proposal from Warm Hub/Can for log bank

Application had been submitted to Ray Wind Farm for proposals for log banks which would entail providing logs for residents, with meeting to be held at County Hall to discuss further.

2019/36 Archiving of Parish Council papers

Minutes can be stored at Woodhorn archives, with Clerk in possession of documents from 2005, but it was not thought these should be archived at the present time.

2019/37 Urgent Business

- Signage for Beanley at North and South would be beneficial and County Cllr would follow this up - it was agreed the Parish Council would also request this, and request speed monitoring strips due to the speed of traffic travelling through Beanley. County Cllr had attempted to gain weight restriction limits with no success.
- Access at Dene House when turning North dangerous due to greenery needing removed from trees – County Cllr can ask for verges to be cut and it was reported they had not been cut last year. It was agreed to write to the landowner and state there were problems with visibility when turning right and could the Parish Council have permission to cut it back. Potholes also prevalent on this road – from Hedgeley Station to Beanley road C82 and also at bridge on C84 - Clerk to report to County Council.

2019/38 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4th September 2019 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall Powburn

Claire Miller
Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 930pm.