

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th September 2019 in the Breamish Hall Powburn commencing at 730pm

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

2019/39 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2019/40 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interests.

2019/41 Meeting with County Council regarding traffic safety scheme

County Council officer John Mather had forwarded proposed plans for traffic calming measures – County Council officer Richard McKenzie had planned to attend tonight's meeting but was unwell. It was agreed plans would be displayed in Breamish Hall for parishioner comments, with one letter of support already having been received. County Cllr had requested a traffic island be added to the plan. Cllr J Brown stated the road should be widened and white lined at the garage to ease danger when vehicles entering the garage site, and it was agreed the entrance to the pub is also dangerous. Speeding van still visits the parish, however there are instances with vehicles warning others by flashing lights which is illegal in itself.

2019/42 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

No matters were raised from members of the public.

2019/43 County Cllr update

Traffic survey had been carried out at Beanley with speeds picked up 30 to 32mph with no action recommended. However a proper village sign would encourage vehicles to slow down. To gain a 30mph speed limit a certain number of properties and streetlamps have to be in existence. Cllr P Scott stated at nighttime there did appear to be a problem with boy racers. Cyclrace being held 9/9/19. Free log scheme for the elderly underway. Apprentices in social care for people of all ages available through County Council. Further to site meeting held with Mitch Young it appeared the gullies had not been cleared to a satisfactory standard at the Dene, and gullies from Powburn to Greenwell also need attention, however after the recent heavy rainfall there were serious issues countywide with gullies and patience would be required. Rural farm roads, especially around eglingham all need attention, however at the moment the resources for those areas only cover filling of potholes.

2019/44 Minutes of previous meeting held 1st May 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting held 1st May 2019 were accepted as a true record. Parishioner wished it to be minuted the agenda item "Breamish Valley War Memorial project: to approve works to well," were separate issues."

2019/45 Matters Arising from previous meeting held 1st May 2019

Shrubbery at Dene House had been actioned shortly after the previous meeting, and alteration to noticeboard at Bolton to be carried out.

2019/45/01 Approval of quotation for works to well

Quotation for works to well had been received at £950 and donation of £350 had been received from Powburn Show, with letter of thanks to be sent, and funding of £200 to be donated from the Warm Hub fund. Stone for works to be donated from Dunhouse Quarry, and it was resolved to accept the quotation and arrange the works.

2019/45/02 Proposed new play area equipment/funding; 2019 play area inspection report

to approve quotation for works to log walks: Nothing to report regarding new play area equipment/funding. Repair to log walk required with quotation received for the sum of £295. It was agreed the other logs would be checked, as they were still under guarantee, with Clerk to then confirm how many logs require replacement with contractor.

2019/45/03 Site meeting with County Council and Parish Council

County Council had confirmed the two broken signs would be renewed as soon as possible, long grass at junctions were seriously affecting driver's visibility with Neighbourhood Services informed, however Cllr J Frater had actually actioned areas himself.

2019/46 Planning

2019/46/01 Planning Applications received

- 19/02380/MAST & 19/02380/FUL: Erection of radio mast, NE66 4XR – no objections
- 19/02810/FUL: Refuge Cottage, Titlington Lane Bolton, demolition of existing rear extensions to single storey dwelling, new first floor extension & rear extension – no objections

2019/46/02 Approval of Planning Applications received

- 18/03046/FUL: Shawdon Hall, installation of new steel deer fencing and gates to West boundary of estate

2019/46/03 Refusal of Planning Application

- 18/01382/OUT: Land South of The Manse, outline application for eight detached one and a half storey detached dwellings – hedge at property requires cutting back, contact details for owner to be confirmed.

2019/46/04 To review and approve system of commenting on planning applications

It was agreed the present system of receiving planning applications between meetings, with hard copy circulated to Chairman was satisfactory.

2019/47 Finance

2019/47/01 The following accounts are to be authorised:

- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses – £254.95
- HMRC – PAYE on above - £54.00
- D Smalles - £100 – upkeep of community garden
- ROSPA – play area inspection - £82.20
- Cardiac Science – defib pads - £35.00
- J Givens – plants - £34.00

It was resolved to approve all payments

2019/48 Correspondence

- CPRE newsletter
- Northumberland Age UK
- HospiceCare North Northumberland – Fund raising events
- Northumberland County Council – Waste leaflets & stickers
- Northumberland County Council – notice of 6th Annual Town & Parish Council Conference 3/10/19
- Email had been received regarding notices from a leisure company placed on lampposts, and it was agreed these should be removed, Clerk to reply to author and confirm the Parish Council would remove any signage and contact company to request the practices stops.

2019/49 Parish Plan/survey

To be taken off agenda.

2019/50 Flooding

There had been problems with flooding coming down from Crawley due to a blocked drain, with J Carr-Ellison to look into the matter if County Council do not action. It would be useful if there was information available as to who was responsible for which areas of drainage. County Council should be actioning play area sump which had been attended to by the old Alnwick District Council, although Clerk had previously reported this was actioned on an annual basis. It was agreed a site visit would be carried out to ascertain which drains were cause for concern.

2019/51 To report on matters of concern regarding roads/potholes

Numerous roads within the parish require attention.

2019/52 Local Transport Plan Programme 2020-21

2019-2020 requests were 40mph signage from Brandon White House Farm to the county bridge – County Council had stated this section of road does not meet national criteria for a reduced speed limit due to the lack of development; Advanced warning 30mph speed limit on both sides of Powburn – County Council had stated 30mph limits were not permitted by the traffic sign regulations; Relocation of flashing 30mph signage in middle of Powburn to north end of village – County Council had stated relocation of interactive signs must be funded by the Parish Council or ward member. It was agreed to request resurfacing from A697 on Eglingham to Beanley road (C82), and Honeysuckle Bridge to junction to Beanley up the bank, and widening road at garage to improve safety issues for vehicular access. There were issues with access to properties with vehicles parking near to play area, and signage would improve the situation.

2019/53 Urgent Business

It was noted County Council often post notices on lamp posts which are not removed quickly.
Meeting dates for 2020 to be confirmed at next meeting.

2019/54 Date of Next Meeting

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

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 935pm.