

**Minutes of meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 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 Frater, Cllr I Smith,  
Cllr D Carr-Ellison, C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr W Pattison

**2019/55 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr J Brown, Cllr P Scott

**2019/56 Declarations of Members Interest**

There were no Declarations of Members Interest.

**2019/57 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda**

There were no members of the public present.

**2019/58 Minutes of previous meeting held Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were accepted as a true record.

**2019/59 County Cllr update**

Positioning for village nameplate signs at Beanley and Bolton need to be agreed, and it was resolved to display the information in Bolton Village noticeboard for public consultation, and discuss with residents at Beanley. County Councillor to fund interactive signage for Powburn which has to be situated within the 30mph speed limit. Longhoughton ward parishes meeting had been held in October with County Council officers present.

**2019/60 Matters Arising from previous meeting held Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**2019/60/01 Works to well:** Stone had not yet been delivered, and works would now be actioned Spring time.

**2019/60/02 Play area:** Additional repairs to wooden posts to be actioned at a cost of £632.59. New play area project had not been progressed due to Eglington Parish Council possibly furthering a new play area, and any future proposals for Powburn would be a reduced scheme due to funds required for maintenance of equipment.

**2019/60/03 Notices on lamp-posts:** Riverside Leisure Park had addressed the matter and ensured all advertisement signage had been removed from the parish. Complaint had been received about Costa coffee signage at garage.

**2019/60/04 Parish Drains:** Meeting had been held with County Council to discuss parish drainage. Problems had occurred due to heavy rain with a build up water on the Crawley road. Some drains are the landowner's responsibility, and who is to carry out improvement works. County Council had carried out drain repairs and potholes in Powburn and confirmed the drains on A697 beside the Dene were cleaned out regularly, however there is still a problem in the area, and also with drains near to the garage. There is a buildup of silt at the Pow Burn at bridge with water running at both sides and widening the banks – Clerk to contact Environment Agency.

**2019/60/05 Traffic safety scheme – to receive update and agree Parish Council take over responsibility for maintenance of interactive signage:** Signage would have one year's guarantee, and it was resolved the Parish Council would take over responsibility for maintenance of the structure.

**2019/61 Planning**

**2019/61/01 Planning Applications received**

- No Planning Applications had been received.

**2019/61/02 Refusal of Planning Applications received**

- 19/02810/FUL: Refuge Cottage, Titlington Lane, Bolton – demolition of existing rear extensions to single storey dwelling, new first floor extension & rear extension

**2019/62 Finance**

**2019/62/01 The following accounts are to be authorised:**

- Playdale Playgrounds - £632.59
- Clerks' quarterly salary & expenses – £238.33
- HMRC – PAYE on above - £53.80

It was resolved to authorise payments

**2019/62/02 To approve budget and precept 2020-2021**

It was resolved to accept the budget and raise the precept for 2020-2021 to £4500.

**2019/62/03 Request for grant has been received from:**

Community Action Northumberland; Citizens Advice Northumberland – no grants to be given.

**2019/63 Correspondence**

- Dial a Ride scheme – notice of Whittingham via Powburn to Alnwick bus service every Tuesday at £6.00 return with concessionary fares permitted. Users need to be a member at £1.25/month, with booking required – poster to be displayed in village hall.
- CPRE newsletter
- Tribute to the Fallen 1914 - 1920

**2019/64 Shawdon Hall Estates, proposed new woodland planting 2020**

A new woodland planting proposal located at Shawdon Hall Estates had been received, with proposals to create approximately 15ha (37.05 acres) of new woodlands, comprising a sympathetic mix of both coniferous and deciduous woodland – Cllr I Smith declared an interest. It was resolved the Parish Council had no objections to the proposals.

**2019/65 Hedgeley footpath No 13 – proposed diversion**

County Council had received an enquiry to divert a section of Hedgeley public footpath No 13 on land immediately to the north east of Shawdon Hall, Glanton – It was resolved Parish Council would support the proposals.

**2019/66 To report any areas/matters of concern within the parish**

Potholes a problem on Beanley road (C82); Cllr J Brown had reported a company called Augean were to transport nuclear waste from Edinburgh to Durham (Shield Sands), entailing travelling through 8 villages and stated the route should be via the A1. It was agreed to initially contact the company with concerns. There were problems with the new noticeboards becoming swollen with joiner to carry out inspection.

**2019/67 To confirm meeting dates for 2020**

Meeting dates for 2020 agreed as follows:

February 5th 2020

May 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

August 5th 2020

November 4<sup>th</sup> 2020

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 840pm.