

Minutes of electronic meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held at 730pm on Wednesday 4th November 2020

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

2020/34 Apologies for Absence

M Clark

2020/35 Declaration of Members Interests

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

2020/36 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

There were no members of the public present.

2020/37 Minutes of previous meeting held Wednesday 22nd July 2020

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July 2020 be accepted as a true record.

2020/38 Matters Arising from previous meeting held Wednesday 22nd July 2020

2020/38/01 Works to well

Contractor was scheduled to visit site during the next month and complete work.

2020/38/02 To receive update on play area repairs

Playdale had attended site this week and all repairs had been completed. Outstanding work to wood to be completed by others in due course.

2020/38/03 Parish drains

Drains on Glanton road had been cleared by County Council.

2020/38/04 To consider further works to Pow burn

Site meeting had been held with County Council flood and coastal risk management officer to look at the Pow burn from the bridge downwards. Further removal of sediment build up is not recommended as the island is small and will not cause flow to back up. Officer advised monitoring of river with dated photographs taken to document changes. Dead vegetation maybe removed from banks, however large amounts of vegetation should not be removed as it holds the bank structure, and if any future works are intended the County Council should be informed as work may need land drainage consent.

2020/39 County Cllr update

County Cllr had reported potholes on Beanley to Eglington road. Following parishioner comments, Unipart had inspected the interactive flashing sign at Powburn and it did not appear to have any faults.

2020/40 Planning

2020/40/01 Planning Applications received

- 20/02703/LBC: Shawdon East and West Lodge, Listed Building Consent – works to alter/reinstate the East and West entrance gates and railings – no objections.

2020/40/02 Approval of Planning Applications received:

There had been no approval of planning applications received.

2020/40/03 Northumberland Local Plan - Notification of Phase 2 Examination Hearings

Notice of hearings, with adoption of plan scheduled March 2021.

2020/41 Finance

2020/41/01 The following accounts are to be authorised:

- P Wood – de-silting works of Pow burn - £216

- Cipher Medical Consultancy Ltd – defib battery - £287.94 – NEAS had also serviced the defib located at Breamish Hall.
- C Miller – quarterly salary & expenses - £251.56
- HMRC – PAYE on above - £56.80
- R Burn - £42.07 – war memorial project – authorised later in the meeting

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2020/41/02 To approve 2020-2021 budget and precept requirements

It was resolved to approve the 2020-2021 budget and precept requirements of £5,000 for 2020-2021.

2020/41/03 To note that following the conclusion of the 2021/21 NJC pay award, a 2.75% rise backdated from 1/4/20 is included in Clerk salary payment November 2020

The above was noted.

2020/42 Correspondence

- Fighting Crime Preventing Crime – Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner survey – Clerk to send link to questionnaire for individual Cllrs to complete.

2020/43 To report issues within the parish

Clerk to report the following road repairs/potholes to County Council: the road accessed from A697 past the entrance that was Cemex quarry towards Low Hedgeley Farm, NE66 4JO – vehicles are having to slow down on part of the road over the dismantled railway as a ridge and potholes are developing - residents have erected a sign at both ends of the bridge to warn users to slow down as there is a ramp ahead; potholes evident on the left hand side of the road from the play park to bridge and potholes appearing along the Bolton road from Shawdon crossroads.

2020/43/01 Interactive speed sign

Discussed earlier.

2020/44 Future of the Plough Inn

Issues were still unresolved with Punch Taverns.

2020/45 To receive balance of funding for war memorial project of £295.55, authorise proposed works to spend this balance on the WR project including a payment outstanding from December 2019 of £42.07

The balance of £295.55 had been passed over from the war memorial project and paid into the Parish Council bank account, however a receipt for signage of £42.07 had since been received from December 2019 which required reimbursement and it was resolved to approve the payment. The proposals for utilising the funding were for a raised bed of red roses together with poppies and a further donation of £50 and poppy seeds from the Somme had been received. It was resolved to support the proposals but ask for confirmation on who would be maintaining the plot.

2020/46 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 commencing 730pm.

The meeting closed at 820pm.

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

