

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council commencing at 730pm on Wednesday 4th August 2021 in the Breamish Hall Powburn

Those Present Cllr M Wilson (Chairman), Cllr L Goodfellow, Cllr J Bennett, Cllr M Clark, Cllr D Carr-Ellison, County Cllr W Pattison, C Miller (Clerk)

2021/35 Apologies for Absence
Cllr N Birnie, Paul Sykes (Northumbria Police)

2021/36 Co-Option Vacancies
There had been two applicants and it was resolved to co-opt John Bennett and Laurence Goodfellow.

2021/37 Declaration of Members Interests
There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

2021/38 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda
There were no members of the public present.

2021/39 Minutes of previous meeting held Thursday 13th May 2021
It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 13th May 2021 be accepted as a true record.

2021/40 Matters Arising from previous meeting held Thursday 13th May 2021

2021/40/01 Works to well/Barbecue area

Works to well nearly complete, with grid to be placed on top. Contractor to submit invoice for works to date (confirmed shortly after the meeting as being £460.00). Parishioners awaiting materials to construct barbecue.

2021/40/02 To receive update on play area repairs and consider recommendations from RoSPA annual report 2021

Outstanding works had been completed, and no urgent issues had been raised in the 2021 Rospa annual inspection report. Wood chippings had been donated from A J Scott, one swing was to be raised to protect the surface, and fence repainted. A small wood pole beside the swing was loose and it was agreed quote would be requested for repair.

2021/40/03 Parish drains

Three drains on the corner towards Glanton crossroads, past Green Fields, were filling up again, along with drains on Playwell road – Clerk to report to County Council and contact farmer to ascertain what drainage works had been carried out March 2021. Two large metal drains appear to be sinking, one before Green Fields and one further down near Breamish Parks, with Clerk to report to County Council.

2021/40/04 To receive update on commemorative seat

Seat unveiled 24/7/21.

2021/41 County Cllr update

- County Cllr report to be forwarded to new Cllrs. Neighbourhood Plans had been prepared for Craster, Embleton and Longhoughton. Eglington and Rennington were commencing the process. The Queens green canopy scheme is a project where individuals and groups can plant trees to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee, which can then be registered on the Queens Green Canopy map.
- Running Fox to open further outlet in Longhoughton.
- M Clark dismayed at inept verge cutting work – County Council were suffering staff shortages due to the Covid-19 pandemic and weather conditions had caused problems.

2021/42 Planning

2021/42/01 Planning Applications received:

- 21/01406/OUT: Land South of The Manse – Outline Application with some matters reserved for four residential dwellings – Parish Council comments had been submitted relating to the flood risk, design and pedestrian crossing, and which were available to view on the County Council planning portal.
- 21/02900/FUL & 21/02901/LBC: The Stables, Bolton – Removal of 2 chimney stacks and entrance portico, relocation of entrance, replace dormer windows with rooflights and single glazed windows with wood framed double glazed units, replacing modern materials on roof with matching natural slate. Replace conservatory with timber framed conservatory on existing footprint – All Cllrs to view plans on County Council planning portal.

2021/42/02 Northumberland Local Plan Examination – Consultation on Main Modifications

The plan in its current form would not pass the independent examination, therefore a further consultation was underway, however there did not appear to be anything of great relevance to the parish contained within the document.

2021/43 Finance

2021/43/01 The following accounts are to be authorised:

- D Smailes – grasscutting 2020 & 2021 - £200; Reimbursement of £90.00 – trellis for community garden (financed through War Memorial funding)
- World of Roses - £101.94 – (financed through War Memorial funding)
- N Birnie - £99.98; Reimbursement of paint for play area fencing
- Parishioner to action strimming, with £30.00 approved for expenses
- RoSPA – annual play area inspection - £82.20
- C Miller – quarterly salary & expenses - £252.97
- HMRC – PAYE - £55.40
- S Alderson – works to well - £460

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2021/44 To consider issues within the parish

2021/44/01 To consider parishioner concerns regarding speeding traffic

Northumbria Police had advised the speed gun was not within the parish and Police were not currently training speed gun volunteers. Slow signage on roads could alleviate traffic problems.

2021/44/02 Additional street lighting from Breamish Hall to Eglington junction C82

Request for additional street lighting had been passed to the relevant County Council department, as 30mph signage could not be implemented due to the fact there were currently no lamps, however these stopped at Breamish Hall. County Cllr to request progress report from County Council, and also enquire about Bolton and Beanley who may benefit from streetlamps.

2021/44/03 Alternatives to sand bags

Neighbourhood Services and Highways Departments at County Council had been unable to offer any information, with barriers in doorways appearing to be the only alternative. However, in a threat of flooding the County Council do provide sandbags.

2021/44/04 Speed Gun

Discussed earlier.

2021/44/05 Any other issues within the parish

- Potholes on Denehouse to Eglington road to once again be reported to Northern Area Highways at County Council.
- Hedge at community garden requires cutting, however the height should be retained for privacy/noise reasons.
- Clerk to contact Eglington Parish Council to report trees at cricket pitch which require attention, further to a vehicle having access difficulties.

- Pads for Breamish Hall defibrillator require replacing in the near future, with dates on pads at defib at Bolton to be checked.
- Community could be involved with the Jubilee Canopy Scheme, with suitable areas to be discussed.
- A Neighbourhood Plan could be beneficial for the parish, and would entail community and business engagement – Clerk to circulate further details on the process to Cllrs and invite County Council Officer to the next Parish Council meeting.

2021/45 Wildlife & Countryside Act, 1981: Review of the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way, Informal pre-order consultation

A review of the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way had been received with a proposal to add to the document a restricted byway, and a byway open to all traffic near to Titlington Hall. There were no comments to make on the application.

2021/46 To approve Local Transport plan priorities for 2022-2023

Priority for 2021-2022 being reduce speed limit, A697 West Hedgeley.

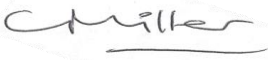
For 2022-2023, it was agreed to request:

- 1.resurfacing from C82 from A697 junction for Eltingham/Beanley to triangle at Beanley
- 2.Resurfacing on C84 from A697 Dene House to Shawdon Farm junction,
- 3.Slow signage on roads at Ingram A697 and Low Hedgeley turnoff, and within Bolton and Beanley.

2021/47 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall, Powburn.

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk



The meeting closed at 915pm