

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council commencing at 730pm on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 in the Breamish Hall Powburn

Those Present Cllr M Wilson (Chairman), Cllr I Smith, Cllr J Bennett, Cllr M Clark, Cllr D Carr-Ellison, Cllr J Frater, R Naples (Neighbourhood Planning Services, County Council), W Pattison (County Cllr), C Miller (Clerk)

PART ONE

2021/48 Apologies for Absence

Cllr L Goodfellow.

2021/49 Co-Option Vacancies

It was resolved to co-opt I Smith onto the Parish Council.

2021/50 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr D Carr-Ellison declared an interest in Planning Application NO's 21/03457/FUL & 21/03458/LBC: Titlington Hall Cottage.

2021/51 Meeting with Rob Naples, Neighbourhood Planning Services, County Council

Neighbourhood Plans came into being from the 2011 localism act to give communities more of a say in the community and generally contain planning policies. There are generic policies covering the whole of the area in the plan and specific policies which may relate to a specific piece of land or issue. 44 parishes in Northumberland are involved with NPlans, with 17 having theirs signed off and now being used to determine planning applications. There could be a range of different issues, ie. location of housing, business development, protection of local green and open space, defining a settlement boundary. A NP cannot be used to stop development, if the Local Plan for Northumberland sets out a figure for housing in an area, this cannot be lowered. The County Council have a dedicated NP team who provide support, policy writing and technical advice. Government has a funding pot for NPs, administered by Locality, with each parish able to access up to £10K. A Steering Group of the Parish Council would need to be set up, with members of the community and Parish Council representation. Funding can be used for items such as meeting room hire and consultant fees.

Steps to a Neighbourhood Plan

- Area to be designated by County Council
- Engagement with community – NP has to go through a referendum
- Develop vision and objectives – statement of intent
- Build evidence – Local Northumberland Plan to be adopted early next year - there is nothing that has to be included in a NP, unlike a local plan
- Draft policies – based on evidence and community engagement
- Screen for environmental impacts – County Council carry this out
- Consult and redraft – one formal stage of consultation – pre-submission consultation – there are several statutory consultees
- Submission of plan – consultant should be engaged at this time – consultation statement required
- County Council check plan and publicise/consult – all comments received are sent to independent examiner who produces a report
- Plan goes to referendum – County Council cover costs – if plan passes, it will be adopted and becomes legally binding immediately
- Locality grant £10K, with any surplus having to be returned; County Council can assist with an information drop-in event; neighbouring parishes could be involved

Rob thanked for his attendance and then left the meeting.

2021/52 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

There were no members of the public present.

2021/53 Minutes of previous meeting held Wednesday 4th August 2021

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 4th August 2021 be accepted as a true record.

2021/54 Matters Arising from previous meeting held Wednesday 4th August 2021

2021/54/01 Works to well/Barbecue area

Grid for top of well problematic, with no contractor willing to construct. Cllr N Birnie to measure well and request quotations. Cllr J Bennet had spare barbecue equipment which could be utilised.

2021/54/02 Play area - to approve quotation for wooden pole repair

It was resolved to approve the quotation of £344.00 for pole repairs and planters for Beanley (J Carr- Ellison to pay for the two planters).

2021/54/03 Parish drains

County Council had attended site with gulley sucking works carried out, and had looked at flood defences at Glanton. There were weeds coming from drains on A697 opposite the Manse, with Clerk to report to County Council.

2021/54/04 Queens Jubilee Canopy tree planting scheme

Tree had been removed from play area due to die back. A small woodland area at the bottom of the play area could be created. County Council were providing free trees, with application accepted for Native Harvest Species. A volunteer had offered to plant the trees, and surplus trees could be planted elsewhere in the parish. Tree on verge near to Bolton Crossroads or on land on the opposite side a possible area, with Cllr D Carr-Ellison to speak to landowner. Land near to the Manse a further option.

2021/54/05 Speeding traffic

The speed camera had not visited the parish for many months. Clerk to contact Paul Sykes, with Cllr J Bennet keen to carry out speed monitoring.

2021/54/06 Additional street lighting from Breamish Hall to Eglington junction C82; street lighting at Beanley and Bolton

Discussed under County Cllr report.

2021/54/07 Road issues within the parish and to receive parishioner concerns regarding road to Wooler recycling Centre

Discussed under County Cllr update.

2021/54/08 Parish defibrillators – to approve consumable requirements

It was resolved to purchase one set of pads for the defib at Breamish Hall.

2021/55 County Cllr update

One additional street lamp would cost approximately £2K, and County Cllr could contribute from April 2022. Resident consultation had been carried out who were in support of additional lamps. As cabinet member for well-being, care for dementia sufferers of importance, there is a Dutch model for dementia villages which Northumberland would benefit from. Road maintenance required to Wooler recycling centre had been reported by the County Cllr for Glendale.

2021/56 Planning

2021/56/01 Planning Applications received:

- 21/02889/LBC: 12 West Hedgeley – Listed Building Consent to replace all wooden window frames with double glazed units utilising Heritage slim double and glazed units – no objections
- 21/03457/FUL & 21/03458/LBC: Titlington Hall Cottage – Cottage kitchen revert to hall and covered link to incorporate cart shed to create additional ground floor accommodation to cottage – no objections

2021/57 Finance

2021/57/01 The following accounts are to be authorised:

- C Miller – quarterly salary & expenses - £221.50/£14.17 - £235.67
- HMRC – PAYE – £55.40
- Mole Valley – paint for play area fencing - £99.98
- The Woodland Bulb Co - £191.90

It was resolved to approve the payments

2021/57/02 To approve budget and precept requirements 2022-2023

It was resolved to approve the budget and precept requirements of £5,500 for 2022-2023.

CLlr D Carr-Ellison to enquire as to who was checking defib equipment at Beanley. It was thought J Carr-Ellison had paid for replacement pads for one piece of equipment,

2021/58 Playlist for Life – free resources for people with dementia and their families

Playlist for life were an award-winning music and dementia charity and who could provide free packs to share with people living with dementia or carers. Clerk to email Cllrs with further information.

2021/59 Northumberland County Council – Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation

County Council carry out consultation on a four year basis The current document did not contain any amendments and it was agreed the Parish Council had no comment.

2021/60 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda

Bolton parishioner concerned about trees on Titlington to Bolton road, with die-back (Bolton side of road near to Crossroads, trees in front of the fence line) – Clerk to initially report to County Council.

2021/61 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall Powburn. Future meetings 2022 being 4th May, 3rd August, and 2nd November.

PART TWO

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

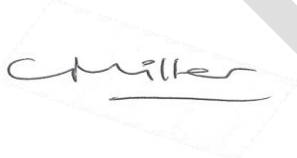
It was resolved to hold private session.

Clerk left the meeting.

2021/62 To review Clerk Salary – discussed in private due to personal information

It was resolved to raise the payscale to Point 12.

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk



The meeting closed at 930pm.