

**Minutes of the Annual meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council commencing at 730pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in the Breamish Hall Powburn**

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

**2022/27 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr I Smith

**2022/28 Election of Chairman**

Cllr M Wilson proposed and seconded as Chairman and duly elected.

**2022/29 Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Carr-Ellison proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman and duly elected

**2022/30 Co-Option Vacancies**

There was one person interested in being co-opted onto the Council and who would attend the next PC meeting.

**2022/31 Declaration of Members Interests**

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

**2022/32 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda**

There were no members of the public present.

**2022/33 Minutes of previous meeting held Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 be accepted as a true record.

**2022/34 Works to well/Barbecue area**

Quotation had been received for galvanised mesh/hinge/painting at £1150. If painting actioned by the Parish Council, the cost would be lowered to £825 (nett), and it was resolved to accept this price. Building of barbecue had not been completed.

**2022/35 Play area**

All outstanding works had been actioned.

**2022/36 Parish drains**

There were no concerns with drainage at the present time.

**2022/37 Queens Jubilee Canopy tree planting scheme**

Three silver birch and three pink hawthorn trees had been planted at the paddock.

**2022/38 Speeding traffic**

Speeding traffic continues to be a problem in Powburn. Cllr J Bennett to liaise with parish volunteer as regards arranging speed gun monitoring.

**2021/39 Additional street lighting from Breamish Hall to Eglington junction C82; street lighting at Beanley and Bolton**

Street lighting proposals from Breamish Hall to Eglington junction C82 to be requested via Local Transport Plan 2023-2024, if proposals not included in 2022-2023 LTP. Street lighting at Beanley and Bolton to be removed from agenda as parishioners did not support additional lighting.

**2022/40 Road issues within the parish; parish gateway signage**

Replacement gateway signage for Bolton on order (Clerk to chase up with County Council), with new planter to be arranged by Parish Council. There were various signposts in need of repair within the parish, with list to be compiled and forwarded to County Council. Bridge repairs at Dubbs Burn being actioned at the present time.

**2022/41 Trees on Titlington to Bolton road**

To be removed from agenda, trees had fallen during Storm Arwen and no longer considered problematic.

**2022/42 To receive update on proposals for a generator for the Breamish Hall, to assist in occurrences such as Storm Arwen**

No progress had been made regarding proposals for a generator. County Cllr advised holiday home owners could be contacted to ask for financial contributions to the parish. Clerk to contact Craster Parish Council who have a template letter to forward to such owners.

**2022/43 County Cllr update**

All properties within A to D Council tax band property to receive a rebate of £150 from central government, via County Council. There is some easement for disabled persons in Band E. Government have provided a Housing Support Fund for those who are struggling to pay bills, with County Cllr or Communities Together administering. A complaint had been received about a dangerous ford on the U4010. Eight Cllrs had resigned at Eglington Parish and left the council inquorate, with co-option process underway.

**2022/44 Planning**

**2022/44/01 Approval of Planning Application received:**

- 21/03457/FUL & 21/03458/LBC: Titlington Hall Cottage, kitchen revert to hall and covered link to incorporate cart shed to create additional ground floor accommodation to cottage
- 21/04612/VARYCO: Breamish House Powburn, Variation of 17/02149/FUL in order to amend design/layout

**2022/44/02 Notice of Planning Application withdrawal**

- 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

**2022/45 Finance**

**2022/46/01 The following accounts are to be authorised:**

- Cheviot Trees – plants - £234
- Annual insurance premium – quote still awaited from Came & Company, with Clerk having also requested a quote from BHIB insurance
- C Miller – quarterly salary & expenses - £272.43
- HMRC – PAYE – £60.00
- NALC – Annual Subscription - £106.78
- The Breamish Hall – Rent 13/5/21 to 4/5/22 - £59.50

It was resolved to approve the payments.

**2022/46/02 To consider request for grant from Citizens Advice Northumberland and Northumberland AgeUK**

It was resolved no grants would be given.

**2022/46/03 To receive National Joint Council for Local Government Services 1.75% payrise for year ending 31/3/21, to be backdated from 1/4/21: Payrise noted.**

**2022/47 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/22**

**2022/47/01 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor**

There were no matters arising from the report of the internal auditor.

**2022/47/02 To approve the Governance Statement**

It was resolved to approve the governance statement.

**2022/47/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2021/2022**

It was resolved to approve the draft annual accounts for 2020/2021.

**2022/47/04 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances**

It was resolved to approve the accounting statements and explanation of variances.

**2022/47/05 To approve the Exemption Certificate**

It was resolved to approve the exemption certificate.

**2022/47/06 To approve public right of inspection dates**

It was resolved to approve the public rights of inspection dates from 13 June to 22 July 2022.

**2022/48 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda**

Rumours abound regarding the Plough, with proposed sale having fallen through. Potholes at Crawley Bank and non-existent white lining at Crossroads on Eglingham to Bolton road to be reported to County Council. Water leak on Bolton Mill road end, last junction on the left hand side on the way to the ford, to be reported to Northumbrian Water. Defib pads would need replaced August 2022.

**2022/49 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall, Powburn

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk



The meeting closed at 845pm