

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council commencing at 730pm on Wednesday 1st February 2023 in the Breamish Hall Powburn

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

2023/01 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2023/02 Co-Option Vacancy

There had been no applications for the co-option vacancy.

2023/03 Declaration of Members Interests

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

2023/04 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

There were no matters raised from members of the public.

2023/05 Minutes of previous meeting held Wednesday 2nd November 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 be accepted as a true record.

2023/06 Works to create barbecue area

Matter to be reconsidered in the future.

2023/07 Speeding traffic/mobile speed vehicle data

John Swan, Neighbourhood Inspector had advised in November 2022 that the speed monitoring van had visited Powburn five times during 2022, with data available at that time for January, March, June and September, indicating 159 offences had been committed. There had been issues with staff sickness, therefore at the present time the van was visiting the parish every three months. Clerk to contact Andy Newby of Northumbria Police as regards progress with the volunteer speed watch training.

2023/08 To consider road issues within the parish and update on issues previously reported to County Council

Road repair outstanding on crossroads (Beanley, Bolton, Glanton, Eglington, C82). County Council gully sucking team had visited Powburn.

2023/09 To receive update on proposals for a generator for the Breamish Hall, to assist in occurrences such as Storm Arwen

Alncom were willing to install an LPG generator at the Breamish Hill which could then be open in times of emergencies. Maintenance of the generator would become the responsibility of the Hall Committee or Alncom, however Northern Powergrid had an alternative scheme whereby a generator could be provided in times of crises.

2023/10 Overgrown hedging at the Manse

Overgrown hedging at the Manse had been actioned.

2023/11 County Cllr update

There had been a County Council review regarding the evenness of the Council wards. Hedgeley would be remaining in the Longhoughton Ward, Denwick village would be transferring into Longhoughton. The findings would then be put to the Boundary Commission who were still accepting comments on the proposals. Street lamp request for Powburn had been included in the projected Local Transport Plan 2023-2024.

2023/12 Planning

2023/12/01 Planning Applications received

- 22/04637/FUL: The Old Kennels, Titlington Lane, Bolton – proposed rear single storey extension – no objections.
- 23/00141/FUL: The Stables, Bolton Village – construction of single storey wooden stable block containing two stables and feed storage area - no objections.

2023/12/02 Approval of Planning Application received

- 21/01406/OUT: Land South of The Manse, outline application, four No dwellings.
- 22/03337/MAST: Land Northeast of Vodafone Communications Mast Titlington – prior approval for proposed EE 25m high Swann 5SH tower on proposed 5.85m x 5.85m x 1m concrete foundation and associated ancillary works. Clerk to advise on the number and locality of masts in the parish contained in the newly adopted County Council Local Plan.

2023/13 Finance

2023/13/01 The following accounts are to be authorised:

- Playdale – play area repair -£1717.65 (estimate (£1295.74, however additional rope required)
- WEL Medical – defib battery - £204
- C Miller – salary/expenses - £339.65; HMRC PAYE - £81.80 (including NJC Payrise for year ending 31/3/23, backdated from 1/4/22)

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2023/14 Review of Risk Assessment

It was resolved the Risk Assessment was sufficient for the current needs of the Parish Council.

2023/15 Review of insurance policy

The following standard sums were contained within the BHIB policy: Total street furniture £36,000; War memorial £36,000; Playground equipment £60,000; Employee dishonesty £150,000; Libel & Slander £500,000; Public Liability £10m; Officials indemnity £500,000. It was resolved the cover was sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

2023/16 Review of Asset Register

It was resolved the Asset Register was a true record of the Parish Council assets. The underused bus shelter discussed and which could be utilised as a library.

2023/17 Review of internal auditor and internal controls

It was resolved to re-engage internal auditor A Winter for year ending 31/3/23. It was resolved the current level of internal controls were sufficient.

2023/18 To consider free government funded EV charge points

There was a scheme available through County Council to apply for EV charge point within the parish, with County Council receiving the income from the charges. A further fund was being administered with a private company who could further installation of EV points, with the Parish Council then entitled to a small percentage of the revenue. Any points would need to be installed on public land, or the Village Hall car park. It was resolved Clerk would contact company for further details.

2023/19 To consider adoption of Freeman of the Parish Policy

It was resolved to adopt the Freeman of the Parish Policy. Any nominations had to be submitted via a Parish Cllr to the Clerk, for consideration at a Parish Council meeting.

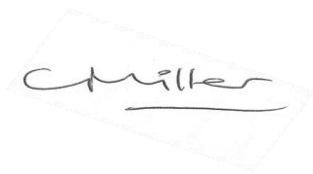
2023/20 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda

On the crossroads at Shawdon Hill when exiting onto the A697, vehicular access is prevented due to the hedging at the house on the left hand side in front of the garden being particularly overgrown. This is causing a clear danger aspect. Potholes on Crawley Bank require attention. Clerk to report issues to County Council.

2022/21 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall Powburn.

The meeting closed at 820pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Miller', is enclosed within a faint, light-colored rectangular border.

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

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