

HEDGELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council commencing at 7pm on Wednesday 1st November 2023 in the Breamish Hall Powburn

Those Present: Cllr M Wilson (Chairman), Cllr N Birnie, Cllr D Frater, Cllr I Smith, Cllr M Clark, C Miller (Clerk)

2023/68 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Bennet, Cllr D Carr-Ellison, W Pattison (County Cllr)

2023/69 Co-Option Vacancy

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

2023/70 Declaration of Members Interests

There were no declaration of members interests.

2023/71 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

There were no matters raised from members of the public.

2023/72 Minutes of previous meeting held Wednesday 2nd August 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held Wednesday 2nd August 2023 be accepted as a true record.

2023/73 Speeding traffic/mobile speedgun monitoring

Clerk advised Northumbria Police had closed their speed watch training, to be re-commenced early January 2024, with interested person's able to register interest via NP web-site after that time. Clerk to forward details to all. R McKenzie had previously advised road markings at West Hedgeley cottages would be refreshed – Clerk to chase up.

2023/74 To receive update on proposals for a generator for the Breamish Hall, to assist in occurrences such as Storm Arwen

Cement and cage in-situ for generator installation.

2023/75 To receive update on report of overgrown hedging on crossroads at Shawdon Hill

County Council had written to householder, however hedging still overgrown.

2023/76 To receive update on potholes reported at Crawley Bank

County Council had advised potholes would be repaired and cut off drains made safe.

2023/77 To receive update on any further matters previously reported to County Council

White lining/road breaking up on C82 Shawdon Woodhouse crossroads previously reported to County Council. Clerk To chase up.

2023/78 To consider further road issues, if any, within the parish

Flooding occurring at Kiln shop/Dene house junction due to blocked gullies; two gullies blocked on Playwell road. Clerk to report to County Council.

2023/79 County Cllr update

Update had been circulated to all.

2023/80 Planning

2023/80/01 Planning Applications received

- 23/03837/LBC: Titlington Hall, Titlington Hall Drive - Listed Building consent for replacement of 3 (a,b and c) existing dilapidated stone chimneystacks – no objections.
- 23/03765/LBC: Bolton Mill - Listed Building Consent: Replacement of PVC double glazed windows back to timber framed sliding sash windows with heritage double glazing. Lining of internal walls with an independent timber wall lining or strapping with insulation between the timber studs, plaster boarded and skimmed – no objections.

2023/80/02 Approval of Planning Application received

- 23/02448/FUL: Titlington Hall, Titlington Hall Drive – Single storey plant room and woodchip store.

2023/81 To consider quotations for slide at play area

Three quotations had been received for a slide, and it was resolved to accept the quotation of £10791.60, including VAT, from Playdale, and seek confirmation of how long the price would stand.

2023/82 To consider fund raising options for new play area

Powburn show may be able to assist with funding. Community fund raising a possibility.

2023/83 To consider adopting a Parish Council Safeguarding Policy

It was resolved to adopt the draft Safeguarding Policy.

2023/84 Finance

2023/84/01 The following accounts are to be authorised:

- C Miller – quarterly salary and expenses - £342.79
- Unipart – interactive signage repair - £594.00

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2023/84/02 To approve budget requirements 2024-2025

It was resolved to approve the budget requirements 2024-2025

2023/84/03 To approve precept requirements 2024-2025

It was resolved to approve the precept requirements of £6500 for 2024-2025.

2023/85 To consider free government funded EV chargepoints

The Regional EV Enabling Study 2024-2029 for Northumberland Village Halls had identified Breamish Hall as a potential site for an EV chargepoint.

2023/86 To consider parishioner letter regarding “clean rivers for people and wildlife.”

W.I. had organised an electronic meeting with Northumbrian Water, all questions had been answered thoroughly, and there was no threat to humans and dogs due to seepage. A visit to the Sewage Treatment Works to be organised next year. Item to be removed from agenda.

2023/87 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda

Resident email had been received regarding flooding at Glanton Bank/A697, with County Council having confirmed they would take action.

2022/88 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 7th February 2024 commencing 7pm in the Breamish Hall, Powburn.

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

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The meeting closed at 805pm

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