

Minutes for Annual General Meeting held Friday 18th June 2021 at 6pm via zoom.

Welcome everyone.

Present; Kirsty Bell, Louise Kirkwood, Nigel Fisher, Christopher Tait, Sue Rollitt (Clerk) Glen Sanderson County Councillor

Chris Louise and Nigel signed Declaration of Office forms in the presence of all, and Consent for use of email address /telephone no. Both to be returned to Sue to sign and retain.

Declarations of Financial and Pecuniary Interests to be registered with Sue, none to declare.

GDPR privacy notice for Staff and Councillors forwarded to all prior to meeting.

Minutes of meeting held 30th April 2021 circulated before the meeting approved and to be signed by Kirsty and Sue later. Councillors reapproved minutes of meeting 4th February 2021(correct draft minutes circulated before this meeting.)

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Kirsty requested anyone interested in becoming a Chairperson or who would like to propose someone. Nigel proposed Chris who said he would be willing to stand, no other proposals, seconded by Louise.

Vice chair position Nigel proposed Louise who is willing to stand, seconded by Chris.

Chris Tait Chair.

Louise Kirkwood Vice chair.

Kirsty gave her Annual report, attached, to the Councillors (as her last job before retiring as Chair and leaving Nunnykirk Parish Council to commence her new role as Councillor for Longhorsley Parish Council.) Card and many thanks given to Kirsty from all. Kirsty remained at the meeting as a parishioner.

Declaration in items on the agenda other than standard declarations of interest NONE

Parishioner slot of 10 minutes ,no questions forwarded.

Report from Glen Sanderson County Councillor.

Thank you for being re-elected by voters. New Council administration settling in after a difficult period leading up to the election.

New vision set out: -

To emerge from Covid as soon as possible.

To invest in new jobs throughout the County

Monies to be spent on cycling/walking/footpaths/pavements and open spaces.

New jobs possible at the Giga factory in the SE of the county, comes to planning in 2 weeks time.

To combat levels of deprivation and social inequality

To ensure front line services are effective.

To let Glen know if anything he can help with. Glen left the meeting.

Chris commenced his role as Chair and spoke about encouraging more parishioners to attend meetings. Louise suggested a talk from someone or David Troup to discuss the ongoing situation of parking at the Sawmill. To raise this at next meeting.

Matters Arising

1. AGAR paperwork completed at meeting held 7th MAY 2021 and signed by Kirsty and Sue 9th May 2021. Minutes of AGAR meeting circulated prior to meeting approved by all. To be signed by Kirsty and Sue. All AGAR paperwork to be published on website by 30th June 2021. Public Notice of Exercise of Rights to be placed on notice board.

2. Sculpture/CCTV cameras on property within Wingates. This matter was again discussed. The sculpture has been modified recently and appears less offensive. As noted previously the Parish Council and the police can do no more regarding the sculpture. Chris feels that in the absence of formal written complaints to us we as a Parish Council can do no more. He proposed that this matter is left as no further matter unless raised again. Louise and Nigel in agreement. Parish Council can only advise the public to complain to the police. Louise suggested speaking to the landowner as Chris noted how skilful he is in tree carving. Chris happy to meet with him and introduce himself as the new Chair along with Sue who knows him, respecting Covid safe issues.

Regarding CCTV in situ on the property there has been some consternation and debate locally. Question asked whether it is monitoring and securing the frontage of his property therefore not intrusive within GDPR. Anyone can request footage if they have a legitimate reason to do so. Nigel commented that again as a Parish Council we cannot be involved but to inform parishioners of the action they can take and that we are aware of the rules and legal regulations.

To note: Bryn Dowson and Chris Tait have CCTV in situ on their properties within Wingates.

3. Ongoing 6-month safety assessment by the Road traffic Safety Team regarding the area on approach to the Sawmill and into Wingates. As requested by Councillors at the last meeting email sent to Neil Snowden on May 4th, 2021. See attached copy. He has passed our concerns to the Team, and we are awaiting a response. Councillors asked for another email to be sent requesting full details and report from him.

4. Email sent to Richard McKenzie regarding the new 30mph speed limit to be enforced within Wingates. Email received explaining that a speed limit of 20mph in Wingates would be problematic as you cannot go from 60mph to 20mph. There must be a 40mph or 30mph buffer zone but the roads leading to the village do not meet the criteria for a reduced speed limit. Also, Highways well on with preparation of the Traffic Regulation order for 30 mph speed limit and he feels to give time for this to bed in and review at a later stage. Councillors asked for email to be sent to give us exact location of speed limit area.

5. Louise discussed with Councillors our request to Wingates Village Institute Committee to store a small amount of litter picking equipment at the village hall. The WVI Committee feel that as the storeroom is exceedingly small and has plenty of items already stored within it is not a suitable

storage area for the equipment. They also have an issue with who would have access to the Hall during the pandemic as they are already paying extra for Covid cleaning twice monthly. A locked storage box of clean items may be a solution placing it at the back of the Hall in a safe area, this would entail a key holder being the coordinator. This item to be added to the next meeting agenda. Louise to enquire of NCC whether they can help with the litter picking issue.

6. Dog fouling issue. Letter read to Councillors from Andrea Cowens NCC Animal Welfare that she can send to anyone suspected of allowing their dog to foul and owners not picking up and taking waste bag with them. Sue has contacted NCC re the possibility of having a bin for rubbish including dog waste. No response yet, to enquire again. To be put on the agenda for next meeting.

7. Wingates Wind Farm Community Fund Committee require another Parish Councillor/ parishioner from Nunnykirk Parish to take Kirsty's seat on the committee, Kirsty now representing Longhorsley Parish Council. Terms of Reference circulated to all prior to meeting. Nigel wished to attend meeting on Monday 21st June and to be considered for joining the committee.

8. Co option of 2 Parish Councillors discussed. Sue to ensure all correct information checked with NALC and to bring to our next meeting.

Correspondence

1. Zoom /Physical meetings/BHIB Insurance guidelines/Risk Assessment - Information circulated prior to meeting. Louise informed the meeting that the Village Hall has a suitable checklist and guidance which we may be able to access.

2. 2 hour briefing from Stephen Rickitt NALC to be arranged with him for Nunnykirk Parish Councillors and Clerk. Dates collated from all when not available autumn time. Also training sessions organised by NALC for new Chair and PC.s and Clerk to book, information to be forwarded to all after the meeting.

Plans

1. Roughlees plans approved.

2. Garrett Lee Farm Stable House Conditions permission for removal no objections from Councillors forwarded to NCC, approved.

Finances

1. In A/C as of 25th May 2021 £1,011.36.
2. BHIB Insurance cheque for £266.07 sent May 7th 2021.
3. NALC subs/website cheque for £134.70 sent May 7th 2021.
4. Norton subs £64.99 paid to Kirsty Bell.
5. Clerk's expenses cheque for £79.05 paid.
6. Bank signatories to sort soon after the AGM. Sue will need full names, date of birth and address for last 3 years to complete forms to give to Nigel and Louise to complete and take or send to the bank.
7. Clerks wages from December 3rd 2020 to June 18th 2021 refer to attached sheet circulated prior to meeting. Discussed whether to increase hours worked per week to 2 hours. Both approved by all Councillors.
8. Microsoft costs £59.99 for Kirsty Bell approved.

NCC Consultation on Northumberland Local Plan-Proposed Main Modifications to. Louise and Chris to read and pass on to Nigel. All comments to be in by 5.00pm on August 4th 2021

All agreed to cancel July meeting.

Next 4 meetings are as follows:

Thursday September 16th at 6pm

Thursday December 2nd at 6pm

Thursday February 17th at 6pm

Thursday May 19th AGM at 6pm

Meeting closed at 19.30 hrs.