

**Minutes Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 23rd May 2019
at 19.00hrs.**

Welcome to everyone

Present-Kirsty Bell (Chair) Louise Kirkwood Chris Dickson Sue Rollitt (Clerk)

Apologies-Gary Scorer Neil Fowler

Minutes of last meeting dated February 7th 2019 approved and signed by Kirsty Bell

Chairs report 2018-2019 (see attached file) Kirsty thanked by all

Election of Chairperson. Kirsty Bell proposed by Louise Kirkwood and seconded by Chris Dickson. Kirsty Bell remains as Chair

No parishioners present (correspondence from a resident see below)

**Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda other than standard
declaration of interests- None**

Glen Sanderson unable to attend due to European Elections, update on NCC matters (see attached file)discussed. Noted that Broadband had not been mentioned. Regarding more car parking spaces being developed at Morpeth Train Station it was noted that the public transport links to train station are very poor.Sue to contact Glen re these issues

Matters Arising

1 Parish Council meetings – confirmation of earliest legal time to commence is 18.00hrs.

2 Correspondence re TPO maintenance on woodland within Wingates and further letter / photos sent to owner in February and March. Letter received from owner to say she has put a Planning Application in to carry out necessary works. Planning permission response from PC- no objection. Works have been carried out this week by new owner.

3 Fontburn Access update. Letter received from Flo Churchill Interim Planning Offices stating that the Condition regarding the access road fails the necessary tests required by National Planning Practice Guidance and therefore NCC are going to invite the applicant to apply to have the condition removed. Letter sent to Paul Johnson to ask if he could officially request Glen to engage with

Northumbrian Water on how to proceed as NCC planning cannot take this any further for us. Paul Johnson contacted Northumbrian Water himself. Residents at Fontburn have written to the Liason Group to move forward with this. Louise to contact Paul. She also stated that Northumbrian Water using road excessively at present for water cleansing purposes.

4 Signage for Wingates Village/passing places. None in situ at present, originally told will be completed by end of May. Sue to contact Glen re this.

Correspondence

1 Email from Stephen Wardle re weed control, does not apply to our Parish

2 Data Protection fees-significant change to fees payable by individual councillor if they register as Data Controller with ICO

3 Email to Martin King 08/05/2019 re dangerous state of cattle grid at junction of lane from Wingates towards Chirm Well Cottage. NCC to ascertain whether it is an asset of theirs as not all cattle grids are their responsibility. If it is it will be repaired.

4 Information from Barry Frost re 10k run Nunnykirk School evening of Wednesday 14th August 2019

5 Complaint from resident re dog fouling /bags containing dog waste left on grass verges on lanes around Wingates. Sue to request more signs to put up to reinforce awareness .

Meetings Training Reports

1 Report from Kirsty Bell- Wingates Community Fund meeting 04/03/2019(see attached report)

2 Broadband update regarding the Netherwitton to Nunnykirk project. Chris chasing up BT as main cable in place but no connection to his property and South Healey. INorthumberland email to Chris today stating ultrafast Broadband will be available. Link between Open Reach/BT has been the issue. Louise spoke to people who attended broadband meeting with the new provider B4RN, and was rather doubtful about how feasible their scheme would be for our remoter properties. Still no connection available for Longhorsley West project and the future prospects look very poor from BT.

3 Cluster meeting attended by Kirsty. Dog fouling an issue on Lordenshaws.

4 NULAG report from Louise, this is drawing to a close now, final report to come from funded projects, some uncertainty re smaller businesses gaining funding.

Finance

1AGAR 2018-2019

- a) Certificate of Exemption completed and signed, to be sent along with contact details to PKF Littlejohn
- b) Internal Audit approved
- c) Governance Statement completed and approved
- d) Accounting Statement completed and approved
- e) Confirmation of Publication/ Notice of Exercise of Public Rights dates set from Monday 17th June 2019 until Friday 26th July 2019

All AGAR information available from 01/07/2019 on website

2 BHIB Insurance cheque written for £266.07, reduction of £7.95 from last year.

3 Cluster fee paid £5.50 on 13/02/2019

4 NALC Subs £60.35/ Website Hosting fees £75.00 paid 01/05/2019. Receipt received 08/05/2019

5 As of April 1st2019 clerk's wages rise to £8.21 per hour in line with National Living Wage

6 Letter received from Lloyds bank confirming new signatories

7 Cheque paid to Kirsty Bell to repay her for Norton security £49.99/Microsoft£59.99

Plans

1. See Matters Arising re TPO

2. Nunnykirk Hall School works to repair main roof /portico. Plans supported by Councillors, Sue to respond to NCC.

Meeting closed at 20.30hrs. Next meeting 25/07/2019 at 19.00hrs

