

**Minutes for Nunnykirk Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Wingates Village Institute at 18.00 hrs**

Welcome to all

Present: Kirsty Bell (Chair) Louise Kirkwood Chris Dickson Gary Scorer Neil Fowler Sue Rollitt (Clerk) Glen Sanderson (County Councillor).

Apologies: None

**Northumberland County Council Update from Glen Sanderson.**

- 1 Passing Places signage works to be completed soon. Glen asked Sue to send email to Martin King and copy Glen in re meeting up with Councillors so that the signs are in the correct position. Glen will also contact Neil Snowdon re possible re-siting of double bend sign closer to hazard. Also possibly painting SLOW markings on 2 approaches to Wingates in red paint.
- 2 Attempts are being made to find more money for small rural roads.
- 3 Broadband-Alncom to top up voucher schemes from Open Reach underspend. West Longhorsley – BT taking time moving forward, doubtful if scheme will go ahead.
- 4 New school up and running in Morpeth, County Hall nearly finished.
- 5 New complex at Ashington proposed comprising cinema and bowls.
- 6 Parking at Train station progressing plus small extension opposite station.
- 7 Climate change- there will be a charge at the car parks in popular tourist venues eg Holy Island etc. Other car parks used primarily by local residents will remain free.
- 8 Louise asked for update on library review, particularly the invaluable mobile service which has a problem with frequent breaking down of vans. To respond to consultation.
- 9 Problem with providing toilet facilities across the County, there is a need to save money but these are an important service for all members of the population.
- 10 Polling Station review -Sue to email Kelly Angus at NCC Elections Office re progress and importance of retaining Wingates Village Institute.

11 Louise raised issue of Fontburn access road - slow progress, Glen may be able to help in a supportive role. Suggests setting up meeting at County Hall with residents and Northumbrian Water if necessary.

Glen was thanked for his update and assistance and left the meeting.

Parishioners Questions- None present and no questions forwarded prior to meeting

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

### **Matters Arising**

1 Local Transport Plan request for signage through Fiddlers Elbow re speeding issues/blind summit signage sent on 11/08/2019

2 Letter sent 11/08/2019 to Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group expressing dismay amongst Councillors re proposed reduction of Physiotherapy Services across Northumberland, Rothbury included. No reply as yet.

3 Letter sent 11/08/2019 re future of Rothbury Community Hospital stating Councillors wish to be involved in future separate briefing sessions. Governing Body Meeting was held 28/08/2019.

4 Complaint received from resident re pony being ridden along the Lonnen- (approach to Wingates village) on the grass verge and leaving hoofprints. T/C to Public Footpath Officer who confirmed that 'the verge is part of the highway with the same access rights to everybody either in a vehicle/on foot/on horseback. Email sent to resident informing him of this.

5 Road erosion at Todburn Ford/Potholes past Todburn continuing past Garrett Lee Farm and up to Wingates. Has become much worse after recent extreme wet weather conditions. Email sent to Martin King 16/08/2019 who has informed relevant department. Email from Martin who has asked for this to be looked at by Area Highways Inspector. Some areas have been repaired.

6 Email to Martin King 13/08/2019 re possible re siting of double bend sign on approach to Wingates to move it closer to hazard. See Glen's notes above.

7 Wingates Windfarm Community Benefit Committee- vacancy for committee member discussed. Louise will be happy to put herself forward when no longer involved with any other committees after November 2019. Next meeting Dec 2nd

8 Flooding/vehicles becoming stranded at Fiddlers Elbow. This has occurred in recent times due to excessive rainfall and water cascading down hill from flooded fields at top of hill. Sue to email NCC re possibility of having water depth indicators in situ. Also ask Martin King if he has any simple suggestions to solve the flooding issue.

### **Correspondence**

1 Town/Parish Council Conference Thursday October 2019 at 16.00-18.00 hrs at County Hall. Louise and possibly Gary to attend.

### **Meetings reports**

1 Cluster meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Kirsty informed Councillors that a Local Plan will be available on a website for Councillors to access from October 2019. Glen will be meeting Highways England re the recent A1 accidents. A Planning Officer attended and there is going to be a consultation regarding developments/106 agreements/CIL. He offered to run training sessions for Councillors. Cllr Stephen Bridget informed the group that he has managed to secure funding for a trial mobile network infrastructure to be used by the emergency services. This will also cover the blackspots in the Coquet valley. A decision will be made by Government in January/February if his bid has been successful.

2 Nulag meeting (Leader Upland Group) 17<sup>th</sup> September. Louise reported the last meeting will be in December 2019. Most of the money has been spent £8,000 remaining, 1.6 million already spent. There will be nothing to replace this funding when it comes to an end. There will only be grants for larger schemes.

### **Finances**

1 In A/C as of September 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 £976.20

2 Precept received for £672.00

## **Plans**

1 Nunnykirk School roof repairs approved 30/08/2019

2 Fontburn Access Removal of Condition approved 15/08/2019

## **AOB**

1 Sue to request grit heaps/salt bin refill early October.

2 Environmental Agency Water Resources. Abstraction licences for previously exempt activities , businesses now have to apply for a licence by the end of the year.

3 Vattenfall Ray Windfarm Community Benefits applications open 18/09/2019 -19/10/2019.

4 Request for Great North Air Ambulance donation agreed by all. Cheque for £20.00 written.

5 Recycling Site visit- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December Neil may attend.

Meeting closed at 19.40 hrs

**Next meeting to be held December 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 18.00 hrs**