

Minutes for meeting held Tuesday 24th 2024 September at 6pm.

Present: Chris Tait(Chair) Nigel Fisher Cath Tait Zoe Morrow Sue Rollitt(Clerk)
Glen Sanderson County Councillor

Declaration of Interest on agenda other than standard declaration of interest
NONE

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 6th August approved and signed by Chair-
forwarded to all prior to meeting.

Parishioners slot 10 minutes to discuss any issues No parishioners attended
and no issues raised before the meeting.

Report from Glen Sanderson County Councillor

1. NECA (North East Combined Authority) of which there are 7 areas,(still have Council borders in situ.) Sharing devolved monies. Northumberland represent rural areas, the environment, rivers and coastal issues.
Devolved budget is to enable us to have our say plus monetary input.
Glen has had a meeting today with key people and a Cabinet meeting is expected to take place in November.
2. 3 new schools are being built including a SEND school at Barndale by the sea.
3. Berwick schools wanting mainstream high school plus amalgamate feeder schools thus less teachers would be needed. Teaching unions not happy with this ongoing discussions continue.
4. Morpeth Leisure Centre doing very well.
5. Northumberland schools gaining outstanding Ofsted gradings
6. On a more negative note, the cost of Adult Social Care and Send education is rising at a very fast pace and the amount required to fund these areas is a matter of concern, Glen has written to the Secretary of State regarding financial assistance, otherwise other services may be cut back.
7. Tackling weeds and verges has been difficult this year
8. Chris raised the question of schools in Northumberland with regard to so many new housing builds and school places becoming more difficult to access. There has been a 6.5 million investment at KEVI for a new sports hall and more classroom spaces. Glen stated consultation on the fact that there is 222 % more new builds than NCC wish.

9. With regards to the new Government confirming the Winter Fuel Payment will be scrapped for some pensioners, NCC has sent out 70.000 letters to vulnerable pensioners re pension credits etc. Also investing in warm hubs to support people during extreme weather.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Newsletter ready for distribution, Chris to email some and Sue to post the rest.
2. Town/Parish Council Autumn Conference, Chris and Zoe hoping to be able to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Local Nature Recovery Survey regarding the Government committing to reversing habitat and species decline across England. A survey is open until early October for farmers and landowners to share their views on nature recovery. Chris to contact local farmers/landowners.

FINANCES

1. Precept received 03/09/2024 £1.068.00
2. In A/c as of meeting £1.858.34. £30.00 still to pay for Zoe's new councillor training

AOB

1. Request re garden rubbish collection for Wingates. Issue raised by 2 residents who live in Wingates regarding difficult disposal of garden waste and asked the question whether it would be possible to pay for a garden rubbish bin and have NCC collect as other local areas, Longhorsley and Rothbury have this service. Chris to include note in Wingates village residents newsletter regarding their thoughts on this subject. Annual charge for this service is £57.00

Meeting closed at 18.50 hours.

Next meeting Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 18.00hrs