

Minutes for meeting held Friday 25th November 2022 at 7 pm in Wingates Village Institute.

Present: Chris Tait (Chair) Louise Kirkwood Nigel Fisher Sue Rollitt(Clerk)

Apologies : Glen Sanderson County Councillor, Martin King (Highways Manager)

Declaration of interest on any item other than standard declaration of interest NONE

Minutes of meeting held Thursday 6th October 2022 at 18.30 approved and signed by Chair.

Parishioners Questions 10 minute slot- None

This Parish Council Meeting was preceded by a specially arranged meeting with police representatives regarding community liason and was attended by 1 parishioner, a helpful discussion ensued regarding concerns expressed.

A new service is being launched by Northumbria Police to provide alerts to the rural community relating to crime.

Link <https://northumbriacconnected.co.uk>

Report from Glen Sanderson.

1. Work continues on the budget and he has asked for 3 meetings with Parish and Town Councils in January to discuss this plan for the future plus the opportunity for local councillors to meet the key staff.
2. The devolution deal involving the NE councils working together more is moving forward to the next stage of public consultation so please have your say.
3. The boundaries for the parliamentary seats have been published-many of the points we have made especially around the naming of them have not been accepted by the Boundaries Commission sadly.
4. JDR cables, a Polish company that makes high tech cables that link offshore wind turbines to onshore energy generators have begun their new £150 million investment near Blyth. This will create 170 new jobs.
5. On the back of uncertainty of the future of farming Glen has set up a group to bring forward some ideas-the panel included some very well-known figures and hopes to present the findings in early December ideally to the Farming Minister.

Martin King, Highways Manager was hoping to attend and discuss the situation regarding removal of stones within the village on County Council verges but unable to attend, Sue to contact him to arrange a date in January which is suitable for all.

Nigel informed Councillors that Dr Helen Pattison is the new CEO of NCC. Advertising is going ahead for 5 new directors.

Matters Arising

1. Newsletter posted/hand delivered. Next newsletter to be sent out early 2023. Awaiting response from Parishioners re their contact details.
2. All Policies readopted
- 3 Email to Richard McKenzie (Highways) re update on Fiddlers Elbow depth indicator. He had been to visit the site and discovered the drain appeared to be blocked .Depth indicators are for use at fords, not where there is general highway flooding. He understands the inspector is dealing with the drain issue and looking to get it cleared. Richard will get an update for us. Councillors wish a request to be made that the drain be cleared on a regular basis in future.

Correspondence

1. Town Parish and Community Council meetings with Northumberland County Council information forwarded prior to meeting. Councillors have given Sue venues they wish to attend. To be booked online.

Monday 16th January 2023 at St James Church Centre Alnwick - Chris

Monday 23rd January 2023 at Council Chambers County Hall - Louise and Sue

Tuesday 24th January 2023 at The Mart Hexham- Nigel

Plans

1. Log Cabin Maglin Wood Longhorsley comments sent 08/11/2022.

Finances

1. In A/C as of 24th November 2022 £1,322.27

2. Budget /actual sheet discussed and precept amount for year 2023/2024 to include Clerks wage increase in line with National Living Wage as of April 1st 2023 from £9.50 per hour to £10.42 per hour. Budget sheet approved. Precept amount to be requested decided unanimously on 10% increase.

3. Clerks wages £513.00/expenses £18.77 Total paid by cheque £531.77

Wingates Village Institute- Invoice received for hall hire over the last 12 months, cheque written for £50.00 which Louise has taken for Julie Famelton (secretary)

Future meetings:

Parish Council meeting February 7th 2023 at 18.00hrs

Parish Council AGM May 25th 2023 at 18.00hrs

Meeting closed at 19.45hrs.