

4 02 2021 MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM AT 18.00HRS

Welcome all

Present: Kirsty Bell (Chair), Louise Kirkwood, Gary Scorer, Neil Fowler, Nigel Fisher, Sue Rollitt (clerk), Chris Tait (Parishioner) and Glen Sanderson - County Councillor

County Council Update from Glen Sanderson.

County Council budget has been announced, Q&A online on 'have your say' via the website re issues that are important to the public. This budget does not impact on frontline services. The tourist car parks at Bamburgh and Seahouses for example will have their charges increased.

The budget has increased for children who are eligible for free school meals from £15 to £30. The vaccine rollout is going very well.

£30 million for the new Northumbrian Rail Line - passenger and freight. Trains will run every 30 minutes from Ashington to Newcastle.

More vehicle charging points to be installed.

Road schemes are being completed, some problems with the recent poor weather which has resulted in a delay; completed late springtime.

Glen to contact the legal team in the morning regarding the boulders. Glen thanked for his time and assistance before he left the meeting.

10 minute slot for any questions from Parishioners. No questions forwarded.

Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda other than standard declarations of interest NONE.

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 3rd December 2020 via zoom approved after a minor alteration: page 3 paragraph 2 'enable' altered to 'unable'.

Matters Arising

1. Wingates alleged speeding issues. After decision taken to await LTP decisions, Sue emailed Glen and an email was received: Wingates 30mph Speed restriction Consultation received 18/12/2020. Thank you email sent to Glen for his assistance with this matter. Kirsty suggested email to NCC thanking them for consultation and to ask if a chance of reducing further to 20mph, email sent 28/12/2020 along with response of No objection. No further correspondence received as yet.
2. Email sent to Martin King 04/01/2021 for update on boulder removal on approach to Wingates. Email sent 18/01/2021 to Martin and Glen. Response from Martin forwarded to Councillors prior to meeting. At present this matter is with the legal team.
3. Nigel returned Declaration of Financial and Pecuniary Interests to County Hall. Declaration of Office signed by Sue and witnessed by Kirsty.

4. Email sent 04/01/2021 to Highways programme re erosion on side of lane after the junction to Netherwitton travelling eastwards.
5. Cattle grid repairs/standing water under partially completed new grid. Repairs now complete. Email to be sent to Lee Baxter/Ali Johnson regarding the standing water.
6. Email sent to Ali Johnson re extra grit heaps 11/01/2021
7. Complaint by resident re dog fouling. Recurrence of this problem which is not acceptable due to health hazard to everyone. Sue reported this online to NCC and also put new posters up informing people of the fines if they do not comply with the law. Matter discussed, Nigel suggested a newsletter to Wingates villagers regarding this along with other issues we have been dealing with. Sue to compose newsletter.
8. Wingates to Garrett Lee signpost unsafe and dangerous, reported with accompanying photo 28 01 2021
9. Councillors discussed the wooden sculpture, adjacent to the lane on the north approach to the village. This is on private land. Councillors feel this is a safeguarding issue. Kirsty informed all that this is a police matter not a Parish matter. Louise asked whether we can contact Glen for NCC guidance. Sue to email Glen.

Correspondence

1. May 6th 2021 Elections. Terms of Office for Parish Councillors will cease in May 2021. This means that Councillors who wish to stand again will have to submit the nomination forms and the register of interest forms. Kirsty informed the Councillors she will not be submitting a nomination, neither will Neil as he is moving away. Louise, Gary and Nigel confirmed they would be doing so as will Chris Tait.
2. Physical Meetings. To resume after 06/05/2021 if regulation in force at present is not extended. However, we will continue to offer Zoom attendance until everyone is comfortable with face to face meetings.

Plans

1. Wingates House removal of porch/erection of Conservatory. No objection response sent 14/12/2020. Permission granted.
2. No 5 Wingates extension plans. Councillor's comments sent via email 23/01/2021. Plans approved. Errors within delegated report where Amble Town Council inserted instead of Nunykirk Parish Council and Wingates spelt incorrectly. Sue has informed Planning Officer of these errors.

Finance

1. Precept request sent 09/12/2020 for 5% increase £1.471.00
2. GNAA cheque sent 10/12/2020 for £20.00
3. WVI rental cheque sent 10/12/2020 for £20.00

- 4 Kirsty Bell cheque mouse expense written for £4.65
- 5 Clerks wages/expenses cheque written £271.15
- 6 Annual Cluster fee for £5.10: Kirsty and Sue to sign cheque after meeting.
- 7 Clerk expense for printer paper £4.50 cheque to sign after meeting.
- 8 In A/C £833.27

AOB

- 1 Louise informed the meeting that Morpeth Train Station ticket office/waiting room will soon be open longer and evening parking to be free of charge.
- 2 Gary asked if we could request a depth indicator for Fiddlers Elbow due to excess flooding. Sue to email Lee Baxter again.
- 3 Wingates opposite Sawmill potholes and lane edge erosion reported to Lee Baxter: on the to do list.
- 4 Village Hall. Neil informed the Councillors that the gardens were going to be maintained again, a patio to be laid and also purchasing a mobile bar which will reduce the congestion at the kitchen hatch especially when food is also served at events. There has been quizzes and activities via zoom.
- 5 NALC training on Monday 8th February on social media tackling contentious issues. Councillors can attend if wish. Any training costs can be reimbursed from the Parish, Louise hoping to join the meeting.
- 6 Neil raised the issue of excess litter around the lanes within the Parish. Matter discussed re Covid regulations and safety, the need for bags and litter grabbers. Sue to email Glen as to which dept can help us with this.

Meeting closed at 19.10 hrs

Next Meeting

Annual General Meeting Thursday 13th May 2021 via zoom at 19.00hrs.