

Minutes for Meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 6pm.

Welcome all

Present: Nigel Fisher(Vice Chair) Cath Tait Jill Robson Sue Rollitt(Clerk)

Apologies: Chris Tait(Chair) Glen Sanderson (County Councillor)

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

Minutes of meeting held July 11th 2023 circulated prior to meeting, approved and signed by Nigel Fisher.

Parishioners Questions 10 minute slot- None

Glens report (County Councillor) forwarded to Sue, see end of minutes.

Matters Arising

1 Newsletter discussed in absence of Chris, to include co option of another Councillor, if anyone interested to contact Sue. Ask residents to think greener regarding parcel deliveries due to our rural location and the amount of vehicles that enter the Parish every day .Deliveries could maybe coordinated with residents or a possible central hub to collect them from.

2 Social Media- Administration responsibility of Chris and Catherine. Cath reported a page has been created and photos added also.

3 NALC Chief Officer Graeme Popaye cannot attend this meeting or our December meeting, as he is also a Parish clerk and has meetings on the same days. Email sent to him re possibility of another evening. Councillors to give Sue their dates. Dates in October to be sent to Sue who will contact Graeme regarding his availability.

4. Nigel gave his report from the Cluster Meeting dated August 1st to the Councillors.The key issue discussed was the BT lines and Broadband providers. The new company are only just starting to conduct their surveys so broadband will be much delayed to properties in remote areas still awaiting installation.BT cannot withdraw copper lines until an alternative is in place in 2025.Wifi phones will be part of the new development which will replace landlines, at what cost? Will be a BT/OutReach commercial decision.

Email received from Katie Miller coordinator of Rothbury's Climate Action Group:Rothbury CAN which consists of a number of groups of people who are

actively engaged in in doing what they can do to help biodiversity and to mitigate carbon emissions. Councillors to decide if we wish to engage in a joint action plan and coordinate climate action activities.

Suggestions discussed included :

1 Councillors to ensure that Planning Applications sent to us are as environmentally friendly and as green as possible.

2 WVI solar panel installation still under discussion, Parish Council will support a viable application. Nigel noted that Northern Power Grid will fund anything that makes a building resilient.

3 Use of battery powered generators rather than generators

4 Parish Council to make above recommendations to WVI committee.

5 As a Parish Council we could use 'green ink and printer paper', encourage the community to become more sustainable and for us to contact Longframlington, Longhorsley and Netherwitton Parish Councils regarding making a joint declaration

5. Parish/Town council conference October 5th 2-6pm.Cath to attend .

6.Thank you letter sent to Louise regarding her 10 years of service as a Councillor.

7. Emails/photos of Gateway signs sent to Glen and Martin on 6th August. Glen sent email stating we await Martin Kings response but it may need to come from Glen's members scheme budget if he has any monies left this year. He will contact Chris regarding the Village Hall internal notice board . No response from Martin as yet, Nigel suggests contact him again mid October.

Plans

1 Comments returned on August 11th approving plans for Land S/E of Stable House at Garrett Lee Farm.

2 Nunnykirk Hall plans granted permission

Finances

1 Invoice from NALC for £10.00 Cath's online new councillor training, signed by Chris and Sue sent 6th August

2 In A/C as of 27/08/2023 £701.64

Report from Glen Sanderson

NCC will soon be beginning their Budget process for the next year-looking as if things will be tight as always but determined to keep services without having to make frontline savings. To help NCC to be clear about what is important they will be holding some public meetings including the NALC/Parish Council conference early October. Will also be carrying out a public consultation as this has not been done for a while.

Next meeting December 5th 2023 at 6pm

Meeting closed at 18.45