

Minutes for Parish Meeting held Thursday February 6th 2020 at 18.00 hrs

Welcome all

Present Kirsty Bell-Chair, Louise Kirkwood, Gary Scorer, Neil Fowler,

Sue Rollitt- Clerk, Glen Sanderson in attendance-County Councillor.

County Council update from Glen Sanderson.

1 Local Transport draft plan is out, details available online. Glen is focused as always on rural areas. 15 million set aside for rural roads and pavements, increased amount for signs and lines up to £320.000. Bid is in for works on the road at Todstead near Weldon Bridge.

2 Climate Change Action Plan now policy. Key actions over next 5 years include providing 100 EV charging points across the County, testing new electric vehicles in NCC fleet, undertaking major projects Northumberland/Newcastle rail line, and giving every household in the County the opportunity to have a free sapling tree to grow or plant out in woods in our Country parks. Looking at heat source pumps, public transport to be as efficient as possible. Project at Lynemouth Bay to reverse the damage caused historically to the cliff frontage from rubbish being tipped on the adjoining fields. Very large project essential to return the landscape to how it was whilst removing environmentally harmful material. Government monies required to help with this.

3 Applied for 'upgrade money to dual A69 from Hexham to Carlisle and A19 Moorhouse Farm roundabout, Cramlington. Weldon bridge requires funding of 7.5 million to repair subsidence. Car parking schemes progressing, Amble to be finalised for late autumn completion and Berwick to progress this summer. Goosehill school site requiring ongoing archaeological investigations, Morpeth train station carpark works underway, also providing more spaces at Alnwick old high school site.

Glen thanked for his report and Glen left the meeting.

10 minute slot for Parishioners Questions No parishioners present nor any questions forwarded

Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda other than standard declaration of interest NONE. Please note Councillors are responsible for informing NCC of any alterations to their Declaration of Interest, which must be done as soon as possible and reviewed annually.

Minutes of Meeting held 5th December 2019 approved and signed by Kirsty Bell.

MATTERS ARISING

1 Gary apologised for having to leave early due to work commitments therefore this agenda item discussed first. Gary updated Councillors on products/costs of courtesy signs within the village. Discussed solar/battery powered/which type of sign maybe possible/costs and whether we would be able to install ourselves. Sue had emailed Neil Snowden prior to the meeting requesting information re the legalities of such signage, to ask again as no response as yet.

2 Passing place signs all in situ, awaiting the actual sign to be attached to post opposite north entrance to the windfarm. Z bend sign repositioned successfully on western approach to Wingates. SLOW road marking on approach to Wingates could be moved slightly to be more visible from a distance.

3 Fiddlers Elbow flooding issues. Email to Martin king 15/01/2020 reminding him of his site meeting with Kirsty on 8/10/2019 when he said he would organise an inspection, but currently dealing with

large number of ditching and flooding enquiries. We are on the list for consideration/prioritisation. Has forwarded request for depth indicator to the Traffic and Road Safety Team.

4 Kirsty discussed wider scope of where monies could be spent from the Wingates Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. Ideas discussed were possibility of funding electric charging points, providing our own grit bins and renewable power. Discussed possibility of WVI receiving a grant for solar panels.

5 Louise updated Councillors on the Fontburn road access . N Water have carried out emergency repairs to the surface to a reasonable standard.

6 Policies readopted

7 Notice of Vacancy on notice board, awaiting email from Elections Office as to whether an election will be required or that Councillors can co-opt a new Councillor. Sue to contact Headmistress at Nunnykirk School regarding either herself or any one working at the school /living at Nunnykirk possibly being interested.

8 Thank you card from Chris in reply to our letter

9 Update from Neil re possible funding of information leaflet re WVI and PC. Estimated cost of £150.00, possibility of professional photographer to be used.

Correspondence

1 Wingates village power/Water issues discussed prior to residents meeting with Northern Power Grid next week. Neil has been in direct contact with Matt Preston, General manager for Northumberland. The 4 houses that have mainly been affected are going to have volt recording meters fitted next week. There are currently 12 out of 19 properties affected. Route and branch investigations of whole village to be carried out and extra earths have been fitted on poles. Every transformer and connection to be checked. Awaiting results of investigations and Neil will speak to Matt again next week.

2 Public Spaces Protection orders for Alcohol Consumption in designated public spaces/ Notice of making of a Public Spaces Protection Order for the control of dogs noted by Councillors.

Finances

1 In A/C £656.46

2 Precept sent for 5% increase (£67.20)

Meeting closed at 19.25hrs

Next meeting AGM May 1st 2020 at 18.00hrs