

NUNNYKIRK PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held in Wingates Village Hall on Thursday 7th February 2019 at 18.00 hrs

Welcome all

Present Kirsty Bell (Chair), Louise Kirkwood, Chris Dickson, Neil Fowler, Sue Rollitt (clerk) and Councillor Glen Sanderson

Apologies for absence Gary Scorer

Report from Councillor Glen Sanderson, Northumberland County Council.

1. Fontburn- Awaiting communication from NCC
2. NCC budget -need to make savings of £25 million over next 3 years with Adult Social Care facing largest cuts, level of service should not be affected too much. Attempting to maintain front line services. £9 million to be spent on increasing car parking, Morpeth- Goosehill site and providing 20- 25 more spaces at Railway Station including electric charging spaces. Increase in train services later in year. Increase in coastal car parks at Craster, Seahouses and in Hexham, Berwick and Alnwick.
3. Anti- litter campaign underway- posters on petrol pumps and rear of buses. Hopefully more next year. (£2.6 million spent last year on collecting litter.)
4. Gritting- Netherwitton road continuing past Nunnykirk school is on secondary route for gritting, keep in touch with Glen if any problems.
5. Northumberland Local Plan in final stages, hopefully completed by next year, fewer houses planned than previously.
6. Advance Northumberland taken over from ARCH.
7. County Hall – improvement/repair works continuing
8. LTP announced £18.6 million extra spending on top of £8 million budget. More drainage/cattle grid repairs. £330.000 on small safety schemes and £150.000 on white lining.
9. Recycling waste strategy trying to improve figures of 37%, some taken to Teeside plant for electricity production. To look at glass recycling and food waste disposal requiring better methods.
10. Chris and Neil raised issue of pot holes/road surfaces to be more permanently repaired, Glen to look into problems on Wingates to Netherwitton road. NCC use paver machine, better quality tarmac already being used.
11. Broadband – Glen reported that NCC are distributing vouchers and are talking to Openreach. Another meeting to be arranged for April, Glen to email Sue with date. Longhorsley West work and self dig Longhorsley to Birks all still awaiting commencement. The Netherwitton to Nunnykirk School project is still not completed, equipment has been tested. Fontburn - Louise pointed out that there would shortly be two BT super fast fibre connections established within a mile of Fontburn - at Ritton and at Ewesley - and asked if consideration was being given to extending either of these connections to Fontburn as the existing line from Rothbury is clearly not going to be upgraded in the foreseeable future and these two new connection points would be much nearer to hand. Louise will write to Glen about this. Glen said that he thought there was currently no money in the pipeline for this but Louise pointed out that it was a long term issue of choice and affordability, residents at Fontburn still wanted a proper BT fibre connection although they were managing well in the



interim with the Alncom wireless system and a much improved mobile service and were very grateful to Northumbrian Water for their help in establishing the wireless service.

Councillor Sanderson left the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 6th December 2018 read, approved and signed by Kirsty Bell (Chair)

No parishioners present, no questions forwarded.

Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda other than standard declaration of interests-
None

Matters Arising

1. Fontburn Access. See above.
2. Signage for Wingates Village and passing places. Report from Kirsty re meeting on site 14th January 2019 with Glen Sanderson and Neil Snowdon. After results of no speeding issues Parish Councillors and Glen Sanderson discussed possibilities of signage re hazards on approach to Wingates and also possibility of passing place signs on road from Fiddler's Elbow past the turbines. Conclusion of Kirsty's meeting very positive. 'SLOW' to be painted in white on approach to Wingates before Sawmill bend and a double bend sign to be put in situ. Also 6 passing place signs to be erected from Fiddlers Elbow to turbines. To be completed within the next five months, all to be funded by NCC.
3. Letter/information sent 13/12/2018 to owner of woodland 1 in Wingates on 9th December 2018 re overhanging vegetation, as yet no response. Parish Councillors in agreement another letter to be sent enquiring if first letter was received and if the owner does wish to carry out the works. Other shrubbery overhanging lane in village, Neil to contact owner and possibly do the work.
4. Grit heaps/salt bin refill/gritting lorry update. After many months of requests and grateful intervention from Glen, we now have all in place and regular gritting.
5. Update on tree/hedge cutting back Fiddler's Elbow to Southward Edge. Email and map sent to Stephen Wardle, he visited site. Work was recently carried out and we are now on the 'list' for the future.
6. Broadband update – see above.
7. May AGM-date rearranged to Thursday 23rd May at 19.00hrs (due to use of Village Hall on 2nd May for elections)
8. Draft Social Media Policy comments discussed. Parish Councillors do not wish to send any comments

Correspondence

1. Precept returned 9/12/2018 requesting 5% increase to £1.344.00 per annum

Meetings/Training

None

Finances

1. In account as of 07/02/2019- £554.56
2. GNNA cheque for £20.00 sent 09/12/2018 and thank you letter received.



3. Cheque written for £5.50 for the Cluster fee.

AOB

1. Litter picking update from Neil. Neil has rearranged meeting with new headteacher of Nunnykirk School.

2. Northumberland Local Plan Publication Draft. Parish Councillors to attend drop in sessions in Morpeth for information/ comments to make.

3. Local Government Ethical Standards- email received from Stephen Rickitt- NALC- he will peruse and send shortened version shortly to Parish Councils.

4. Bank signatory - Neil and Gary to be added. Kirsty to send details to them to complete online form and forward to the Bank.

5. Final report from Neil re Village Institute parking. All snagging completed, no further comments received. Village Institute has received approx. £20,000 in grants for walls to be insulated, new doors, thermal blinds and curtains. Work to be commenced June/July 2019

Dates for 2019 meetings

Thursday 23rd May at 19.00 AGM

Thursday July 25th at 19.00

Thursday September 19th at 18.00

Thursday December 5th at 18.00

Meeting closed at 19.40 hrs

