

Minutes for Nunnykirk Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 6pm.

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

Apologies from Glen Sanderson

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

Minutes of meeting held Friday 25th November 2022 approved and signed by Chair

Parishioners Questions 10 minute slot No parishioners present

Report from Glen Sanderson

1.Northumberland County Council budget is due soon, difficulties have been met juggling inflation costs for wages-around an extra 6 million-and higher fuel costs for taking 45,000 children to school whilst wishing to retain front line services.

2 Working through a 3 year Strategic Change programme which will involve well known consultants and our own staff and residents to reach a saving target of around £17 million/year on a recurring basis-above all it will look at how we deliver our services and how we might do things differently and better. One of our three key priorities is to deliver value for money and have a way to go on that. This is not about the staff for whom there is great respect but more about the working practices in some cases, working with staff and customers on this.

3 NCC have had a good turnout and reception for the Parish and Town Council summits recently and these should happen again next year as it was a useful exchange of views which will help with the new Corporate Plan.

4 A new Chief Executive has been recruited who starts in the middle of February with a new Executive team. It will help maintain the so much better way things are running now and Glen is very confident about the future

Matters Arising

1 Response from newsletter and attached slips for completion regarding contact details from parishioners has been a little disappointing, approximately 1/3rd of households replied. May be due to fact they know we have records of their emails after the GDPR requirements of 2018. Another newsletter to be produced including Police Connect information, Oil/Quad bike thefts, Village speed signs- alternative to be smaller and made of wood, Wingates residents to be consulted on this in the near future ,before we approach Martin King at Highways. Kings Coronation long weekend- Monday 8th May 2023 to invite people to be volunteers for the big help out to highlight the positive impact volunteering has on the community.

2 Fiddlers Elbow flooding issue-email sent to Richard McKenzie 11/12/2022 and again 02/02/2023 on behalf of Councillors requesting the drains be cleared on a regular basis. Richard has now asked Area Office (maintenance) to update me, 07/02/2023 no contact as yet.

3 Refill of 2 grit bins/grit heaps requested and in situ apart from the lane past the turbines heading onto Wards Hill which have been requested again. Fly tipping reported at the top of Fiddlers Elbow bank 29/11/2022, items subsequently removed

4 Pothole reported east side of Fiddlers Elbow burn 25/01/2023

5 Chris reported a substantial amount of haylage wrap in the gateway to the new stables on the lane to Longhorsley just after the Forget me Not caravan park ,Sue to contact Longhorsley Parish Council re this matter.

Correspondence

1 Email from Councils Climate Change Team regarding EV charging points for local councils to apply for this years distribution of electric vehicle charging points. Submission deadline Tuesday 28th February 2023.Unanimous decision taken not to apply.

2 Applications for Chairperson to attend Royal Garden Party, Sue to nominate Chris to be considered.

Meetings

Town/Parish and Community Council meeting with Northumberland County Council on Monday 23rd January 2023 attended by Chris and Louise, feedback given by Louise.

Very well organised with different teams available for discussions. Louise did report Fontburn damaged signs warning of bends which had previously been reported, Sue to contact NCC highways again. Broadband issue raised again regarding Fontburn/Hollinghill as still on wireless broadband, Alcom were supposed to upgrade a while ago. Dog fouling and weed growth issues were discussed. Communities Together department had been created because of Covid to ensure people received food, encouraging warm hub spaces and resilient hubs for Village halls. Looking at Village Halls having a grab bag including First Aid kit, foil blankets, pens and paper etc. Suggested this team gives a presentation jointly to Parish Council and WVI. Devolution process discussed.

Louise expressed her wish to stand down from the Parish Council due to family commitments and other interests. Chris to ask various people if they would be interested in becoming a Councillor, we did advertise a few months ago to no avail.

Finance

1.In A/c as of 07/02/2023 £790.50

2. Precept request submitted 25/01/2023 for a 10% increase which will amount to £1.491.50 per annum

3.Cluster fees paid £8.50

Councillors reminded of briefing via zoom on the 9th of March,7-8.30 with Glen sanderson re the Devolution process.

Next meeting AGM Thursday 25th May 2023 at 6pm.

2023 meetings arranged as follows:

Tuesday July 11th 2023 at 6pm/ Tuesday September 5th 2023 at 6pm.

Tuesday December 5th 2023 at 6pm.

