

Minutes Meeting held Thursday 16th July 2020 at 18.00hrs

Welcome all via Zoom due to Covid19 guidelines.

Present: Kirsty Bell(chair) Louise Kirkwood Gary Scorer Neil Fowler Sue Rollitt(clerk).

County Council Update from Glen Sanderson. Report had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting, as Glen unable to attend zoom meeting. Councillors thanked Glen for information, no questions to be forwarded to him.

10 minute slot for Parishioners Questions – no questions have been received

Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda other than standard declaration of interest. Neil declared Interest in agenda item Matters Arising item 7. (Owns half of the land on which the bridleway passes over.)

Minutes of meeting held Thursday 6th February 2020 approved. (Kirsty and Sue to meet Sunday 17th July 2020 to sign minutes and all relevant Audit papers after approval)

Matters Arising

1 Covid 19. Due to pandemic AGM and Election of Chair deferred until May 2021.

AGAR. Date for Certificate of Exemption to be returned now 31st July 2020. 30 working day period for exercise of public rights should start on or before the first working day of September.

2 Response from Neil Snowden re speed signage received 11/ 2 /2020.Neil suggests that maybe the best option would be to renew the gateway signs indicating 'Welcome to Wingates please drive carefully', we already have one on western approach to Wingates and one north side approach.

Louisa Cuthbert has put signs within the village re driving slowly and carefully with due respect to children and animals, Councillors feel these are too small although they are helpful in the meantime. Turf removal vans are now driving slowly through the village to East Wingates. Delivery vans (increase due to lockdown) are occasionally driving too fast. Gary suggested a sign depicting Children Slow Down and as vehicle approaches the sign will light up. Possibility

to have this funded by NCC or apply to Wingates Windfarm Community Benefits Fund. Sue to contact Neil Snowden re this. T copy in Glen Sanderson.

3 Vacancy for Councillor co-option. We have had no interest shown by any one to become a Councillor. Headteacher at Nunnykirk contacted at the beginning of the year, no response. Sue to write to Michael Orde (past Chairman) and ask him if he knows of any of his tenants/people who work at Nunnykirk who may be interested. Neil to ask Zoe Philips-Nunnykirk trustee.

4 Grit bin now in situ at Village Hall entrance. Committee member from WVI asked if we could request a grit bin for the Hall for safety reasons during winter usage. Sue contacted Ali Johnson, old bin delivered and filled halfway. Will fill again during the winter when they fill the bin at the top of the village.

5 Link to Learning and Local Job Centre information on website.

6 Neil updated Councillors on funding for information leaflet WVI/PC. WVI committee meeting Monday 20th July 2020 when this will be discussed. Committee looking at the possibility to provide zoom meeting access at the Village Hall.

7 Bridleway issue within Wingates. Gary had received complaints from horse riders re partial blockage of the bridleway. He reported this to the Bridleways Officer, NCC on 27th May 2020. He has had no response from them. There is a hole resulting from the water leaks experienced within the village at the end of last year and beginning of this year. Homeowner to resolve the issue and apply for quotes. Vehicle parked on other side of bridleway. Horse riders concerned re potential dangers. Kirsty stated that vehicles have parked there for many years (parking very limited within the village for homeowners) and you can't stop cars parking beside a bridleway. Sue to contact Tony Derbyshire Bridleways/Footpath Officer and copy in Glen.

8 Fly tipping reported 18/05/2020 regarding 2 pieces of furniture near Fiddlers Elbow and Todburn West, now removed.

9 Complaint regarding parked vehicles at Wingates Sawmill raised by a parishioner and complaint regarding the positioning of boulders on opposite verge raised by another parishioner. These 2 complaints are linked to each other. Amount of vehicles requiring to be parked for short period whilst collecting wood from the Sawmill has increased during Covid 19 pandemic due

to restricted times of collection to protect employees and the public. It does not appear that there is an increase in numbers.

Large white painted boulders have been placed on the opposite side of the lane to the Sawmill, just past the double bend. They have been placed in such a position to prevent people driving over the grass verge. This causes a problem when vehicles meet each other on the single track lane and access to the verge is necessary to avoid collision, but it is hindered by the boulders. When extreme winter snow arrives the boulders will not be visible and the snow plough may encounter damage to the blades likewise other vehicles using the road may be damaged. Verification of ownership of grass verge to be confirmed, Sue to email Martin King re this issue and copy in Glen.

10 Complaint received regarding white van which has been parked on the grass verge on the western approach to Wingates Village, at the junction to Forestburn Gate. It has been there for a few months, reported this to DVLA , no response. Also reported this to Police, also. Sue to contact Martin King and copy in Glen.

Finances

1 In Account as of 16th July 2020 £948.71

2 Cluster fee cheque for £5.38 sent

3 Precept of £700.50 Received April 8th 2020

4 Cheque sent for £266.67 BHIB Insurance/ Cheque sent for £136.80 NALC Subs and Website .

6 Reimburse Kirsty for annual fees to Microsoft 365- £59.99 and £59.99 for Norton security (£119.98 in total) Sue and Neil to complete and sign cheque

7 Clerk's wages :December 7th 2019 – March 30th 2020 1 and a half hours per week at £8.21 per hour £197.04

April 1st 2020 – July 16th 2020 1 and a half hours per week at £8.72 per hour

£183.12 TOTAL £380.16 Cheque to be completed and signed by Kirsty and Neil

Councillors to pass an exclusion resolution, if any members of the public have joined the meeting, before the confidential agenda item of the AGAR approval and completion can be discussed. They will be asked to kindly leave the meeting. No parishioners have joined the meeting, thus exclusion resolution not passed.

AGAR

Certificate of Exemption completed.

Annual Governance Statement completed .

Accounting Statement completed.

Due to virtual meeting, physical completion and signatures to be completed Sunday 19th July by Kirsty and Sue.

AOB

1 Northumberland Local Plan Examination Consultation on additional evidence. Neil taken USB stick to peruse information.

2Wingates | Windfarm meeting June 2020. Applications from Bowmen of Rothbury Forest (archery club at Forestburn Gate), grant approved to purchase new butts.

C&S Sporting Clays (clay shooting club at Forestburn gate) grant approved for storage container. A total of £4,500 was awarded at this meeting.

Julia(CAN) writing to previously funded buildings to offer any financial assistance with all the Covid 19 installations to comply with the regulations and legislation.

3.Louise asked for update re Power/ Water issues within the village. Neil informed Louise of the cause of the problems, power surges have ceased and up to individual homeowners to address their own issues. Neil to forward Northern Power Grid letter to all.

Date of next meetings

17th September 2020 at 19.00hrs via zoom

3rd December 2020 at 18.00hrs via zoom Meeting closed at 19.00hrs

