



Chairman: Sarah Crone

Parish Clerk: Iris Leadbitter

Minutes of Birtley Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
at Birtley Village Hall

Present:

Sarah Crone, David Burn, Bill White, Paul Andrew, Anne Lowes

Declaration of interest None

Update from the previous meeting

Sarah Crone (Chairman) approved the minutes from the previous meeting

B4RN

A village resident advised installation has begun however they have a shortfall of £123000

Meetings are to be arranged in early 2024 at Birtley, Gunnerton & Barrasford to encourage people to a Q & A and to join the scheme and invest

### Roads

Clerk advised that she will contact the council for an answer to the emails already submitted asking when the road from Birtley to Wark would be resurfaced

The water running down the road before the water station towards Threepwood Hill entrance was mentioned again as it still hasn't been repaired by Northumbria Water - Clerk advised she will contact them to chase up the email already sent regarding the issue

Pot holes at the corner of the road going down to Wark Station were also mentioned as the road surface is becoming very uneven – clerk to speak to NCC about it

### Village Hall

Paul Andrews advised the committee are waiting for the concrete plinth to be installed

Once its completed the generator can be put in place and commissioned by Burncliffe

### St Giles Church

David Burn advised Christmas carol service has been arranged for the 17<sup>th</sup> of December

The badger licence has been granted

### Finance

The precept for 2024 – 25 to be submitted to Northumberland County Council by 27<sup>th</sup> January

2024 the committee agreed to ask for the precept to be raised by 5%

### Northumberland County Council

Nick Morphet advised he would send a copy of all the current ongoing activity in the local area – clerk to put a copy on the village notice board

Delia Farran our Locality Co-ordinator was introduced to the committee by Nick

Delia gave us a presentation on all the services she can offer to help communities come together in our local area this includes fast track to citizens advice, grants and help with adult social care leaflets with all her contact details on have been placed on the village notice board and in the local church

### A.O.B.

Dog fouling was raised once again as a major issue in the play park & sports field

The committee agreed to put up and additional sign and distribute a letter to all village residents to emphasise the need for all dog fouling to be picked up and disposed of in the correct manner

The situation is to be monitored and if no improvement additional signs to be put up

The committee agreed the annual dog show will still go ahead on the sports field as the organisers are very vigilant in ensuring any dog fouling is collected and disposed of in the correct manner

A member of the village asked if the committee could look at cleaning the war memorial

A village member who helps cut the village grass and verges asked if the strimmer could be sent for service before the spring the committee agreed to arrange this to be done

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Next meeting arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Minutes approved :.....

Sarah Crone Chairman

Date:.....19/3/24.....