



Minutes of Birtley Parish Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

At Birtley Village Hall

Present:

Ernest Coulson, Anne Lowes, Bill White, Sarah Crone

Apologies: David Burn

County Councillor: Nick Morphet

Clerk: Iris Leadbitter

Declaration of interest: None

Update from the previous meeting:

Ernest Coulson agreed the minutes from the previous meeting

Resignation

A letter of resignation was received from Tony Brotherton

The casual vacancy will be advertised on the village notice board as from the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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Update on the installation; A meeting has been held to discuss the Northumberland & Cumbria installation – Northumberland is hopefully being earmarked as the first install

A member of the village gave the clerk the email address for the area contact. | The clerk will email them asking for an update

## Roads

Chairman advised the road from Birtley to Wark has been patched however the actual full repair required is not on the Council list for 2022. The clerk will send another email asking for an update re the proposed date for the full repair to be completed

Nick Morphet advised he could contribute £2000 of his budget to assist with the costs of repairing the road he also asked if the parish Council could contribute the same. The chairman advised this wouldn't be possible

Nick Morphet advised he will speak to the highways department re the chevrons being put onto the blind summit at the bank top at Buteland buildings as the road No C202 has been selected to be resurfaced in the next financial year

A member of the parish asked about traffic calming measures – Nick Morpeth advised a speed survey could be undertaken or a road safety unit could be requested to attend the village, should an interactive traffic calming sign be required it would be £4 -5000 to install and the parish council would have to maintain it

## Village Hall

A member of the village Hall committee advised that bookings are now being taken

A grant has been received to varnish the village hall the work will be undertaken next year and the work has to be completed by the end of April 2022

The external light on the hall is to be replaced by the village hall committee

The defibrillator is needing to be updated – Sarah Crone advised we could apply for a grant and gave details to the clerk of who to contact at Ray Wind Fund and email will be sent asking how we can apply

Social day : 1st of January 2022 from 12 – 3pm

## Saint Giles Church

Date for the carol service has been agreed for the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The fence is to be repaired around the church and the grave stones straightened

## Finance

Election costs – The chairman asked for the costs to be paid to NCC

Precept for 2022 - The chairman advised to apply for an increase of 4.5% -clerk to submit the application

Any other business

Clerk advised she had been informed that a trial of glass collections is to be rolled out in Hexham until 2023. Once the trial results are completed door step glass collections could be rolled out as a result no additional glass bins will be put into the community currently

Should a charging point in the village for electric cars be sited at the village hall Nick Morpeth advised they are free to install, 2 parking spaces would be required. Should we wish to proceed Northumberland Estates would need to be contacted as they own the land

The question of cost was raised Nick Morpeth advise some charge for the electricity supply and some are free, he advised he would investigate if NCC would supply electricity free of charge

Nick Morpeth asked if Colin Hall from the environment could attend the next meeting to discuss the flood plan for the village - Chairman advised he was happy for him to attend

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date of Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm Birtley Village Hall

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