

**Minutes of Hedgeley Parish Council quarterly meeting held on Monday 1st September 2014 in the Breamish Hall
Powburn commencing 730pm**

Apologies for Absence: P Barton, I Smith, J Macdougall, K Cairns (NCC)

Those Present: S English (Chairman), M Wilson, N Birnie, R Burn, J Brown

Minutes of previous meeting held 21st May 2014

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

No members of the public present.

Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Matters arising from previous meeting

- R Burn had costed safety mirrors, with Convex Mirrors retailing an 80cm structure with chequerboard surrounding and fixing kit at £135 + VAT, with pole a separate cost. All members of the public who would be affected would also need consulted, however a mirror would be of benefit to residents. Highways NCC may be able to advise on type of mirror recommended and if planning permission required. Photographs to be taken and R Burn to create map with exact location.
- Information had been received from N Brannen NCC, regarding matters outstanding from previous meeting, and who had carried out a site visit, reporting the following: there were no signs of any ridges on the road at Crawley Dene; concerns regarding footpath at Bolton had been passed to Pavement Manager for consideration 2015/2016 capital programme. Potholes to be actioned within 28 days (from 21/8/14); NCC to contact North East Concrete regarding road sweeping; Information that NCC have no powers stopping vehicles transporting hazardous waste through the county, this being the responsibility of the Environment Agency. Clerk to email EA to ask if A697 is the prescribed route for transporting hazardous waste.
- It was reported there is a large depression in road near to Powburn bridge which would lead to a further pothole repair.

Planning

Planning Applications have been received for the following:

- 14/01694/FUL: Mr M Oldfield, Wineburn Cottage Bolton, proposed rear sunroom extension and proposed two storey front extension - supported
- 14/01999/FUL: Mr J Herriman, Bolton Village Hall, installation gas tank - supported
- 14/02634/FUL: Mr P Hornsby, Ayton Law House, garden room extension – supported

Planning Application approval has been received for the following:

- 13/03715/FUL: Dr S English, The Manse, Powburn – conversion garage/store
- 14/01007/FUL: Mr J Carr-Ellison, land south west of corner cottage, Hedgeley Hall – biomass system
- 14/01008/LBC: Mr J Carr-Ellison, Hedgeley Hall – listed building consent
- 14/00332/RENE: Mr J Stanners, land north west of Breamish Park – wind turbine
- 14/01125/FUL: A J Scott – proposed sawmill building

Finance

The following accounts were authorised:

- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses - £283.68
- Rospa – play area inspection - £78.00
- NALC – annual subscription - £70.75

Correspondence

- L Goodfellow – Bolton Garage – Mr Goodfellow to fund refurbishment of signage and seating in commemoration of J Taylor near to crossroads at Bolton. General signage and street furniture in the parish then discussed. Signage on Powburn to Branton road did previously have weight restriction limit. Clerk to contact NCC.
- NCC – Footpaths & bridleways – NCC have no funding for inspection/minor maintenance of footpaths, and asking for volunteers to survey conditions. If a problem then being beyond the skill/resources of volunteers, it can be added to the list of problems to be attended to by NCC in the future. Clerk to reply stating there are no issues at present in Powburn, however the footpath at Bolton had been reported to NCC as being in need of remedial works.
- NCC – acknowledgement of issues raised after May meeting – discussed earlier
- NCC – LTP requests 2015-2016: It was agreed to list average speed camera system, pedestrian crossing, and roundabout on A697 to Glanton road.
- CPRE – newsletter
- Rospa – Play area inspection report – medium risk being projecting bolt thread on gate and geo-textile exposed on some surfacing. Clerk to contact M Clark regarding bolt thread repair, and surfacing to also be actioned.
- C Little, Ditchburn Wind Farm proposal – information evening to be held 2/9/14, Alnwick Rugby Club.
- NCC – Northumberland Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – notice of site assessment consultation, comments can be made via NCC web-site.

Parish Plan

Flooding/housing/road and traffic/public transport/job opportunities/newsletter and community garden reviewed 2009, with most of these having been covered. Electronic job board had been discussed for garage, but not thought viable. Community garden of greater importance – R Burn had spoken to Sid who had agreed to cut grass for nominal fee of £100 yearly, and area is looking magnificent at present. Heavy roller to be employed to flatten ground, and steps had been actioned, with costings for materials to be submitted. Lane from grassed area to be fenced off, provision of barbecue area and wooden footbridge between play area and garden suggested, which had been discussed previously, however flooding/damning effects of concern. Wooden staging around exposed well to be created. Tree does require action, being four trunks, with Sid reticent to climb again for Christmas lighting. A mature tree planted could be an option, or a tree could be donated yearly, dropped into hole, and decorated. Vulnerable persons in the parish discussed, and whether a register of such persons could be kept to be used in times of need. An article in Cheviot News could be an option.

David Brown, police representative present, with speeding discussed - police could provide signage if PC erect. Crimewise, person's had been remanded regarding burglaries throughout the North East, and it is important when reporting suspicious vehicles to give accurate registration number details.

Value of A697 discussed, whether high usage of it could be used to the benefit of the parish, however not thought this would be helpful with job generation.

Acknowledgement of extraordinary meeting of the PC held 9/6/14 and confirmation of response to allegations

Meeting held whereby it was discussed the comments made by a parishoner to NCC Planning Department were unfounded.

Discussion regarding PC planning application review mechanism

If Cllrs have issues, they should be flagged during circulation of Planning Applications.

Mechanism to highlight issues of importance to residents of the parish

M Wilson had noticed a sign on Longframlington PC noticeboard stating if there were any issues of concern to the public they should contact the PC. However, PC information seemed to disappear from the Powburn noticeboard, and it was thought a portion of the board could be for private PC use, ie. sectioned off. Details of Cllrs could be printed in Cheviot News, or an insert placed in the publication. S English to draft.

Any Other Business

- Sinks had taken two hours to clean out after last heavy rainfall, which NCC should action, however J Brown had attended to. It was discussed whether evidence could be forwarded to NCC, ie, photographic.
- Daffodils had been planted previously, and more should be planted on a yearly basis, agreed. It was suggested ditches could be dug around Powburn signs, and small flowerbeds created.
- It was noted ditching works were required from Powburn bridge to Breamish House wood.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Monday 1st December 2014 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall, Powburn.