

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held at 730pm on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 in the Breamish Hall Powburn

Those Present Cllr M Wilson (Chairman), Cllr I Smith, Cllr J Bennett, Cllr M Clark, Cllr D Carr-Ellison, Cllr J Frater, Cllr Birnie, W Pattison (County Cllr), C Miller (Clerk), two Northumbria Police representatives

2022/01 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Goodfellow

2022/02 Co-Option Vacancies

There had been no applications for the co-option vacancies.

2022/03 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr M Wilson declared an interest in proposals for a generator at the Breamish Hall.

2022/04 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

No members of the public were present.

2022/05 Minutes of previous meeting held Wednesday 3rd November 2021

It was resolved the minutes of the previous meeting held Wednesday 3rd November 2021 be accepted as a true record, further to the addition of N Birne under "Those Present."

2022/06 Works to well/Barbecue area

No quotations had been received for metal top to well – Cllr D Carr-Ellison to speak to contractor who may be able to provide a quote. It was anticipated the barbecue would be built in time for the Queen's Platinum celebrations.

2022/07 Play area

Equipment not yet fixed, with contractor to attend site next week

2022/08 Parish drains – to consider problem with drain at NE66 4HN

Complaint had been received about blocked drain at houses near to bridge, with garden and shed having been flooded. This is a perpetual problem, with gulley sucking equipment having attended site after Storm Arwen, and County Council were well aware of problems.

2022/09 Queens Jubilee Canopy tree planting scheme

Landowner at Bolton involved in a scheme with Natural England who are to plant trees. The paddock in Powburn, or an area past the football field could be suitable for planting. A plaque can be obtained through the Queens Jubilee tree planting scheme web-site. It was resolved a budget of £200 to purchase tree(s), with Cllr M Wilson to research the most appropriate for planting.

2022/10 Speeding traffic

Two police representatives present. Paul Sykes reported due to an internal reorganisation and the Covid 19 pandemic, the Community Speedwatch scheme was still under review, however police had continued to carry out checks in the village, and would be visiting individual parishes with their Community Engagement Van.

2021/11 Additional street lighting from Breamish Hall to Eglington junction C82; street lighting at Beanley and Bolton

Beanley and Bolton parishioners were not in favour of street lighting. County Council had prepared proposals for additional lighting in Powburn, which would be considered through the County Council Local Transport Plan. It was agreed Clerk would officially contact County Council to support the proposals.

2022/12 Road issues within the parish

County Council were aware the Beanley road is in need of repair, with temporary repair on Honeysuckle Bridge also outstanding – Clerk to enquire with County Council when works may be actioned.

2022/13 Trees on Titlington to Bolton road

Trees of concern discussed at the previous meeting had fallen during Storm Arwen.

2022/14 To discuss a generator for the Breamish Hall, to assist in occurrences such as Storm Arwen

Community Action Northumberland could assist with funding for a generator to use in occurrences such as Storm Arwen. Breamish Hall Committee to discuss further with CAN.

2022/15 To consider responding to Northumberland County Council – Storm Arwen Review

Consultation available on-line. It was agreed comments would be forwarded to state Northern Powergrid should be providing generators, and communication/updates during such instances, other than via electronic means. Northern Powergrid have three food trucks, however County Council can contact mobile food vans to visit parishes in such circumstances. Being aware of vulnerable person(s) in the parish would be of benefit to ensure people can be checked.

2022/16 County Cllr update

Further to Storm Arwen, Howick and Beanley were off grid for 10 days. A resident of Beanley to contact County Cllr if there are future power losses, and Cllrs to contact County Cllr in the future. A community fridge is an initiative in Newcastle where out of date food can be given away, rather than visiting a food bank, and County Cllr hoped to see the scheme available in Northumberland.

2022/17 Planning

2022/17/01 Approval of Planning Application received:

- 21/01002/FUL and 21/01003/LBC: Bolton Hall – internal alterations
- 21/02900/FUL & 21/02901/LBC: The Stables, Bolton – removal of chimney stacks and entrance portico
- 21/04612/VARYCO: Breamish Hall, Variation of Condition2 on 17/02149/FUL in order to amend design/layout

2022/18 Finance

2022/18/01 The following accounts are to be authorised:

- Defib World – defib pads - £53.19
- C Miller – quarterly salary & expenses - £275.61
- HMRC – PAYE – £60.00

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2022/19 To consider a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish

D Carr-Ellison had contacted Glanton Parish Council who did not seem interested in working with Hedgeley PC to develop a plan. At the present time, it was agreed no further action would be taken.

2022/20 Review of Internal Auditor and Internal Controls

It was resolved to retain the services of the present internal auditor, A Winter. It was resolved the current internal controls were sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

2022/21 Review of Risk Assessment

It was resolved the document was sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

2022/22 Review of Asset Register

It was resolved the Register was an accurate record of the Parish Council assets.

2022/23 Review of insurance policy

It was resolved the current insurance policy was sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council. Public liability currently £10million and insurance values included in Risk Assessment.

2022/24 To consider funding opportunities for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, working with Hedgeley W.I, Breamish Hall and Powburn Show Committees

£500 available through the County Council towards the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Representatives from the W.I. Breamish Hall, Powburn Show Committee and Parish Council to form a Working Group, with parishioners invited to join to organise a communal tea/entertainment on the June bank holiday weekend. Cllr's J Bennett, M Wilson and N Birnie to sit on Working Group.

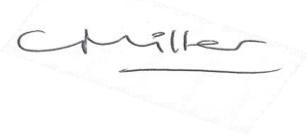
2022/25 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda

Fencing had been knocked down at the back of the fuel station, and refuse dumped. Cllr D Carr-Ellison to initially contact land owner. New gateway signage at Bolton had been knocked over, along with the fingerpost at the top of Beanley Banks, and signage at r/h side of bridge lying flat, with clerk to report to County Council.

2022/26 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday 4th May 2022 commencing after the Annual Assembly of the Parish which commences at 730pm

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Miller', is written over a faint, rectangular, light blue grid pattern.

The meeting closed at 915pm