Minutes of ordinary meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council commencing at 730pm on Wednesday 3rd August 2022 in the Breamish Hall Powburn

Those Present: Cllr M Wilson (Chairman), Cllr N Birnie, Cllr M Clark, Cllr J Frater, Cllr J Bennett, Cllr P Wood W Pattison (County Cllr), C Miller (Clerk)

2022/50 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Carr-Ellison, Cllr I Smith

2022/51 Co-Option Vacancies

It was resolved to co-opt P Wood onto the Council.

2022/52 Declaration of Members Interests

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

2022/53 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

There were no matters raised from members of the public.

2022/54 Minutes of previous meeting held Wednesday 4th May 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 4th May 2022 be accepted as a true record.

2022/55 Works to well/Barbecue area

Works to well completed. No action yet taken on proposed barbecue area.

2022/56 To consider annual ROSPA Play area inspection report

Report had advised there were rabbit holes on play area surface; balance trail should be monitored for decay; chain covers removed to inspect cableway (previously actioned); rusty fittings and rotting timber should be monitored on multiplay; swing height should be raised due to wear on surface, and trip points on surface and toddler swing timber should be monitored. A local person who could carry out minor repairs/regular inspection of the play area could be beneficial to the parish.

2022/57 Speeding traffic

Speeding traffic an ongoing problem, with no speed vans evident in many parts of the County. 20pmh signage on North end of bridge requiring repair – Clerk to report to County Council.

2021/58 Additional street lighting from Breamish Hall to Eglingham junction C82

To be included in Local Transport Plan requests 2023-2024.

2022/59 To consider road issues within the parish and update on issues previously reported to County Council

Bolton village signage/planters had been repaired; road repairs on C82 actioned; there were many potholes on C84 Glanton to Eglingham road requiring repair – County Cllr to report to County Council.

2022/60 Replacement of parish gateway signage and planter

Reported above.

To receive update on proposals for a generator for the Breamish Hall, to assist in occurrences such as Storm Arwen

Proposal discussed at Breamish Hall AGM. County Council Storm Arwen Review had indicated communities need to work together in times of crises, as the County Council do not have the resources to assist the whole county. There were organisations who could advise, with further information awaited. Honesty boxes/funding events could be organised to raise funds towards resilience.

2022/62 To consider contacting holiday cottage owners to request they contribute funds to the parish

Craster Parish Council had written to holiday home owners in the parish suggesting they contribute funds towards converting Craster village hall into a warm shelter during times of crises, which would cost in the region of £10,000. Option could be considered with above proposals.

2022/63 To consider future of the Plough Inn

There was no further information available.

2022/64 County Cllr update

There were currently 300 ukranians in the County, with 300 waiting to arrive. A nine parish ward meeting had been organised for Tuesday 13th September 2022 at the Old Courthouse, Alnwick Police Station, with Community Police Officer to attend, along with Neil Easton, County Council public transport representative. County Council Climate Change Department were applying for a grant towards EV charging points, with Breamish Hall car park considered a suitable location.

2022/65 Planning

2022/65/01 Planning Applications received

There had been no planning applications received.

2022/66 Finance

2022/66/01 The following accounts are to be authorised:

- BHIB Insurance annual insurance policy £466.73
- M Wilson Platinum Jubilee flag; tablecloths £89.49
- Running Imp Platinum Jubilee £316.23
- Penny Petroleum Platinum Jubilee £2.30
- CM Cole Platinum Jubilee £50.00
- Breamish Hall Platinum Jubilee £97.95
- A Pringle Platinum Jubilee £350.00
- C Cole Platinum Jubilee £26.00
- Penny Petroleum Platinum Jubilee £5.40
- C Cole Platinum Jubilee £8.89
- C Cole Platinum Jubilee £2.24
- G Fabrications Ltd supply and fit steel well cover £990
- M Wilson plants £42.40
- Playsafety Ltd annual ROSPA play area inspection £84.00
- G Smith Replacement defib pads, Bolton £55.50
- C Miller quarterly salary & expenses £368.73
- HMRC PAYE £65.80

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2022/67 To consider County Council Local Transport Plan requests 2023-2024

Request for 2022-2023 being resurfacing from C82 from A697 junction from Eglingham/Beanley to triangle at Beanley. Resurfacing on C84 from A697 Dene House to Shawdon Farm junction; slow signage on roads at Ingram A697 and Low Hedgeley turnoff and within Bolton and Beanley.

It was resolved to request resurfacing on C82 from triangle junction to Beanley and road leading to Hedgeley Hall; resurfacing on C84 from A697 Dene House to Shawdon Farm junction and additional street lighting in Powburn.

2022/68 Northumberland County Council – Northumberland Town and Parish Council Climate Change Toolkit County Council had produced a toolkit to assist Parish Council's with addressing climate change.

2022/69 Northumberland County Council – Surface dressing 2022 – Glanton to High Powburn Resurfacing had been completed.

2022/70 To consider Parish Council take over ownership of Powburn defibrillator

North East Ambulance Service would not be able to continue funding defibs and had requested the Parish Council take over ownership of the defib at Breamish Hall, which would require replacement in a few years time. It was therefore resolved the Parish Council would take over responsibility of the machinery.

2022/71 To receive update on Plough Hotel

Discussed earlier.

2022/72 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda

There was no urgent business/items for next agenda.

2022/73 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall, Powburn

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

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The meeting closed at 830pm