

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council commencing at 730pm on Wednesday 2nd August 2023 in the Breamish Hall Powburn

Those Present: Cllr M Wilson (Chairman), Cllr N Birnie, Cllr D Frater, Cllr M Clark, Cllr D Carr-Ellison, Cllr J Bennett, W Pattison (County Cllr), C Miller (Clerk)

2023/44 Apologies for Absence

Cllr I Smith

2024/45 Co-Option Vacancy

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

2023/46 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr's M Wilson and N Birnie declared an interest in agenda item 2023/65 To consider parishioner letter regarding clean rivers for people and wildlife. Cllr D Carr-Ellison declared an interest in agenda item 23/02448/FUL: Titlington Hall, Titlington Hall Drive – Single storey plant room and woodchip store.

2023/47 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

There were no members of the public present.

2023/48 Minutes of previous meeting held Wednesday 3rd May 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 be accepted as a true record.

2023/49 Speeding traffic/mobile speedgun monitoring

County Council had confirmed speed monitoring would be carried out, however there was a waiting list. Clerk to contact a Northumbria Police PCSO who had advised he could assist with speedgun monitoring training.

2023/50 To receive update on proposals for a generator for the Breamish Hall, to assist in occurrences such as Storm Arwen

Alncom to arrange generator which would be used in times of power failure for broadband reasons. This would allow the hall to open up as a warm space, with restrictions, due to the priority being for broadband.

2023/51 To receive update on report of overgrown hedging on crossroads at Shawdon Hill

County Council to write to householder regarding overgrown hedging.

2023/52 To receive update on potholes reported at Crawley Bank

County Council had advised no actionable defects had been indicated anywhere on the crossroads (potholes must be at least 40mm depth and 300mm diameter), however they would organise road sweeping.

2023/53 To receive update on outstanding matters previously reported to County Council

Issues had been reported as follows: road breaking up North and Southbound at Bolton; Hedgeley Hall crossroads; road at old railway bridge washed out; road to Hedgeley Hall, at triangle junction towards Beanley prevalent with potholes. County Cllr to re-report issues to County Council, along with problems with water run offs at Glanton/Powburn road, which Cllr M Wilson had already reported.

2023/54 To consider further road issues, if any, within the parish

There were no further road issues.

2023/55 County Cllr update

A meeting had been arranged for 19/9/23 regarding Climate Change, with County Council ecology and climate change officers to be present, along with a community group dealing with climate change from Newton by the Sea. County Cllr believed the Parish Council should participate in Northumbria in Bloom, along with Bolton village. An article could

be placed on the community web-site advertising this. There were currently 15,000 free trees available via the County Council tree planting scheme.

2023/56 Planning

2023/56/01 Planning Applications received

- 23/02252/VARYCO: The Stables, Bolton – Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) on 21/12900/FUL in order to install an energy efficient heating system (airsource heat pumps) into the property – no objections.
- 23/02448/FUL: Titlington Hall, Titlington Hall Drive – Single storey plant room and woodchip store – Cllr D Carr-Ellison temporarily left the meeting – no objections.

2023/56/02 Approval of Planning Application received

- 23/01419/LBC: The Stables, Bolton Village – Internal/external alterations to create small kitchen, main kitchen, dining room, living room & utility room.

2023/57 To consider maintenance of play area and possible installation of slide

Playdale had advised costings of between £10 - £12K to install a slide. Clerk advised for a Parish Council to apply for funds to organisations such as the Community Foundation, they would need to adopt a safeguarding policy – Clerk to draft policy for consideration at next meeting. It was resolved G Adams would be engaged to carry out embankment strimming three times a year, at the cost of £60.

2023/58 To consider annual RoSPA play area inspection report

There were no urgent works required to the play area.

2023/59 Finance

2023/59/01 The following accounts are to be authorised:

- D Smailes – memorial area upkeep - £100
- C Miller – quarterly salary - £396.98; expenses £50.82
- RoSPA(Playsafety) – annual play area inspection report - £90.00
- G Adams – Strimming play area - £60.00
- C M Cole – play area fence repair/additional piece of wood - £80.00

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2023/59/02 To consider request for grant from Citizens Advice Northumberland

It was resolved no grant would be given. For information, Northumberland Communities Together which had been set up by the County Council during the pandemic, offer a similar service.

2023/60 To consider free government funded EV chargepoints

There had been no further information from the company who had added the Breamish Hall car park to their waiting list to be considered for an EV chargepoint.

2023/61 To consider Local Transport Plan Requests 2024-2025 2024 requests being additional street lighting in Powburn

Additional street lighting had been approved in LTP 2023-2024. It was resolved to include 1. Further traffic calming measures on entry points in Powburn. 2. resurfacing on C82 from triangle junction to Beanley and road leading to Hedgeley Hall. 3. resurfacing of C84 from A697 Dene House to Shawdon Fam junction for 2024-2025.

2023/62 Proposed works to Dubbs Burn Bridge

County Council were proposing to undertake maintenance works to Dubbs Burn Bridge. Due to the nature of the works and the limited width of the road over the bridge, they would need to close the road to undertake the work safely, which would take a maximum of four weeks, with consideration being to close the road from Monday 6th November 2023.

2023/63 To consider changes to County Council North Local Area Committee

The County Council Local Area Committee had amended the committee structure, with the planning element of the meeting to be held separately. Subsequently the Committee would be moving around the area and Parish Council's were able to request items for discussion. Cllr M Wilson had attended the committee meeting last week, where verge cutting, coastal erosion and potholes had been issues under discussion.

2023/64 To receive notice of Town and Parish Conference at County Hall, 5th October 2023 2 to 6pm

County Council had advised the annual Town and Parish Council would be held at County Hall, 5th October 2023, 2pm to 6pm. Two representatives from each Parish Council were able to attend.

2023/65 To consider parishioner letter regarding "clean rivers for people and wildlife."

Hedgeley W.I. had written to the Parish Council regarding clean rivers for people and wildlife and which contained several questions which the Clerk had directed to Northumbrian Water. NW had subsequently responded to the issues raised, however the W.I. representative was not satisfied with the response(s) received. It was resolved to respond to the parishioner to state the Parish Council did not have the expertise or responsibility to deal with queries surrounding the Powburn Sewage Treatment Works, advise the W.I. contact NW themselves, and suggest they invite speakers with technical knowledge to a future W.I. meeting.

2023/66 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda

Fund raising for the new play area slide to be considered at next meeting.

2022/67 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1st November 2023 commencing 7pm in the Breamish Hall Powburn

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk



The meeting closed at 9pm