

HEDGELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council commencing at 7pm on Wednesday 7th August 2024 in the Breamish Hall Powburn

Those Present: Cllr M Wilson (Chairman), Cllr J Frater, Cllr J Bennet, Cllr I Smith, Cllr N Birnie, Cllr M Clark

In Attendance: C Miller (Clerk), W Pattison (County Cllr)

2024/49 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Carr-Ellison

2024/50 Co-Option Vacancy

No applications had been received for the co-option vacancy.

2024/51 Declaration of Members Interests

There were no declaration of members interests.

2024/52 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

2024/53 Minutes of previous meeting held Wednesday 1st May 2024

RESOLVED:

Members agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held Wednesday 1st May 2024 were a true record.

2024/54 Mobile speedgun monitoring, speeding traffic Powburn. Members to receive update

County Cllr had attended police liaison meeting at Longhoughton where speed guns were discussed. The Parish Council speed gun had subsequently been loaned out, with volunteers from Longhoughton then carrying out monitoring in Powburn. Six persons had been registered speeding. Speed van had been visiting the parish on a regular basis.

2025/55 Generator for the Breamish Hall. Members to receive update

Electrician had carried out survey with further information awaited. Breamish Hall had been given prior approval to proceed with installation of solar panels, which should be before the end of the year. Northern Powergrid may be able to provide a generator.

2024/56 Members to receive update on any further matters previously reported to County Council

Road works had been carried out in the parish. **Cllr Smith to report pothole near to Bolton crossroads via Fix My Street.** Several areas reported by the Parish Council had not yet been actioned.

2024/57 Members to consider request from Glanton Parish Council to support footpath improvements between Glanton and Powburn

Glanton Parish Council had written to request the Parish Council support footpath improvements between Glanton and Powburn, with the belief more people would walk if the area were made safe. A request could be made via the Local Transport Plan, however part of the verge is steep and it was not clear how a path could be created.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the proposal was not feasible.

2024/58 County Cllr update

- Government legislation for annual new housing in the county had risen from 549 houses to 1769.
- Parish Council's should have a biodiversity plan. A community group could be set up to assist with biodiversity matters. Matter to be added to next agenda - Clerk to circulate further information.

2024/59 Planning**2024/59/01 Planning Applications received**

- 24/02064/FUL & 24/02065/LBC: Titlington Hall – Internal alterations – no objections.

2024/59/02 Approval of Planning Application received

- 223/04363/VARYCO: Hedgeley Quarry, Variation of conditions 66 and 67 to 11/02218/VARYCO to end aftercare conditions.
- 24/00923/LBC and 24/00922/FUL: Plough Inn – Replacement porch, removal flat roof above W/C extension, internal alterations/repairs to re-instate property as a public house.

2024/60 Powburn Play Area**2024/60/01 Fund raising relating to new slide at play area. Members to receive update.**

£3500 had been raised towards slide at play area. Application to be submitted to wind farm funding. Powburn Show could possibly grant further funds.

2024/60/02 Annual ROSPA play area inspection. Members to consider report and issues arising.

Replacement swing required. Further issues with multi-play timber, gate, general surfaces, seating, and timber on balance trail. Works could be organised to coincide with swing installation. Cableway chains required dismantling for inspection – resident to be asked to assist. Site visit to be organised.

2024/61 Finance**2024/61/01 The following accounts are to be authorised:**

PAYABLE TO	DETAIL	NET	VAT	GROSS
D Smailes	Annual community garden maintenance	£100	NIL	
A Adams	Annual play area maintenance	£60	NIL	
G Birnie	Annual mole catching	£10	NIL	
M Wilson	Planters/compost (retrospective)	£81.12	£16.22	£97.34
C Miller	Quarterly salary	£285.58		
	Quarterly expenses	£72.71		
HMRC	PAYE (retrospective)	£25.50		

RESOLVED:

Members approved the payments.

2024/61/02 Request for grant from Friends of Whittingham & Bolton Chapel Burial Grounds. Members to consider request.**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed to seek clarification as to the costs involved. Members agreed any monies granted would need to be ringfenced for Bolton.

2024/61/03 Request for grant from Citizens Advice Northumberland. Members to consider request.**RESOLVED**

Members agreed no grant would be given.

2024/61/04 Request for grant from Hospicecare Northumberland. Members to consider request.**RESOLVED**

Members agreed no grant would be given.

2024/62 County Council Local Transport Plan requests 2025-2026. Members to consider areas for inclusion

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to include the following:

1. Resurfacing from Shawdon Hill to Shawdon.

2024/63 Wheelie bins/rubbish Crawley Dene. Members to consider issues.

Clerk advised County Council had contacted residents regarding leaving wheelie bins on public land.

2024/64 Town and Parish Council Conference, County Hall, 3/10/24. Members to receive invite.

Members noted the date.

2024/65 Northumberland County Council. Members to consider consultation Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Clerk had circulated plan and summary of document. Consultation open until the middle of October.

2024/64 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda

- Hedging at Shawdon Hill Cottage had been cut and since grown back. Clerk to report to County Council.
- Cllr Frater to prune hedge at community garden.
- Parish survey to be added to next agenda.

2024/65 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th November 2024 commencing 7pm in the Breamish Hall Powburn.

The meeting closed at 825pm.



Claire Miller, Parish Clerk