

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Edlingham Parish Council held at 730pm on Monday 21st November 2022 at Thrunton Fishery

Those Present: Cllr C Blythe (Chairman), Cllr A Hall, Cllr N Hargreave, Cllr R Robson, County Cllr W Pattison, C Miller (Clerk)

2022/56 Apologies for Absence

Cllr T Drummond, Cllr G Herdman, Cllr J Herdman, Cllr F Manners

2022/57 Declaration of Interests

There were no Declaration of Interests.

2022/58 Co-Option Vacancies

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

2022/59 Minutes of previous meeting held Monday 22nd August 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 22nd August 2022 be accepted as a true record.

2022/60 Problems due to off road vehicles within the parish

Northumbria Police had advised each parish has an allocated Neighbourhood Police Officer. The Forestry Commission had erected "No Entrance" signage near to Thrunton woods, however this is ignored and trespassing continues. There are issues when reporting off road incidents as the Police usually cannot attend immediately to witness the problems, with incidences usually occurring on a Sunday afternoon. Cllr C Blythe to contact A Newby of Northumbria Police to arrange a site meeting and forward photographs of damaged land. A meeting could also be requested with County Council Public Rights of Way Department and the Police Commissioner contacted. Areas can be closed down during Winter if ground is being damaged.

2022/61 County Cllr Update

The issue of inequality of great importance to the County Council, with Northumberland having several deprived areas, particularly in the South-East, with people dying on average 12 years earlier than those in deprived areas of London. Looking after each other should sit with the community, such as creating a community Whatsapp group. However it was felt Edlingham parish does not receive much from the County Council via its council tax, and this could be seen as further pushing their obligations onto others. A group called Safe Havens were an out of hours service for Mental Health issues with County Cllr lobbying for the service in the parish, and subsequently a centre was to be set up in Ashington. The suicide rate is increasing, particularly amongst males in their 40s.

2022/62 Planning

2022/62/01 Planning Applications received

No planning applications had been received.

2022/63 Finance

2022/63/01 The following accounts are to be authorised:

- Northumberland County Council – annual insurance premium - £168.56

It was resolved to approve the payment.

2022/63/02 To approve budget 2023-2024

It was resolved to approve the budget for 2023-2024.

2022/63/03 To approve precept 2023-2024

It was resolved to approve the precept requirements of £700 for 2023-2024.

2022/64 Superfast broadband for rural communities

Alncom progressing in many rural areas. County Council had advised grants were not currently available, and a community bid would be required.

2022/65 Edlingham Community Association

Nothing to report.

2022/66 To consider new village signage

Stone had been offered, however labour would need financed and traffic management authorised via the County Council. It was resolved the current signage was sufficient.

2022/67 Request for priority traffic signage at Jockey's Dyke Bridge

County Council had advised they did not believe priority signs were justified at the bridge. The road is just over 6metres wide on the bridge itself which is wider than many roads and there are "road narrows" warning signage with "slow" road markings on the approaches. There have been no accidents on the bridge therefore the area is not a concern at the present time. After consideration of the above, it was agreed the Slow signage is barely readable and there is lack of vision. There is one tree that would alleviate problems if it was removed. Measurements, photographic evidence and video footage would be taken.

2022/68 Hole in road at top of Edlingham village

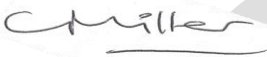
No action had been taken - Clerk to contact G Bucknall, County Council Northern Area Highways Officer. The road was lifting at the top of Corby Crag with drivers having to swerve over the white line. County Cllr had already reported this to G Bucknall, with Clerk to also raise.

2022/69 Urgent Business/Items for Next Meeting

There was no urgent business/items for next meeting.

2022/70 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Edlingham Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th February 2023 commencing 730pm at Thrunton Fishery.



Claire Miller
Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 830pm

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