**Minutes of meeting of Bavington Parish Council held on Thursday 7th February 2019 commencing 7pm at Great Bavington URC Church meeting room**

**Those Present:** P Acton (Chairman), N Bell, P Ramsden, J Spearman, C Hogg**,** R Taylor, C Miller (Clerk)

**2019/01 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence

**2019/02 Disclosure of interests by members regarding agenda items**

There were no Declaration of Interests.

**2019/03 Approval of minutes taken at the meeting held 1st November 2018**

R Taylor proposed and P Ramsden seconded the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st November 2018 be accepted as a true record, all in agreement.

**2019/04 Matters arising from meeting held 1st November 2018**

There were no matters arising from the meeting held 1st November 2018.

**2019/05 Ray Wind Farm Fund Update**

All person’s residing within 10km of the windfarm had received an information leaflet about the fund. Community Interest Company is now fully up and running, with allocation from Ray Wind Farm £270K/annum, index linked for life of the fund, with £100K going to the Community Foundation small grant scheme for the first three years, with charitable donations awarded up to £10K, leaving remainder available for non-charitable applications, for instance to stimulate the local economy/implementation of broadband. Any unspent funds do not get rolled over into the following year, however money could be put into a legacy fund and a larger proportion of funding passed to the Community Foundation. Parishioner Lynne Rawles is Chair of the committee actively pursuing broadband for the parish of Bavington, with one proposal being to set up a broadband network independently of BT, which could achieve far greater speeds, and potentially encourage business opportunities to the parish. There are many hard to reach properties within the parish with the connection cost anticipated as being significantly more than the £3500 quoted for each property. The fundamental theme of the funding is all schemes need to be of benefit to the community.

**2019/06 Correspondence**

* Grant acknowledgement received from Great North Air Ambulance
* City and County newsletter
* Confirmation of NJC payscales from 1/4/19 – this would result in an increase to Clerk salary of £16.14/annum
* Northumberland County Council – Roadside litter campaign 2018
* Northumberland Draft Local Plan – Consultation regarding the soundness of the plan - 30/1 to 13/3/19 with information days to be held – documentation to be held in meeting room for the benefit of residents
* CPRE newsletter

**2019/07 Finance**

**2019/07/01 The following payments were authorised:**

* C Miller, annual salary and expenses - £615.97
* HMRC – PAYE on above - £123.60
* Northumberland & Newcastle Society – annual membership - £30.00 – Cllr Bell proposed and Cllr Hogg seconded not renewing the membership, all in agreement.

**2019/07/02 Acknowledgement of grants:**

Thockrington Church; Great North Air Ambulance; Tynedale Hospice

**2019/07/03 To approve changes to bank account and signatories to allow on-line banking**

It was agreed to add Clerk as bank signatory and apply for on-line banking.

**2019/08 Planning**

**2019/08/01 Planning Applications received:**

* 18/04184/FUL: LandEast of Cocklaw Walls, proposed extension to steel portal framed farm building
* 19/00044/PREAPP: Steel Rigg Farm Belsay – pre-application to construct a timber barn and stable block – County Council had sent this application in error

**2019/08/02 Approval of Planning Application received:**

* 1803508/FUL: Land South East of Homilton Farm – proposed crop store and sheep shed
* 18/04184/FUL: LandEast of Cocklaw Walls, proposed extension to steel portal framed farm building

**2019/09 Noise Complaint, Divet Hill Quarry**

Further to public meeting held July 2018, parishioner and Cemex to hold a site meeting regarding improving the current condition of the bridleways in the area of the quarry – four years ago the County Council had intimated Cemex were not fulfilling their obligations as regards maintaining footpaths. There had been no response to correspondence forwarded to County Council planner, with Clerk having sent further hard copy of letter and asking for a reply in time for tonight’s meeting. It was agreed to forward further correspondence, by recorded delivery, to the Planning Officer. N Bell had recorded times of heavy noise from the quarry and which were to be forwarded to County Council. C Hogg reported water running out of the road end, with gulley cleaning machinery being dispatched to action the area, however it is still problematic. It was agreed to make a formal complaint to County Council about a persistent problem from the road at Little Bavington to layby at end of Bavington parish boundary, beyond Thockrington road end.

**2019/10 Dangerous bend, B6342 Little Bavington**

No information received regarding site meeting held 9/11/18, Clerk to contact parishioner who had attended the meeting.

**2019/11 Renewal of Great Bavington interpretation panel**

Grant application had been made to Green Rigg Fund, with committee to meet 5/3/19 to discuss applications received.

**2019/12 Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, Review of the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way, Application for Modification Order: Bavington to Newonstead**

County Council recommendations in line with Parish Council comments regarding byways not being open to all traffic.

**2019/13 Review of internal controls/internal auditor/asset register/risk assessment and insurance cover**

It was agreed the present arrangements of internal control were adequate for the sufficient needs of the Council; the present internal auditor would be engaged for this years audit; asset register and risk assessment agreed as adequate for the present needs of the Council; insurance policy standard cover for Parish Council’s and appropriate for the present needs of the Parish Council.

**2019/14 Any other Business**

P Ramsden expressed concern at Northumberland being the second bottom for total GDP in the country, with Durham last.

**2019/15 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Bavington Parish Council will be held on Thursday 2nd May 2019 commencing after the Annual meeting of Bavington parish at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Claire Miller

Parish Clerk