**Minutes of meeting of Bavington Parish Council held on Thursday 1st November 2018 commencing 7pm at Great Bavington URC Church meeting room**

**Those Present:** P Acton (Chairman), N Bell, C Hogg**,** R Taylor, C Miller, one member of the public

**2018/46 Apologies for Absence**

P Ramsden, J Spearman

**2018/47 Disclosure of interests by members regarding agenda items**

N Bell declared an interest in hiring of meeting room.

**2018/48 Approval of minutes taken at the meeting held 9th August 2018**

C Hogg proposed and N Bell seconded the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record, all in agreement.

**2018/49 Matters arising from meeting held 9th August 2018**

* Fire Support Services had confirmed the hydrant had been located and reported to Northumbrian Water as a defect.

**2018/50 Ray Wind Farm Fund Update**

Small grant fund committee of £90K to meet in December; fund administered from CIC ready for applications, all households will receive a flyer about how to apply to the fund and a new web-site to be launched, with company renamed Local Initiative Fund. Part-time Administrator had been employed, and person’s can ask for advice if they have a project in mind they wish to progress.

**2018/51 Correspondence**

* City and County – Northumberland & Newcastle Society newsletter.
* Notice of vacancy for Parish Council representative on Northumberland Association of Local Council Committee.
* Community Action Northumberland – Housing Needs Survey to be circulated to all parishioners in Bavington and neighbouring parishes.

**2018/52 Finance**

**2018/52/01 To authorise payments:** URC – meeting room hire - £100.

**2018/52/02 To authorise grants to the following:** Great North Air Ambulance - £100 granted; Tynedale Hospice - £100 granted; St Aidan’s Thockrington £100; Community Action Northumberland – no grant given

**2018/52/03 To approve precept 2019-2020**

N Bell proposed and P Acton seconded retaining the precept at the current level of £1600, all in agreement.

**2018/53 Planning**

**2018/53/01 Planning Applications received:**

* 18/03005/OHL: Northern Powergrid, remove and replace 13 spans of existing overhead lines, land South West of Great Bavington towards Newtonstead, Kirkharle – no objections.
* 18/03508/FUL: Land South East of Homilton Farm, Colwell – proposed crop store and sheep shed – no objections.

**2018/53/02 Approval of Planning Application received:**

* 18/00734/FUL: Steel Rigg Farm – proposed change of use of part of an existing equestrian paddock by constructing a menage/outdoor arena for personal use
* 18/01998/FUL: Land North of Steel Rigg Cottage – conversion of agricultural shed to single dwelling
* 18/03005/OHL: Northern Powergrid, remove and replace 13 spans of existing overhead lines, land South West of Great Bavington towards Newtonstead, Kirkharle.

**2018/54 Noise Complaint, Divet Hill Quarry**

On 24/1/18 resident had written and objected to the planning application variation to noise level, due to the high level currently endured. As a result on 26/3/18 monitoring equipment had been put in place in his back garden, however it was clear they did not carry out or record what he considered were a normal level of operations and that they avoided the loud noises normally heard from the crushing plant. The subsequent noise report published on the Council’s planning website August 2018 confirmed that according to the assessment there was no noise problem. County Council Minerals Enforcement Officer had also looked into the issue and stated the site is compliant and as the planning condition does not mention Great Bavington they are not obliged to place monitoring equipment. Resident had kept a diary of noise and it appeared the noise levels had been managed during subsequent monitoring. He was then advised to make a statutory noise nuisance complaint which is a complex procedure. Resident then complained to County Council about the way the situation had been carried out, and officer did attend site last week where he asked if Cemex could relocate the crusher but had been informed this not possible - a delayed start time of 7am was then requested however this was not possible either. Further County Council Officer had been contacted and asked to include Great Bavington in the noise monitoring process. It was agreed to forward an official letter of concern to County Council and refer to the public meeting where concern was raised over noise and enclose the meeting notes. Dust also of concern with huge clouds recently evident which were assumed to be from the tar plant, and it was agreed to include in the correspondence that everytime the Parish Council had met with Cemex the issues of noise and dust had been raised.

**2018/55 Dangerous bend, B6342 Little Bavington**

Site meeting to be held Friday 9/11/18 at 1pm. All welcome to attend and able to park in The Cottage drive.

**2018/56 Renewal of Great Bavington interpretation panel**

Quotations had been received for the heritage writing and graphic design, and it was agreed to accept the quotation of £450 for a meeting with interested parishioners and the heritage writer who would then create an outline idea with the emphasis on the map and less text heavy than the existing panel. The quote of £650 from a graphic designer for a hand painted flat map would also be accepted. The cost of the panel itself would be £150, the backing board £65 and the installation £75. Clerk to submit grant application to either Green Rigg or Ray Wind Farm fund.

**2018/57 Any other Business**

* C Hogg had contacted County Council regarding unacceptable state of Hallington road end.
* Information had been received the County Council would in the future no longer be responsible for uroads.

**2018/58 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Bavington Parish Council will be held on Thursday 7th February 2019 commencing 7pm in Great Bavington URC church meeting room

The meeting closed at 830pm

Claire Miller

Parish Clerk