**Minutes of ordinary meeting of Bavington Parish Council held on Thursday 6th February 2020 commencing at 7pm at Great Bavington URC Church meeting room**

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

**2020/01 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2020/02 Disclosure of interests by members regarding agenda items**

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

**2020/03 Co-Option Vacancy**

R Taylor proposed and J Spearman seconded co-opting L Robson, all in agreement.

**2020/04 Approval of minutes taken at the meeting held 7th November 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th November 2019 were accepted as a true record.

**2020/05 Matters arising from meeting held 7th November 2019**

* Mud on road at Thockrington corner – County Council officer had attended site confirming the problems were due to an unregulated site using an old woodland gate access which had been widened to remove felled timber, with no notice of access supervision and matter had now been passed to Planning Enforcement.

**2020/06 Ray Wind Farm Fund Update**

Two principal funds exist, one dealing with projects over £10K decided by the Community Interest Company, one for projects of less than £10K, administered by the Community Foundation, with a further small grants fund for sums up to £500 now set up. A public meeting is scheduled for 5/3/20, to be an informal gathering for parishioner’s to discuss with committee members how funds should be spent. Supporting local business of interest to CIC, however there are financial regulation constraints. Broadband being taken forward by B4RNT which would cost a total of £2.5million. £50K had been advanced from CIC to purchase shares in the company and with the purpose of promoting the project locally. The scheme is also to be financed through the County Council voucher scheme, with the local population needing to raise £250,000. Groundworks would start once 30% of the community had confirmed interest in the broadband service, which entails signing up to the service for 12 months, and the Parish Council should encourage parishioners to do this.

R Robson stated he is part of the B4NTR group and had personally visited the parishes farms to promote the project and all residents had been circulated information, however there was now a B.T. service being connected in some outlying parts of the parish. It was acknowledged the Parish Council were extremely grateful for the hard work carried out by the local B4NTR group.

Training of local employees being looked at by the CIC in relation to apprenticeships, however care needs to be taken in order that business people do not feel disadvantaged, whilst others gain from the scheme.

**2020/07 Correspondence**

* Grant Acknowledgement – Tynedale Hospice at Home; Great North Air Ambulance
* CPRE newsletter
* Northumberland Association of Local Councils – Member Council Survey Anti-Social Behaviour and Petty Crime – Clerk to complete on-line survey.

**2020/08 Finance**

2020/08/01 To authorise payments:

* C Miller – annual salary and expenses – £600.01
* HMRC – PAYE on above - £126.80

It was resolved to approve payments.

**2020/08/02 To discuss/approve grant to:**

* Thockrington Church – It was resolved to grant £100 towards the annual grounds maintenance expenditure of the churchyard.

**2020/09 Planning**

**2020/09/01 Planning Applications received**

No planning applications had been received.

**2020/09/02 Approval of Planning Application received:**

No approval of planning application had been received.

**2020/09/03 Land South West of Homilton Farm, Capheaton**

County Council Planning Enforcement had stated the owner of the land is to submit a retrospective planning application for an unauthorised hardstanding area on the land.

**2020/10 Review of Internal Auditor and Internal Controls**

It was resolved the system of internal control was sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council, and the current internal auditor would be re-engaged for 2020.

**2020/11 Review of Risk Assessment**

Risk Assessment was resolved as sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

**2020/12 Review of Asset Register**

New information board had been added to the Asset Register and document was resolved as being sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

**2020/13 Review of insurance policy**

Employers, public and products officials indemnity, and property all risks cover included in policy, with policy resolved as being sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

**2020/14 Northumberland County Council – Consultation on library services**

Northumberland County Council were carrying out a consultation on library services with survey available on-line <https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NCCLibraryConsultation>, and parishioners should be encouraged to complete. It was resolved the Parish Council would submit a written submission stating the mobile library van is an important service for rural communities.

**2020/15 Any other Business**

Parishioner had requested the Parish Council pay for independent sound monitoring of Divet Hill Quarry, however the Parish Council felt it unlikely they have the resources to finance this. It was agreed there is local concern regarding noise in the quarry, and it did appear prior notice is given to the plant before monitoring is carried out, and these concerns would be taken into account when responding to future planning applications for the quarry extension.

**2019/16 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Bavington Parish Council will be held on Thursday 7th May commencing after the Annual Parish Meeting commencing 7pm.

The meeting closed at 750pm.

Claire Miller

Parish Clerk