

**Minutes of ordinary meeting of Bavington Parish Council held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022 commencing at 7pm in Great Bavington URC meeting room**

**Those present:** P Acton (Chairman), P Ramsden, C Hogg, J Spearman, C Miller (Clerk)

**2022/30 Apologies for Absence**

L Robson, R Taylor

**2022/31 Disclosure of interests by members regarding agenda items**

There were no disclosure of members interests.

**2022/32 Approval of minutes taken at the meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 3rd February 2022 be accepted as a true record.

**2022/33 Trees on unnamed road to Great Bavington**

Clerk had re-contacted Tree Officer to request an update following the planned Summer inspection of trees, with no further information received to date.

**2022/34 To receive update on Ray Wind Farm Fund**

Research had been commissioned to gauge community views on future funding. Responses received had been relating to lack of digital connectivity, things to do for old and young and public transport. Index linking had caused an uplift in the total funding sum available. Funding towards B4RN/B4NTR had been awarded.

**2022/35 To receive update on B4RN/B4NTR Broadband matters**

Project waiting for contractor to commence Barrasford works, however final clarification awaited regarding grant monies available through Northumberland County Council. There is Central Government voucher scheme funding, but as it is a hard to reach area, top of money is available, administered through inorthumberland (NCC), and there is the funding stream from investments. Additional funding had been raised through recruitment of people through the voucher scheme.

**2022/36 Finance**

**2022/36/01 To approve payments:**

- Spanglefish – annual web-site fee £103.00

It was resolved to approve the payment.

**2022/37 Planning**

**2022/37/01 Notice of Approval of Planning Application received:**

- 20/03662/VRCCM: Divet Hill Quarry – Variation of Condition 1 on 17/04637/VARCCM to extend duration of consented operations, amend approved documentation associated with the operation and amend noise limits applicable to operation
- 20/03660/CCMEIA: Divet Hill Quarry – Lateral extension to north of existing quarry boundary for the phased extraction of approx. 2.7m tonnes of whinstone and restoration of site to agricultural grassland and nature conservation uses
- 21/02474/FUL: Land Through North of Caverton Plantation – resubmission – proposed farm access track (part retrospective)

P Ramsden thanked for attending the Planning Committee meeting and speaking on behalf of the Parish Council where the quarry proposals were passed. There had been concerns as the Planning Committee had not held a site visit, but a Planning Officer and the Committee Chairman had visited the quarry. Objections did not seem to have been taken into account. County Cllr J Riddle had advised the only route to appeal the decision process would be via the Ombudsman. P Ramsden to speak to parishioner who had prior involvement with the Ombudsman to assess whether there could be redress due to the

fact a site meeting had not been held. As part of the planning permission, a monitoring committee had to be set up within six months of the permission being granted, comprising of Quarry, Parish Council and County Council representatives.

**2022/38      2022 Surface Dressing – Advance Notification - Greenrigg to Sweethope Lough**

Surface dressing noted.

**2022/39      To consider County Council Local Transport Plan requests 2023-2024, current requests being resurfacing of unnamed road from A696 to Great Bavington**

County Council had advised the maintenance issue had been recorded and would be considered when developing future planned maintenance programmes. In the meantime Area Maintenance teams would continue to monitor and carry out any minor works required to maintain in a safe condition.

It was resolved to request resurfacing on unnamed road from A696 to T junction on Plashetts which joins Kirkwhelpington Carrycotes road.

**2022/40      Northumberland County Council – Northumberland Town and Parish Council Climate Change Toolkit**

County Council had produced guidance to assist Parish Council's to tackle climate change.

**2022/41      Northumberland County Council – Review of Storm Arwen**

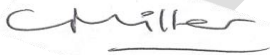
County Council had produced report from the review following Storm Arwen. They did not have the resources to cover the whole county in times of emergencies and wish to see communities being pro-active.

**2022/42      Any other Urgent Business/Items for Next Meeting**

There was no urgent business/items for next meeting.

**2022/43      Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Bavington Parish Council will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 commencing 7pm at Great Bavington URC Church meeting room.



The meeting closed at 8pm

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk