

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Bavington Parish Council held on Thursday 5th May 2022 commencing at 7pm in Great Bavington URC meeting room

Those present: P Acton (Chairman), P Ramsden, C Hogg, L Robson, C Miller (Clerk)

2022/16 Apologies for Absence

J Spearman, R Taylor

2022/17 Election of Chairman

Cllr Acton proposed and seconded as Chairman, and duly elected.

2022/18 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Taylor proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman and duly elected.

2022/19 Disclosure of interests by members regarding agenda items

There were no disclosure of members interests.

2022/20 Approval of minutes taken at the meeting held 3rd February 2022

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

Findings from the County Council Storm Arwen review awaited.

2022/21 Trees on unnamed road to Great Bavington

County Council had visited site and identified two mature ash trees that need work. A lot of trees have deadwood in the crowns but that is to be expected. The avenue will be put down for an inspection in the summer as it will give a better indication of the trees health. Clerk to thank Tree Officer for the reply and request update following Summer inspection.

2022/22 To receive update on Ray Wind Farm Fund

Small grants programme through charitable grants less than £10K to continue to be administered through Community Foundation. Funding through the Ray Wind Farm Community Interest Company should be available every other month, as opposed to bi-annually. The Ray Wind Farm Community Interest Community were currently carrying out research to review their grant giving activity, with survey available for completion by 16/5/22, and the results to determine how funds would be spent over the next five years. It would be extremely helpful if parishioners could complete the survey and state Broadband is of high importance.

B4RN set to go ahead with Barrasford ground preparation, ash wayleave permissions granted, and Central Government DCMS having authorised voucher scheme, however top up funding required. 28 additional sign-ups were needed which would generate the £228K shortfall, with business sign ups able to generate more funds.

2022/23 To receive update on B4RN/B4NTR Broadband matters

Discussed above.

2022/24 To consider Queen's Platinum Celebrations June 2022

County Council had granted £500 with N Carr having arranged a tea party 5/6/22, followed by church service.

2022/25 Finance

2022/25/01 To approve payments:

- Annual insurance premium – Clerk had received quotation form BHIB for a 3 year long term contract at £312.02, due to Came & Co premium having rise to over £600.
- NALC – annual subscription - £53.01

It was resolved to approve the payments

2022/25/02 To note acknowledgement of grant from Tynedale Hospice at Home

Acknowledgement of grant noted.

2022/25/03 To consider request for grants from Citizens Advice Northumberland and Northumberland ageUK

It was resolved no grants would be given.

2022/25/04 To receive National Joint Council for Local Government Services 1.75% payrise for year ending 31/3/21, to be backdated from 1/4/21: Payrise noted.

2022/26 Planning

2022/26/01 To consider further information relating to Environmental Statement on Planning Application 20/03660/CCMEIA, Divet Hall Quarry – Lateral extension to north of existing quarry

Proximity to conservation area not supported by County Council Heritage Officer, with mitigation measures requested, to which the Parish Council were not entirely convinced with, and reiterated previous objections remained. County Cllr John Riddle had pledged he would oppose the proposals.

2022/26/02 To consider proposals for Northside Quarry

Public meeting had been held at Kirkwhelpington and which had generated a lot of opposition to the proposals.

2022/27 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/22

2022/27/01 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor

There were no matters arising from the report of the internal auditor.

2022/27/02 To approve the Governance Statement

It was resolved to approve the Governance Statement.

2022/27/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2021/2022

It was resolved to approve the draft annual accounts for 2020/2021.

2022/27/04 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances

It was resolved to approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances.

2022/27/05 To approve the Exemption Certificate

It was resolved to approve the Exemption Certificate.

2022/27/06 To approve public right of inspection dates

It was resolved to approve the public right of inspection dates from 13 June to 22 July 2022.

2022/28 Any other Urgent Business/Items for Next Meeting

Significant funding had been spent on digging up the cattle grid at Great Bavington, however the drainage had not been cleaned out.

2022/29 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Bavington Parish Council will be held on Thursday 4th August 2022 commencing 7pm at Great Bavington URC Church meeting room.



The meeting closed at 805pm.

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

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