

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Bavington Parish Council held on Thursday 1st August 2024 commencing at 7pm in Great Bavington URC meeting room

Those present: P Acton (Chairman), R Taylor, P Ramsden, C Hogg, C Miller (Clerk), one member of the public

2024/32 Apologies for Absence

J Spearman, L Robson

2024/33 Disclosure of interests by members regarding agenda items

There were no declaration of members interests.

2024/34 Minutes of previous meeting held 2nd May 2024

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the minutes of the previous meeting held 2nd May 2024 be accepted as a true record.

2024/35 Trees on unnamed road to Great Bavington

County Council had made no progress with tree maintenance.

2024/36 Ray Wind Farm Fund. Members to receive update

A substantial sum of money had been allocated towards B4RN broadband scheme. Further to funds being committed to schools, bus service and youth worker, there would be approximately £100K available this year.

2024/37 B4RN/B4NTR Broadband matters. Members to receive update.

B4RN committed to going ahead with Kirkwhelpington phase. Route one to come across from Hallington, through Great Bavington towards Kirkwhelpington. Project should be completed early 2025. Bavington should be fully serviced within the next six months.

2024/38 Finance

2024/38/01 To approve payments

- Spanglefish – annual website fee - £108.00

2024/38/02 Request for grant from Citizens Advice Northumberland. Members to consider request.

To be deferred until next meeting.

2024/39 Planning

2024/39/01 Planning Applications received

- 24/02447/VARCCM: Divet Hill Quarry – Variation of conditions 9 (plant operation times), 14 (lorry load times) and addition of 24A on 20/3661/VARCCM – varying conditions 9 and 14 to allow coating plant and associated mineral movements to operate 24 hours a day for up to 150 days per year. Addition of condition 24A (noise levels) to include additional noise monitoring condition with regard for intermittent drilling on site.
- 24/02448/VARCCM: Divet Hill Quarry – Variation of conditions 9 (plant operation times), 14 (lorry load times) and addition of condition 24A on 20/03660/CCMEIA - varying conditions 9 and 14 to allow coating plant and associated mineral movements to operate 24 hours a day for up to 150 days per year. Addition of condition 24A (noise levels) to include additional noise monitoring condition with regard for intermittent drilling on site.

Members discussed the proposals. Night-time working had been trialed over a six week period which had passed uneventfully. Operating dates would be subject to the company winning contracts.

A new condition was proposed regarding a request to increase noise levels to 50 decibels for eight weeks per year. Matter had been discussed at Divet Hill Liaison Meeting, and proposals ought to be specified and monitored in order for permission to not be mis-used.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to register concern, requesting the operations be time specified and subject to review after a trial period of the extended operations. Noise related drilling a concern and should be closely monitored.

2024/39/02 Approval of Planning Application received

- 24/00681/FUL: Steel Rigg Cottage, Capheaton – small scale firewood/animal shelter, 8m x 5m and located within small field
- 23/02147/FUL: Great Sweethope Reservoir, Harle – existing drawdown pipework to have isolation valve installed to the upstream end, including new pipework/fittings and valve control gear up dam embankment
- 23/02218/FUL: Sweethope Loughs, Harle – installation of drainage downstream face of dam, earthworks to reduce slope angle of downstream face

2024/39/03 Divet Hill Liaison Committee. Members to receive update.

Next meeting to be held 4/9/24.

2024/40 To consider issues with path to Church

Discussion had taken place 18/7/24 with parishioners to consider issues with access to the church. All possible options to improve access were reviewed, however there were snags with all proposals. It would be a costly development, and no firm plan came out of the meeting. Church Committee had deferred discussing the matter until Autumn.

2024/41 To consider issues with cattle grids from village to B6342

Grids had been cleared out but were in need of repair. Parish Council had persistently reported the problems.

RESOLVED:

Problems to be raised with County Councillor J Riddle.

2024/42 Local Transport Plan 2025-2026. Members to consider items for inclusion

RESOLVED:

Members resolved to retain the current requests as follows:

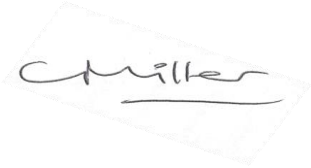
- Resurface road to Great Bavington from the B6342 to the T junction at Plashetts.
- Resurface road from Plashetts junction to the A68.

2024/43 Any other Urgent Business/Items for Next Meeting

- Clerk advised the next Town and Parish Council Conference would be held at County Hall, 3/10/24.
- Capheaton Parish Council had advised problems with overgrown shrubbery and tree at B3442/C211 junction when turning right to Capheaton at Steel Rigg Cottage – C Hogg to conduct site visit.
- Northumberland County Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Consultation open until 18/10/24. NCC vision is for a well-managed, accessible, safe and interconnected network of Public Rights of Way and countryside access for all users. Document set out how NCC will identify, prioritise and plan improvements across the network for the next ten years.

2024/44 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Bavington Parish Council will be held on Thursday 7th November 2024 commencing 7pm in Great Bavington URC Meeting Room.

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The meeting closed at 805pm

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

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