

- 01/09/2024 **To receive, and approve if appropriate, apologies for absence and reasons given**
 Cllr Robson
 Cllr Brown – running late arrived: 19:49
 2 members of the public present
- 02/09/2024 **To receive declarations of interests**
Members are reminded to declare any interest in any item on the agenda, now or at any time during the meeting.
 None given
- 03/09/2024 **To approve the minutes of previous meeting held 2 July 2024.**
 Approved
- 04/09/2024 **To receive comments/ queries from members of the public with regard to items on the agenda**
 Question over planning at Knowesgate Filling Station and concerns over junction and vehicles overtaking in a dangerous area.
- 05/09/2024 **Parish Clerk's report**
An update of work carried out since the last meeting & relevant information.

Footpaths update

The permissive bridleway along the old cart road towards Kirkharle has expired, but the landowner is still allowing access. Even if the permissive route were re-established, the owner could shut the route without notice, so is no guarantee of access. Currently being used by the landowners grace.

Untidy gardens

Coast & Castles have written to tenants reminding them to keep lawns tidy, no action so far. Clerk to keep in contact each month to ensure action is taken.

Police update: from 20/06/24 to date:

There have been 14 incidents between these dates.

The only ones of note are the theft and attempted theft of quad bikes from a farm between Great Bavington and Little Swinburne and a house burglary in Kirkwhelpington village.

The attempted theft has been closed due to lack of evidence, the theft of the other vehicle is still being investigated as there are various lines of enquiry. The burglary is still being investigated.

The Police have advised all residents to be mindful of closing doors and windows. Further advice is available on the Northumbria Police website:

<https://www.northumbria.police.uk/>

Village hall development update

Still seeking funding options and wish to wait for conveyance of land until plans ready to move forward.

Fix My Street reports submitted

Item	Outcome	Further action
Low hanging tree limb near entrance to village	NCC have confirmed this is the householders responsibility	Parish Council to respond to resident

Cllr Brown arrived.

06/09/2024 **Exclusion of the public**

08/09/2024 a) Community champion award selection
Winner selected (Michael Yeoman) to be announced at Kirkwhelpington & District Show on 7 September.

08/09/2024 c) Play area improvements- discussion of quotes
Preferred supplier chosen of younger children's slide. Clerk to complete application form for funding with Council putting £1,000 towards costs. Hope to have work completed by Spring 2025, if funding is approved.

07/09/2024 **Planning**

To consider planning policies, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. [Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sched. 7, para.8]

Reference	Detail	Status
24/02266/FUL	Erection of two bay oak framed car port on existing oil tank/carpark. Barts Cottage, Kirkwhelpington	GRANTED

08/09/2024 Items for Consideration and Decision

b) Play area safety review

Very few outstanding items. Clerk to clean equipment and give wooden benches a scrub. Woodwork should be treated with linseed oil. Council wish to understand how the memorial seat should be looked after - Clerk to look through related documents.

Council decided against raising swing seat where there has been grass erosion as this set is aimed at younger children.

Cllr Rogerson & Fortune to complete bi monthly inspections and report back at future meetings.

d) Street lighting installation & local transport plan priorities

Concern from residents about not being consulted about location of posts. However the lighting was requested by the Parish Council in 2021 as part of the Local Transport Plan to make a safer route from people getting to and from the bus stop.

The installation of the lights has been completed. Now waiting for electricity supplier to connect fittings. NCC has offered to install an additional light nearer to the Memorial Hall. Clerk to confirm location and approve.

Local Transport Plan priorities to be submitted:

- 1) Knowesgate cross roads - implement measures to prevent vehicles overtaking and increase visibility and access for larger vehicles by widening junction. Of particular concern with potential development of Filling Station. .
- 2) Little Harle crash barrier and general upkeep of the road at Little Harle turning.
- 3) Kirkharle crossroads – improve area for vehicles from north turning right, to allow for HGVs using the road to Hexham.

e) Neighbourhood Planning – next steps

Council received options paper from Rob Naples, but were disappointed about the limitations any plan might have. Cllr Brown raised concerns that it could be a lot of work and money for not much outcome. The Council are keen to have some form of public consultation to help with priorities for local services and amenities which the council should pursue as part of its longer-term objectives and planning. but feel the Neighbourhood Plan may not be the right method to establish this. Clerk to establish alternative options for creating a plan and advise Rob Naples of change. Council to decide how to proceed at next meeting.

f) Bus stop improvement plan

No requests from Councillors. However, should mention to Penny Petroleum the wish to have some form of shelter/ waiting area for bus users and whether this can be included in their planning.

g) Agreements with village hall/ fuel storage.

Memorial hall have signed and returned a copy of the agreement for the defibrillator. Once advice is received from the Memorial Hall committee about any specific requirements around fuel use/ storage for the mowers and generator, other agreements to be drawn up. Chair to chase up any out of hours response to power outages and share these at the next meeting.

h) Right of Way review feedback

Nothing to respond.

I) Village information board replacement

St Oswald's Way noticeboard has fallen into disrepair and is currently in Post Office. A gentleman associated with the group has advised Cllr Rogerson that he will see to getting the board reinstated. Council are aware some out of date information is on the board, so it is hoped this may be a replacement rather than just a repair.

j) Communication between Councillors & meeting reminders

Councillors requested Clerk to set up a What's App group to provide meeting reminders.

09/09/2024 Items for Information Only

a. Correspondence

- Request for funding from Sport Tynedale.
 - Council feel community doesn't get any benefit from this, so won't give any funding.

b. Items for Information

- Ray Wind Fund update
 - The Fund has committed a lot of money to the B4RN fibre project and has therefore decided to cap any funding requests at £10,000.
- Climate change toolkit
 - Chair still chasing NCC for hot composters. Any community consultation planned should have climate change included.

c. Items to be included in next agenda

- Update regarding Wansbeck Restoration Project – invite speaker for 7pm.

- Out of hours community support & use of generator
- Budget review & precept planning
- B4RN - request update re: installation in village
- Community consultation planning
- Gilbert Grange development update

10/09/2024 Finance

a. Account Balances – *To receive a report detailing account balances*

b. Accounts for Payment – To review and approve items of expenditure, including those received before the meeting. Payments approved.

Date	Description	Amount
July & August	Robson & Cowan Grass cutting expenses	£285.31
01/09/2024	SLCC membership renewal	£80
July & August	Clerk wages HMRC	£308.63 £77.20
July & August	Clerk expenses Trophy Paper & ink	£92.98 £41.03
September	Memorial Hall toilet grant	£350
1/9/24	Website hosting fee	£108
20/08/2024	RoSPA playground inspection & checklist	£170.40

11/09/2024 **Date & time of next meeting.**

Tues 5 November, 7:30pm