

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Wallington Demesne Parish Council held at 730pm on Monday 27th September 2021 at Middleton Village Hall

Those Present: J Ballantine (Chairman), A Robson, E Green, D Thompson, C Hughes, C Miller (Clerk)

2021/68 Apologies for absence

G Sanderson (Northumberland County Council), R Boucher

2021/69 Declarations of Members interests

There were no Declaration of Members interests.

2021/70 Co-Option Vacancies

No applications had been received.

2021/71 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter

There were no members of the public present.

2021/72 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 26th July 2021

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 26th July 2021 be accepted as a true record.

2021/73 Matters arising from the previous meeting held on Monday 26th July 2021

2021/73/01 Cambo seat: Seat to be constructed imminently, and which would require a concrete base.

2021/73/02 Footpaths: Footpath to Wallington Hall had been weedkilled on verge/path/channel from Scots Gap (entrance to mart) to the T junction, then left past Cambo to Wallington Hall. The hedges were the responsibility of the landowner, who may be waiting for the bird nesting season to end.

2021/73/03 Signposts: 30mph signage at entrance to Scots Gap had been repaired.

2021/73/04 Speeding traffic: Speed survey had been carried out, with data awaited.

2021/73/05 Drainage at Middleton: Problems had not been rectified at Middleton. Clerk had enquired who was responsible for drainage at the back of 6, 7 and 8 Front Row in Cambo and awaiting a response.

2021/74 NCC Update

G Sanderson had issued invites to attend a virtual meeting concerning climate change 29/9/21.

2021/75 Police Update

Police representative had advised there had been nothing to report within the parish over the past two months. However, mobile sheep pens had been stolen and subsequently abandoned.

2021/76 National Trust Update

The trust were well underway with a large scale land and nature project across three farms on the Wallington estate and had started an engagement plan, including working with Morpeth schools and Cambo village. The trust wished to organise a one hour briefing session in November with Parish Council members, and it was agreed to ask if the meeting could be held at 630pm on 22/11/21, immediately prior to the next Parish Council meeting. The grass had now been cut at the old Trust Headquarters.

2021/77 Reports from representatives at outside meetings

- **Cambo School:** Roof works continuing; new W/C's and canteen floor works completed; swimming, cricket, yoga, dog therapy continuing; there were currently 42 pupils enrolled at the school. Walkers and cyclists were using the school car park during school hours, with Cambo staff members having received some verbal confrontations when asking people to not park there. As the car park is owned by the National Trust it was agreed to initially forward them the comments.
- **Cambo Village Hall:** Bowls had recommenced.

- **Middleton Hall:** Haddock and Chips, a Highlights Company production was scheduled for 31/10/21 at 630pm. There is now free operational wi-fi in the hall and a new web-site created. Leek Show had been a success.
- **Wallington F.C.** Season had commenced, with sponsorship received. Replacement lease awaited, and if over 22 years further funding opportunities could be accessed.

2021/78 Financial Matters

2021/78/01 The following payments are due for authorisation

- C Miller – July, August salary & expenses – £414.75
- HMRC – PAYE - £20.40
- Plexus Medial – Spanglefish – annual web-site hosting fee - £103.00

It was resolved to approve the payments

2021/79 Planning

2021/79/01 Planning Applications received

- 21/03028/VARYCO: The Joinery, Wallington Courtyard – Variation of condition 3 to 19/04672/LBC for replacement of rainwater goods – no objections.
- 21/03029/VARYCO: West House, Cambo – Variation of condition 2 on 20/03754/LBCV in order to put in a new opening on the side elevation of the lean-to extension – no objections.
- 21/03183/LBC: Wallington Hall – Listed Building Consent for repairs to fountain within walled garden conservatory (including provision of replica lion’s mask spout) and retention of ‘Antonius’ bust and column within Wallington Hall (previously sited within conservatory) – no objections.
- 21/03677/VARYCO: Greenside Grange, Hartburn – Variation of Condition 2 pursuant to 18/00471FUL to read Plans and elevations as existing and proposed drawing No 106 Rev B to allow a change of materials used on the outside face of the structure – no objections.

2021/79/02 Approval of Planning Application received

- 21/00861/FUL: Workshop, Todridge Farm, Middleton – Conversion of former storage and workshop building into single dwelling.

2021/80 Neighbourhood Management – to report/update on action regarding issues within the parish

- A Robson to report potholes in Oakford via County Council web-site.
- Further to discussion at previous meeting, Clerk was unable to confirm the mechanism for reporting issues with sat-navs directing vehicles through inappropriate areas.
- A request for a commemorative bench seat in the parish had been received, the National Trust were in agreement, and it was agreed the Parish Council supported the request.
- Speeding in Middleton becoming problematic, with the pub becoming increasingly busier, and a larger influx of motorcycles. A reduction in the speed limit to 30mph should be implemented, however the speed limit was dependent on national guidelines relating to the number of properties in a hamlet.

2021/80/01 Notice of Application for Modification Order, Right of Way, Greenside Farm

There had been no further information received relating to the Modification Order.

2021/80/02 Northumberland Rivers Trust – River Wansbeck Catchment

The event had been more geared towards children.

2021/80/03 Safety concerns at Payne’s Bridge, Wallington

There was no further information regarding concerns at Payne’s Bridge.

2021/80/04 To consider Local Transport Plan requirements 2022-2023;

It was resolved to request the following:

- Vehicle safety improvements at Payne’s Bridge, Wallington.
- Footpath repairs between Doctors and Oakford, Scots Gap, and footpath repairs to Cambo school.
- Reduction of speed limit in Middeton from 60mph to 30mph due to the pub becoming increasingly busier due to an upturn in business, and a larger influx of motorcyclists.

2021/81 To receive information regarding B4RN/B4NTR Broadband matters

488 people had registered interest in the scheme within the locality, and the 50% target had been exceeded in Wallington parish. A government decision was awaited regarding a possible extension of the voucher scheme.

2021/82 To consider invitation for County Council Cabinet Member to meet with Parish Council

The new administration at County Hall were to meet with all Parish and Town Council’s during their four year term, and Councils could request an urgent meeting if required.

2021/83 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Wallington Demesne Parish Council will be held on Monday 22nd November 2021 commencing 730pm in Cambo Village Hall



Claire Miller
Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 840pm.

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