

**Minutes of ordinary meeting of Wallington Demesne Parish Council held at 730pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Middleton Village Hall**

**Those Present:** J Ballantine (Chairman), A Robson, E Green, D Dexter, D Thompson, C Hughes, L Brown, M Seth, C Miller (Clerk)

**PART ONE**

**2022/01 Apologies for absence**

R Boucher, G Sanderson (County Cllr)

**2022/02 Declarations of Members interests**

There were no declaration of members interests.

**2022/03 Co-Option Vacancies**

There had been two applications and it was resolved to co-opt L Brown and M Seth.

**2022/04 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter**

There were no members of the public present.

**2022/05 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**

It was resolved the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 be accepted as a true record.

**2022/05 Matters arising from the previous meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**

**2022/05/01 Cambo seat:** Clerk confirmed seating was included in the insurance policy, however there was a £250 excess figure.

**2022/05/02 Footpaths:** Cambo to Scots Gap footpath full of debris, with part at Newbiggen Farm unpassable, along with area after Closehouse crossroads to Wallington. Path at Cambo junction past old bus shelter to entrance to field impassable. Clerk to report to National Trust.

**2022/05/03 Signposts:** 30mph signage at Scots Gap repaired; Give Way sign at Cambo replaced; signage at Grangemoor junction and opposite Willow Park in need of repair – Clerk to report to County Council.

**2022/05/04 Speeding traffic within the parish/request to lower speed limit at Middleton:** Request had been added to Local Transport Plan 2022-2023, with pub landlord having also contacted County Council with concerns about the 60mph speed limit.

**2022/05/05 Drainage at Middleton and Cambo:** County Council had advised the drainage problems at Cambo were the responsibility of the National Trust, Clerk to re-contact Trust and request update. Drainage problems at Middleton continue, and to which County Council had been aware of for several years.

**2022/05/06 Cambo School car park:** There had been no further altercations reported concerning visitors parking in the private car park. Clerk to contact National Trust who were to look into the problem.

**2022/05/07 Potholes at Oakford:** Large potholes had been actioned, however there were still some areas in need of attention. A Robson to report to County Council.

**2022/05/08 To receive information from County Council regarding garden waste service:**

County Council had advised they had no plans to extend the garden waste collection service to Cambo at the present time. When the garden waste service was introduced, the decision was taken to exclude some areas that would have been inefficient to collect in terms of resource used against collection yields. The service is available to approximately 90% of residents across the county. If this was extended to additional areas it would add travel time as well as service time and County Council would not be able to achieve the service with the current resource. However they are always open to discussion and, with the Parish Council's support to canvas residents as to the level of demand, would consider new collection areas. They would be happy to look at potential new areas in terms of estimating potential demand, resource requirements etc, before any canvassing is done. If it is only a few residents then home composting may be a better option or potentially community composting. It was resolved to post notices on parish noticeboards to gauge

interest in a gardening waste service, and place article in the Chimes and Wansbeck magazines. General information/Clerk contact details would also be included, should parishioners wish to contact the Parish Council.

**2022/06 NCC Update**

Final stage of budget setting underway, with G Sanderson keen to see no cuts to front line services. Consultation regarding County Council response to Storm Arwen currently being held with comments invited. Crises Management of concern, with item to be added to next Parish Council agenda to consider how the Parish Council may assist in such circumstances.

**2022/07 Police Update**

There was no police update.

**2022/08 National Trust Update**

**2022/08/01 To consider issues arising from National Trust presentation held at Wallington Hall 22/11/21**

Presentation had revolved around the funding received for environmental issues, with money to be spent at Wallington for tree and hedge planting. Trust were proposing to plant six million trees within the next few years.

**2022/08/02 To discuss Cambo School car parking issues**

Discussed earlier.

**2022/08/03 To discuss old HQ building at Scots Gap**

National Trust employees to move back into the building, mainly the L shaped section. Head gardener had carried out grasscutting, however due to Storm Arwen, funds could be limited for future maintenance costs. The lack of a signpost indicating Wannie Line car parking had been suggested by a parishioner, with Clerk to report to National Trust.

**2022/09 Reports from representatives at outside meetings**

- **Cambo School:** Nothing to report
- **Cambo Village Hall:** Nothing to report
- **Middleton Hall:** Hall well used.
- **Wallington F.C – extension of lease:**

Draft 25 year lease had been received from National Trust and after discussion was agreed acceptable. Three possible Parish Council signatories required and it was resolved Cllr's Thompson, Brown and Seth would authorise the finalised document(s). Clerk to confirm with National Trust who would arrange copy of lease to Cllr's for signature. Licence to underlet the lease to be forwarded to the Football Club. A lease between the Parish Council and Football Club would also be required and to which a solicitor would need appointed. Matter to be considered at next Parish Council meeting. Club were in the Team Valley Cup Final and semi-final of the Northumberland Benevolent Bowl. Clubhouse had been condemned with grants available for rebuilding which would require permission from Trust along with Planning permission from the County Council.

**2022/10 Financial Matters**

**2022/10/01 The following payments are due for authorisation**

- C Miller – November, December salary & expenses – £414.20
- HMRC – PAYE - £20.40
- Defibshop – defib battery and pads - £130.80 (reimbursed to C Miller)
- J Ballantine – J Ballantine declared an interest - bhedgecutting at cemetery - £150; placing bench seat/materials - £205.14

It was resolved to approve the payments.

**2022/10/02 To consider grant request received from Great North Air Ambulance**

It was resolved to grant £250.

**2022/10/03 To approve budget and precept requirements for 2022-2023**

It was resolved to approve the budget, (further to addition of grant budget heading of £500 for 2022-2023), and precept requirements of £3500 for 2022-2023.

**2022/10/04 To consider display of Christmas tree(s) in the parish**

Request had been received for a Christmas tree in Scots Gap. The village green would be an ideal location, where the two memorial benches are, and permission from the National Trust would be required – Clerk to initially contact Trust. Any lighting would need carefully considered as it may disturb neighbouring properties.

**2022/11 Planning**

**2022/11/01 Planning Applications received**

- 21/04722/LBC: Wallington Hall – Listed Building Consent for installation of replacement fire and security alarm systems – no objections

**2022/11/02 Approval of Planning Application received**

- 21/03677/VARYCO: Greenside Grange, Hartburn – Variation of Condition 2 to 18/00471/FUL
- 21/03183/LBC: Wallington Hall, Listed Building Consent for repairs to fountain within walled garden conservatory
- 21/03863/LBC: West House, Cambo – Listed building consent for structural repair works and alterations

**2022/12 Neighbourhood Management**

**2022/12/01 To report/update on action regarding issues within the parish**

Gullies in Oakford and either side of Paynes Bridge require cleansing - A Robson to report via County Council web-site, along with pothole near to water meter cover at Hartburn. There were overhanging trees and branches on Middleton bank from bank top to Scots Gap on the left hand side, and a potential danger to traffic – Clerk to contact South Middleton Farm. Trees near to Bolam West Houses also require attention, however this area could be outside the parish and clarification would be sought. M Seth had previously contacted the MP regarding the road below the T junction and old railway bridge at Scots Gap, as County Council had stated road repairs would be actioned in the 2019-2020 budget – matter to be added to next meeting agenda.

**2022/13 To receive information regarding B4RN/B4NTR Broadband matters**

MP had been contacted to assist with registering the parish for Project Gigabyte.

**2022/14 Garden competition trophies stored at Cambo village hall**

Number of trophies to be ascertained, J Ballantine to speak to caretaker.

**2022/15 Date of Next Meeting**

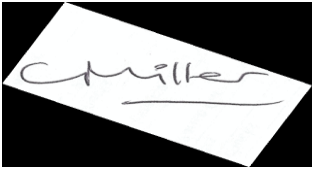
The next meeting of Wallington Demesne Parish Council will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 commencing 730pm in Cambo Village Hall.

**PART TWO**

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**2022/16 To review Clerk Salary – discussed in private due to personal information**

It was resolved to raise the Clerk Scale on point to Scale 12.



Claire Miller  
Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 930pm

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