

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Wallington Demesne Parish Council held at 730pm on Monday 25th July 2022 at Cambo Village Hall

Those Present: J Ballantine (Chairman), A Robson, R Boucher, D Dexter, M Seth, C Hughes, E Green, C Miller (Clerk)

2022/61 Apologies for absence

L Brown, D Thompson

2022/62 Declarations of Members interests

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

2022/63 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter

There were no matters raised by the public.

2022/64 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 23rd May 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 23rd May 2022 be accepted as a true record.

2022/65 Footpaths

Area Maintenance teams had confirmed they would continue to monitor the footpath between Oakford and Willow Park, and carry out minor works required to maintain in a safe condition. However it was felt there were serious Problems. The footpath is unacceptable in its present condition, with some residents unable to use the path safely, and Clerk would raise concerns with County Cllr. Footpath from Cambo to Wallington had been actioned up to the bus stop, with the rest being the responsibility of the National Trust, which had previously been reported, with Clerk to re-contact the trust.

2022/66 Speeding traffic within the parish/request to lower speed limit at Middleton

No further progress had been made, further to site meeting having been held.

2022/67 Drainage issues within the parish

Drains at Oakford and Payne's Bridge still outstanding, which had previously been reported, with Clerk to re-contact County Council.

2022/68 To consider Parish Council role in Civil Emergencies; to receive update on Village Hall Committee's Crises Management proposals

Costs awaited for generator installation at Cambo Village Hall.

2022/69 Road resurfacing T junction/old railway bridge, Scots Gap

M Seth had been in previous dialogue with County Council Officer who had confirmed significant funding had been put into the area in recent years, but the road would be re-considered for improvements within the Local Transport Plan 2023-2024 requests.

2022/70 Wallington FC leases

Lease had been signed and sealed by National Trust. Because of the lease term, the documents need to be held by the Land Registry and be submitted via a solicitor, with Football Club to arrange.

2022/71 To consider purchase of additional planter for green at Scots Gap junction

Request had been received for an additional planter further to a hole having appeared near to the post box due to cars parking. There would need to be a gap of 1.2m from the kerb, and it was resolved a further planter would be purchased.

2022/73 NCC Update

Nothing to report.

2022/74 National Trust Update

Nothing to report.

2022/75 Financial Matters

2022/75/01 The following payments are due for authorisation

- C Hughes – paint for road signage - £34.83
- C Miller – May, June salary & expenses – £470.73
- HMRC – PAYE - £81.20
- Middleton & Todridge Village Hall – rent of meeting room 23/5/22
- National Trust – annual rent of football ground - £180; legal fees, licence to Sub-lease - £300

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2022/75/02 To consider display of Christmas tree(s) in the parish

Cost to put up and remove a large tree being £300. Cost for lighting to be sought.

2022/76 Planning

2022/76/01 Planning Applications received

No planning applications had been received.

2022/76/02 Approval of Planning Application received

22/00287/LBC: 3 Front Row, Cambo – Removal of 20th century fireplace, installation of new stove and hearth, installation of new cowl – no objections

22/02174/VARYCO: The Portico, Wallington Courtyard – removal of condition 4 on 20/03753/LBC as no longer necessary due to fact no significant damp identified – no objections

2022/76/03 To consider a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish

A Neighbourhood Plan would entail a great deal of work for the Parish Council and need assistance from professionals, although funding is available through the County Council. Matter would not be furthered at the present time.

2022/77 Neighbourhood Management - To report/update on action regarding issues within the parish

- Speeding traffic in Scots Gap continues to be problematic, however recent speed surveys had not indicated a problem.
- Potholes in Oakford and kerbstones at Willow Park still to be actioned by County Council, with A Robson to re-report.
- Letter of thanks had been received from E Bainbridge further to Platinum Jubilee grant. Surplus food had been used at the Cyclone race event with £600 being raised for the Great North Air Ambulance.
- Grasscutting required at empty property at the Birches, with Clerk having reported to Housing Association, however a new tenant was to move into the property.
- Due to disturbances at tonight's meeting, future meeting venues to be considered further at next meeting.

2022/77/01 Cleansing of parish signposts

C Hughes had attempted graffiti cleansing from road signs at Payne's Bridge, however after taking advice, had painted the graffiti out.

2022/78 To receive information regarding B4RN/B4NTR Broadband matters

Start date for works had been moved to beginning of August.

2022/79 To consider County Council Local Transport Plan requests 2023-2024, current requests being 1. Vehicle safety improvements at Payne’s Bridge; 2. reduction of speed limit at Middleton; 3. footpath repairs between Doctors and Oakford, Scots Gap, and footpath repairs at Cambo School

County Council had advised further safety measures at Payne’s Bridge were not justified at this time; Middleton does not meet the criteria for a 30mph speed limit due to a lack of development, footpath repairs between doctors and Oakford and footpath to Cambo school had been recorded as a maintenance issue and would be considered when developing future planned maintenance programmes. In the meantime, Area Maintenance teams would continue to monitor and carry out minor works required to maintain in a safe condition.

It was resolved to retain Payne’s Bridge safety measures, 30mph speed limit for Middleton and include road resurfacing T junction/old railway bridge, Scots Gap for LTP 2023-2024.

2022/80 To consider Parish Council newsletter

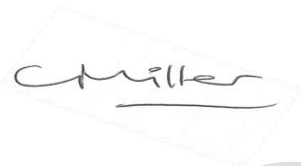
A proposal for a Parish newsletter, as opposed to a Parish Council newsletter considered, however it was agreed Chimes magazine publicised many local events, and the village halls and Parish Council all had web-sites – link to PC website to be added to future newsletter articles advertising the meeting dates.

2022/81 Northumberland County Council – Northumberland Town and Parish Council Climate Change Toolkit

County Council had produced a toolkit to assist Parish Council’s with tackling climate change.

2022/82 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Wallington Demesne Parish Council will be held on Monday 26th September 2022 commencing 730pm in Middelton Village Hall.



Claire Miller
Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 830pm