

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Wallington Demense Parish Council commencing at 730pm on Monday 23rd January 2023 at Middleton Village Hall

Those Present: J Ballantine (Chairman), A Robson, D Dexter, M Seth, L Brown, C Hughes, E Green, D Thompson, G Sanderson (Leader of the County Council), part of the meeting, C Miller (Clerk)

2023/01 Apologies for absence

R Boucher

2023/02 Declarations of Members interests

J Ballantine declared an interest in a late payment (not listed on the agenda) for hedging, cemetery gate repair and urgent tree works at Cambo burial ground. A Robson declared an interest in Cambo Young Farmers request for grant.

2023/03 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter

There were no matters raised from members of the public. M Seth had forwarded a copy of the previous minutes to parishioner who had objected to the proposals for a restricted byway South-East of Hartburn Grange to South-East of Greenside Farm.

2023/04 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 28th November 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 28th November 2022 be accepted as a true record.

2023/05 Footpaths

Thanks given to all who had assisted during the footpath tidying works at Scots Gap. Glen Sanderson had arranged partial footpath repair works at Scots Gap and which would be completed during the next financial year. National Trust Officer had advised he did not believe the Trust had ever actioned overgrown shrubbery on the footpath to Wallington Hall, with Clerk to forward this information to Glen Sanderson.

2023/06 Speeding traffic within the parish/request to lower speed limit at Middleton

Glen Sanderson had allocated funds from his small members scheme towards traffic calming measures and which should be in place by May 2023. Proposals to be circulated to the Parish Council in due course.

2023/07 Drainage issues within the parish

Gullies at Oakford had not been actioned, although the machinery had visited elsewhere in the parish. A Robson to report to County Council, along with potholes requiring attention at Oakford. Payne's Bridge gulley cleansing also required. Clerk to report all outstanding gulley works to Glen Sanderson.

2023/08 To consider Parish Council role in Civil Emergencies; to receive update on Village Hall Committee's Crises Management proposals.

Cambo Village Hall and Scots Gap chapel had set up Warm Hubs which were proving successful. A grant had been submitted to Northern Powergrid towards a diesel generator for the chapel. A small domestic windmill would cost approximately £7K and it could be worth the chapel looking into this option. Northumberland Communities Together, a County Council department set up during the Covid-19 pandemic can advise on welfare matters.

2023/09 NCC Update

Glen Sanderson had attended earlier in the meeting.

2023/10 National Trust Update

No update received.

2023/11 Financial Matters

2023/11/01 The following payments require authorisation:

- C Miller – November, December salary/expenses - £398.23
- HMRC – PAYE - £108.85
- J Ballantine – hedgecutting/gate repair/urgent tree works at Cambo cemetery - £545

It was resolved to approve the payments

Thanks was given to the church for financing the electricity for the Christmas tree at Scots Gap.

2023/11/02 To consider request for funding from Cambo Young Farmers' Club for County Rally 2023

Each Young Farmers Club in Northumberland take turns in hosting the event, with Cambo to host 2023. Total costs would be incurred of £14,000, and a donation of £500 had been requested from the Parish Council. It was resolved to approve £500 to the Club which is a registered parish charity.

2023/12 Planning

2023/12/01 Planning Applications received

- 22/04482/LBC: 4 Front Row, Cambo – Listed Building consent for internal works - no objections.
- 22/04194/FELTPO: 8 Willow Park, Scots Gap – Tree Preservation Order – D Dexter declared an interest – no objections.
- 22/04389/LBC: Wallington Hall – Listed Building Consent for external works to clock tower including works to repaint and gild the clock dials and hands, works to carry out some modifications to the lead details on the cornice and the re-location of access hatch on the flat roof – no objections.

2023/12/02 Approval of Planning Application received

- 22/03610/FUL: West Grange Bungalow – remove PVC conservatory and replace.

2023/13 Neighbourhood Management

- A County Council scheme called Fix My Street would be available in the coming months where updates regarding outstanding potholes could be checked via their website.
- Great Northumberland Forest were giving away trees which the Parish Council could apply for.
- County Council were running a scheme for government funded EV charge points.
- Footpath outside of Orchard House, Middleton, to the main road now completely covered in moss – Clerk to report to County Council.
- Pothole near to Grangemoor to be reported to County Council and Clerk to advise Glen Sanderson.
- A Future litter picking event around the Mart to be organised, equipment can be loaned via County Council. A Risk Assessment would require completion before the event, with Clerk to clarify insurance cover with Parish Council insurer's.

2023/14 To receive information regarding B4RN/B4NTR Broadband matters

The new government voucher scheme more than doubles the funding available, with Inorthumberland to confirm their top-up voucher scheme, however information had been received that the scheme could have been cancelled and the process may have to start again.

2023/15 To consider Middleton Flood concerns

Environment Agency and County Council had attended site. The current flood measures had worked at some point and there was a plan for replacement works to be carried out. Several measures had previously been carried out, such as repointing and culvert/ponds during 2014, however they had not been maintained and in the future contact with the Parish Council and all parties would be required.

2023/16 To consider Middleton Byway Open to All Traffic
Nothing to report.

2023/17 To consider future aims and objectives of the Parish Council

M Seth suggested on an annual basis the Parish Council decide a set of plans and objectives of what they wish to see happen for the next 12 months - this could be considered at the Annual Meeting each May. Regular village tidy up events/litter picking would be beneficial. Winter gritting an area of concern, with M Seth to read the Winter Services information displayed on County Council web-site.

2023/18 To confirm the Parish Council support the proposals for Wallington F.C. to replace existing clubhouse

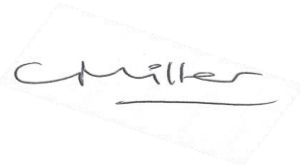
Since the lease had been extended, additional funding could now be accessed via the Wind Farm fund, and a grant was to be submitted to cover architect plans to refurbish the existing clubhouse. Part of the terms of the grant application was confirmation that support to the proposals had been received by the Parish Council and National Trust. It was therefore resolved the Parish Council agreed in principle to the proposals, with Clerk to convey to Football Club.

2023/19 To consider inclusion of Parish Council report in Chimes magazine

It had been suggested the Parish Council include a regular report in Chimes magazine. Meeting dates were currently included, and it was resolved individual Cllrs could request additional information for inclusion via the Clerk.

2023/20 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Wallington Demesne Parish Council will be held on Monday 27th March 2023 commencing 730pm in Cambo Village Hall.



Claire Miller
Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 840pm