

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2021

PRESENT: Cllrs M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs S Lynch , C Roe and Mrs S Glover

In attendance: Mrs Mandy Senior, Clerk to the Council; Holly Waddell, County Councillor
Mike Foster, Project Manager, Northumbrian Water
Joan Tatters, McDonald Bentley, Northumbrian Water Contractors.

0921.01 **ATTENDANCE BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM NORTHUMBRIAN WATER.** Mike Foster and Joan Tatters attended the meeting to give an update of the upgrade of the Water Works. McDonald Bentley are the new contractors and are developing a programme to completion for the upgrade to the site. It was noted the work started in 2016 and should have been a two-year project. It is hoped that the site will be fully operational by 30/04/2022, this will begin a four-month testing period and be completed by August 2022.

The landscaped plan is still to be approved by NCC Planning Department, this will include the large spoil heap along Mill Way. The perimeter fencing has been installed and was 3m fence high instead of the 5m high fencing, first agreed. There are no opportunities within the site to screen the work however it may be possible to provide screening along the northern boundary. NWL Estates Department are to negotiate with Northumberland Estates to see what screening opportunities may be possible.

McDonald Bentley are going to provide new signage for both ends of the village advising HGVs there is no access through the village. The preferred route is from the west of Horsley Village and Water Lane. Reports of large vehicles travelling through the village had been received and these will be passed to McDonald Bentley to investigate.

Northumbrian Water are to arrange a coffee morning in October 2021 to give residents the opportunity of popping in to ask questions and receive an update on the project.

0921.02 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr C Turnbull and R D Lillie.

0921.03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr S Lynch declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 0921.01 relating to working relationships with Northumbrian Water and McDonald Bentley.

0921.04 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH JULY 2021.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Glover, and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on **19th JULY 2021** be signed as an accurate record.

0921.05 **ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH JULY 2021.**

- a) **Tree Planting.** Minute 0721.05 refers. The trees from the Woodland Trust will be delivered in November. These will need to be grown on in pots before planting out onto the highway verge.

0921.06 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.** Councillor Holly Waddell had obtained the speed survey results on behalf of the Parish Council. She has included speeding/traffic calming measures as one of her priorities for inclusion in the Local Transport Plan Programme 2022-2023. She has also agreed to register this issue for funding from her Members Funding Scheme. This would fund the design work and could fast track into next year's LTP.

0921.07 **CORRESPONDENCE** received since the July meeting had been circulated to all councillors by email and noted.

- Northumberland County Council – Northumberland Local Plan Examination: Consultation on Main Modifications
- Northumberland County Council – Results of speed survey
- Footpath reports
- NALC – Weekly eNews
- Northumberland Association of Local Councils – Election Survey
- Resident – NWL construction traffic through the village
- Northumberland County Council – Climate Emergency Declarations
- Northumberland County Council – Free Tree Giveaway. NCC is giving each household in Northumberland the opportunity to apply for a free tree. Community groups are also invited to apply.
- Northumberland County Council – Planning Validation Checklist Consultation
- East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum – Invitation to presentation by Nick Johnstone, NCC re NCC Climate Change Programme, 6th October 2021, Newton Community Hall. Cllr M D Senior will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Community Action Northumberland – CAN eNews September 2021
- National Association of Local Councils – Weekly news

0921.08 **FINANCE**

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr C Roe and AGREED to approve the expenditure on the list circulated.

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- b) **TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF AN OUTDOOR STORAGE CUPBOARD FOR THE COMMUNITY BOOK SWAP.** It was RESOLVED to cover the cost of an outdoor storage cupboard for the Community Book Swap which is currently housed in the bus shelter at the Lion and Lamb. Suggested location is behind the Horsley WI however it was felt that a more central location would be preferred.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET OF VAT	VAT	CHEQUE AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
THE Engraving Shop	Memorial plaque for Cherrytree Gardens seat	31.34		31.34	BACS
Mrs A Senior	Salary	365.87		365.87	SO
HM Revenue Customs	PAYE	91.60		91.60	BACS
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	75.00		75.00	BACS
Arthur McGee DIY	Paint for Cherrytree Gardens seat	16.99		16.99	BACS
Arthur J Gallagher	Insurance renewal	1457.48		1457.48	BACS
Income					
Northumberland CC	Parish Cemetery Double Charge	24.00		24.00	28.07.2021
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.07		0.07	10.08.2021
Northumberland CC	Precept payment	5500.00		5500.00	06.09.2021
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.07		0.07	09.09.2021

0921.09 PLANNING

- a) **PLANNING DECISIONS.** It was AGREED that the Council receive the details of the Planning Decisions made by Northumberland County Council, in accordance with the list circulated.
- b) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
21/00826/FUL	Land to South and East of Northside Farm, Harlow Hill	Proposed development of rural workers dwelling	REFUSED
21/03088/FUL	Northumbrian Water, Ovingham	Installation of temporary construction compound and associated temporary buildings	Decision awaited.

0921.10 VILLAGE ISSUES

- a) **REPORTS ON VILLAGE ISSUES AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS.** It had been reported, a resident had problems with the buses not stopping at the Lion and Lamb bus stop heading west. It was noted that the bus stop post had been removed several months ago and not replaced and the painted sign on the road needs to be renewed. This had been reported to NCC several months ago however this will be chased up.
- b) **TO RECEIVE PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT AND CONSIDER ACTIONS REQUIRED.** The Annual Inspection had been carried out by ROSPA and had flagged up very few issues. It was noted that the transition between the ground and the ¼ pipe exceeds 5mm and needs to be modified. This is also the case with the Skate fun box. Cllrs S Lynch and C Roe will arrange costs for the repair work. It was also noted that the paint work is in poor condition on the Skate – fun box. Although this is not a safety issue, it will need to be dealt with in the near future.
- c) **TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF SPEED SURVEY AND CONSIDER ACTIONS.** The results of the speed survey had been received and circulated to all councillors. It was noted, the 85th percentile speed travelling west was 38mph and travelling east 37mph. This is high enough for police enforcement and the results of the survey had been sent to Northumbria Police by Northumberland County Council. It was RESOLVED that further action is needed and speeding reducing measures would be, once again, included in the Local Transport Plan 2022-23. Following the results of the survey this should be looked on more favourably due to the excessive speeding. The Community Speedwatch Volunteers continue to monitor the speeds of the traffic on a regular basis although this is only possible when the speed radar is available. It had been RESOLVED previously to purchase one of the speed radars from Northumbria Police however it would cost in the region of £2000. The same radar gun is available from other sources however agreement would be needed from Northumbria Police before volunteers could use one of these devices.
- d) **TO CONSIDER PRIORITIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN PROGRAM 2022-2023.** It was RESOLVED the Parish Council would submit the following 3 priorities for inclusion in the 2022-2023 Local Transport Plan Programme.
- Speeding – measures to reduce speeding in the village.
 - Resurfacing of the pavements on the north side of the village.
 - Resurfacing of the road surface to the west of the village

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0921.11 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- a) **OVINGHAM JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE.** The next meeting is to be held on 28th September 2021.
- b) **EAST TYNEDALE PARISH COUNCILS' FORUM.** Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July had been circulated and were noted.

0921.12 TO CONSIDER EMAIL FROM NCC – CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS.

A consultation request had been received from NCC's Climate Change Team for Parish Council's to answer the following questions. Answers are given below:

- Has your Parish Council declared a climate emergency? If no, what are the reasons? Are you considering declaring a climate emergency? **No, we have not declared a climate emergency and are not considering doing so. Horsley Parish Council has very little they can do to assist with Northumberland becoming net zero by 2030.**
- Does Horsley Parish Council have any plans to address climate change and reduce emissions? **We have plans to plant 30 trees in the village over the next few months. Electric vehicle charging points could be installed in the parish however the Parish Council does not own any land where this would be possible.**
- Would you like the support of NCC to help develop your climate change plans? **With little planned, no assistance will be required.**

0921.13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th November 2021 at 7pm in Horsley WI Hall.

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