

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21 MARCH 2022

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

In attendance: Mrs Mandy Senior, Clerk to the Council; Holly Waddell, County Councillor

0322.01 **RESIDENTS** present raised present raised the following matters and where relevant they are listed together with the actions that will be taken, if required. In due course, if necessary, reports will be made back to the Council.

- a) **Verges.** Thanks to Adrian Jackson, Cllr C Turnbull, and John Bramwell for tidying the footpaths at either end of the village.
- b) **Dog fouling.** Complaints regarding dog fouling particularly on the Main Road and South Lea had been received. Residents are encouraged to report all incidents of dog fouling to NCC via the website.
- c) **Public rights of way.** A request for the farmer to cut the paths through Gallowhill now that the crops are coming through was received. This request will be passed on. Way markers are down at Northside and the hedge from Northside to Horsley Hill is in need of cutting back. These issues had been reported to NCC.
- d) **Signs.** It was noted that several signs had collapsed, or the posts are rotting. Also, NCC diversion signs and sandbags are lying on the roadside verge. These will be reported to NCC.
- e) **Crop spraying.** An email had been received regarding the spraying of crops around Horsley. This had been passed onto John Bramwell. Cllr Turnbull advised that he would put a message on the Horsley Connections WhatsApp before spraying insecticides, if possible.
- f) **Road surface.** The road surface at the west end of the village is deteriorating and needs attention. NCC is aware of this however the Parish Council will ask the County Councillor to pursue this on their behalf.

0322.02 **APOLOGIES** received and accepted from Cllrs S Lynch and R D Lillie.

0322.03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

0322.04 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2022.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr C Turnbull, and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th JANUARY 2022 be signed as an accurate record.

0322.05 **ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2022.**

- a) **Queens Platinum Jubilee.** No interest had been received to set up a group to arrange an event for the Jubilee. It is understood that the Lion and Lamb will be holding an event over the Jubilee weekend. Bunting making workshops will be taking place at The Hearth and Church.

0322.06 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.** Councillor Holly Waddell gave her verbal report on matters relating to Northumberland County Council and at a more local level.

- **NCC Budget.** The budget had been approved by NCC which sees a 4% increase in Council Tax.
- **Hosting a Ukrainian Refugee.** Cllr Holly Waddell had sent information regarding this which will be circulated to all Councillors.
- **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans Consultation.** Northumberland County Council are currently consulting on Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans. This consultation seeks views on the councils plans to enhance the walking and cycling infrastructure in the county and the proposed walking and cycling networks for our 12 main towns (Alnwick, Amble, Ashington, Bedlington, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Blyth, Cramlington, Haltwhistle, Hexham, Morpeth, Ponteland, Prudhoe). This consultation will run from 7th March 2022 to 15th April 2022. The consultation can be accessed

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at <https://haveyoursay.northumberland.gov.uk/transport/local-cycling-walking-infrastructure-plans/>.

- **White lining.** The H bars that were installed several years ago have now faded. Cllr Waddell advised that she is able to fund from her member's allowance. The clerk will send the original plan showing the different areas.

0322.07 **CORRESPONDENCE** received since the January meeting had been circulated to all councillors by email and noted.

- Community Action Northumberland – CAN eNews monthly
- National Association of Local Councils – Weekly news
- Clerks and Councils Direct – Issue 140 March 2022
- Northumberland County Council – Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans Consultation
- Northumberland County Council – Update – Storm Malik – 30 January 2022
- Northumberland County Council – Storm Dudley and Eunace briefings
- Northumberland County Council – Northumberland Local plan – Inspector's Report
- Age UK Northumberland – Scam Awareness Support and update on services

0322.08 **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.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET OF VAT	VAT	CHEQUE AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Amazon	Portable hard drive	47.50		47.50	BACS
Amazon	Tree planting soil	15.25	2.54	12.71	BACS
Mrs A Senior	Salary	411.03		411.03	SO
HM Revenue Customs	PAYE	102.60		102.60	BACS
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	75.00		75.00	BACS
Horsley WI Hall	Hall rent – March 2022	20.00		20.00	BACS
Income					
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.07		0.07	10.02.21
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0322.09 **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
21/03088/FUL	Northumbrian Water, Ovingham	Installation of temporary construction compound and associated temporary buildings	GRANTED
22/00319/FUL	Vallum Farm, East Wallhouses	Retrospective – change of use of area of field to create track	Decision awaited
22/00383/FUL	Slate House, Welton	Application to allow for opening of original window on west elevation of outbuilding and alter internal layout. Replacement of gates and new fencing to existing western entrance to yard	Decision awaited.
22/00621/FUL	The Old Post Office, Horsley	Extension of side porch, adaptation of garage to annexe, construction of flat roof link between garage and main house	Decision awaited
APP/P23935/C/22/3292643	Horsley Banks Farm, Horsley	Unauthorised stable building	APPEAL

0322.10 **VILLAGE ISSUES.**

- a) **A69 SLIP ROAD.** Several incidents of cars overshooting the T junction and crashing into the field opposite the junction had occurred in the last few months. It was suggested that

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signage could be improved to prevent this from happening. The large road sign which had been replaced several months ago and then blown down had not been replaced. NCC will be asked to replace the sign.

0322.11 **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES**

- a) **OVINGHAM JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE.** The committee is currently obtaining quotes to repair/refurbish the lodge and chapels following a condition report. The cemetery gates had been hit by a large vehicle and repairs were being arranged.
- b) **EAST TYNEDALE PARISH COUNCILS' FORUM.** Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2022 had been circulated and were noted.

0322.13 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 9 May 2022 at 7.00pm in Horsley WI Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.