

## Bamburgh Parish Council

Minutes of virtual parish meeting held on Thursday 9th July at 6pm.

**Present** - Barbera Brook (BB), Andrew Bardgett (AB), Alex Tait (AT), Kirsty Dobson (KD), John Mackey (JM), Guy Renner-Thompson (GRT)

Also present Ian Smith (JMPI Media Limited) and 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** -Dorothy Scott
2. **Declaration of interest** - None
3. **Minutes of 9th July 2020** - minor addition - Sue Swearman asked if plans at the Walled Garden could be delayed due to many of the holiday homes neighbouring the walled garden being empty due to the Covid situation. The owners were likely to have been absent from their properties and may have missed any notification. We asked this question but no delay can be accepted by the planning dept due to government guidance.
4. **Public questions** - None
5. **Financial statement** - not available today. Will be discussed at the next meeting.
6. **Matters arising**
  - a) **Covid update/Village seat** - Cameron not available to comment. AB and KD not sure of the design suggested, but it was agreed that some sort of memorial or thank you to the community would be appropriate. The villagers are to be consulted.
  - b) **Royal British Legion Centenary** - 15th May 100th Anniversary of the forming of the Royal British Legion Centenary. AT will have more information about this after 21st July. Question put to the parish Council is "Would the parish council like to take part?" AB suggested Bell ringing. BB suggested service at the War Memorial. There is a wedding organised so we are unable to use the Pavillion. Refreshments to be arranged elsewhere. AT happy to help with arrangements. Bamburgh Parish Council agreed to help and take part in the centenary anniversary.
  - c) **Bench seats/tables in The Grove** - Alex Lorraine, Manager of The Victoria Hotel had offered to finance and maintain up to 6 new benches to be spread through out the village. This is in order to help all businesses get through the Covid social distancing guidelines. It would enable people to buy food and drink in the village and sit somewhere. JM and AB reported that Castle Estates are not going to accommodate this due to health and safety/litter/alcohol consumption concerns. We want to thank Alex and The Vic for their very kind and generous offer but unfortunately at this time we cannot proceed.
  - d) **Painting of lampposts** - The lampposts up Church St to Radcliffe Park have been painted but it has been noted that the lampposts alongside Armstrong cottages are also badly in need of painting. GRT has kindly offered to use funds from next year's small scheme program. Thank you Guy.
  - e) **Playpark repairs** - some of the posts are rotten and need replacing. We were given a quote of approx £2500 from the playpark company or £1000 from Paul Brittain our village warden. We have asked Paul to complete the job. The playpark is in need of renovation and we will put this on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
  - f) **Lock up** - the storage area by the public toilets needs assessing. The contents need to be organised and AB and AT are going to co-ordinate with Paul Brittain.
  - g) **Visit by "Countyfile"** - There may be a visit by the TV program "Countryfile" visiting villages to see how they have coped with lockdown. They may be filming at the end of July. No update currently.
  - h) **Litter picking/volunteer** - Many thanks to Robbie Howard who has offered to litter pick once a week. KP to contact Iain Robson re supply of pincers/yellow jackets. NCC car park - shards of plastic from the car park demarkation lines. Photos have been sent to NCC. BB mentioned to Bob Hodgeson. If anyone would like to volunteer for litter picking please contact [kirstypeacock@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kirstypeacock@yahoo.co.uk).
  - i) **Phone box** - Addition to the agenda as arose after the agenda was published. Bamburgh Parish Council notified by NCC that the phone box was not being used and would therefore be removed. It was agreed unanimously that we would like to keep the phone box even if not in use as a phone. Sam Morton suggested the Heritage Trust would like to adopt it and this was voted on and agreed by all councillors present BB, AB, JM, AT and KD.

**j) Walled garden update** - Objection letter on NCC planning portal. No further report.

**k) The Wynding parking issues/double yellows** - KP been in ongoing contact with Richard McKenzie via GRT due to imminent issues along The Wynding similar to last year. The seasonal double yellow line scheme has been signed off but they still need to write to the Traffic Resolution Order which takes a few weeks so “nothing is imminent” due to COVID delay. KP pressed the urgency of the situation but we have been told it is being dealt with and that there is nothing the parish council can do to speed it up.

**l) Planning consultation 20/00640/fUL 20 Armstrong Cottages Bamburgh**

**Northumberland NE69 &BA** -planning withdrawn. AB suggested it should not have passed pre-planning stage. Apparently retrospective planning been applied for but not seen. GRT to follow up with Liz O'Brien, planning officer.

**m)** Question from Alex from The Vic. Verges cut back in village apart from The Wynding. GRT to follow up with Bob Hodgeson.

**7) Date of next meeting** - to be confirmed.