

Bamburgh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019 at 6.00pm in the Bamburgh Pavilion.

Present:- Andrew Bardgett (AB), Kirsty Dobson (KD), Barbara Brook (BB), Cameron Hinson (CH), Alex Tait (AT), Dave Miller (DM) and Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson (GRT), Dorothy Scott (Clerk) (DJS)

Chloe Waldron a student from Northumbria University introduced herself and explained that she was doing a project in Bamburgh for her Masters of Architecture. The project involves looking at what the future of Bamburgh may look like and what the community might do about future issues such as rising sea levels and flooding in the area, therefore what architectural interventions might be put in place. The project may be of interest to the community and she is proposing to do a small exhibition and workshop in Bamburgh to gather the thoughts of people who live here and these will go on to inform the later stages of the project. – Agreed Tuesday morning would be a good time in the Pavilion, DJS to liaise with Chloe to move it forward with help from Judy Cowen.

Apologies – None

1. Declaration of Interest – None
2. Planning Application for 3 Mizen Court, Bamburgh, replace Velux rooflight with a cabrio Velux rooflight. – DJS to check with planning as there may be planning restrictions attached to this from original building consent.
3. **Minutes of 12th January** – Accepted and signed as a correct record. BB reported that the new lights for the Green will be delivered and fitted in the next week or so.
4. **Public Questions**:- None
5. **Financial Statement**– DJS gave update on financial information which was provided. Currently the current account is £7107.42 in credit, with £3826.52 in the saver account, for the months of January, February and March there will be some income as a few people have sent in £25.00 for the precept payment from the holiday cottages (this is not included in the figures above), however there is still over £1500 expenditure to come out to cover wages, direct debits, maintenance issues and there is the chance of course of some unforeseen expenditure due to repairs or maintenance.

We still have the War Memorial replacement to fund although with donations and Castle Estates Donation we should have enough within the budget to cover this expenditure. We have also managed to engage Paul Brittain to do litter picks, routine maintenance and play park repairs we expect this to increase next year and this will be an added expenditure. The Clerks wages will increase from 1st April 19 from £10.67 to £11.00 an hour in line with NALC rates of pay. The play park is over 10 years old and it starting to look a little tired and the wooden timbers are rotting at an alarming rate this must be factored into any expenditure for the next financial year. Dave Miller proposed to increase the precept by £1000.00 to £7750.00 for the next financial year, this was seconded by Andrew Bardgett – agreed.

6. Matters arising:-

- **Memorial for Jude footpath from Bamburgh to Glorum** – DJS reported that In order to get accurate costs we had been advised by Northumberland County Council (NCC) that we will need a proper design and bill of quantities. NCC can do this but there will be a cost involved for the work so they will need to identify a budget. Richard McKenzie from NCC stated that he would expect a feasibility report which would set out the basic design ideas, the various issues to consider and provide a budget estimate would cost around £500, he would be happy to fund this as a first step. Agreed that this should proceed and thanks to NCC for their help in this matter.

- **Toilets update** – BB reported that NCC had confirmed that the refurbishment of the existing toilet block will go ahead with a number of features being replaced and a new roof installed. GRT stated that it is hoped a water fountain will also be part of the toilet refurbishment work. However BB reported that there were a number of outstanding issues with the current provision of toilets. Firstly the signage on the existing toilets states the nearest toilets are at Links Road, there is no mention of the toilets within the Car Park. The lights are still on within the closed toilets for 24 hours despite being reported several times. The toilets at Links Road are closed with only the disabled toilet being open despite this been agreed previously with NCC that they would be left open as a temporary measure. The toilets at Links Road are in dire need of cleaning they are in a disgusting state. The portaloos in the main car park have been moving around in the wind and require securing. AB stated that the overall toilet provision is embarrassing and must be addressed.
 - GRT stated that Links Road Toilets should be open and he will address this as well as the cleaning and the movement of the portaloos. Further provision has been sought for the February half term. DM asked if the car park charges go ahead can some of the money made be ring fenced to be put towards better toilet provision with Bamburgh. GRT stated that he had asked this question but had received a negative answer.
- **War Memorial Update** – DJS reported that the replacement stone is now being manufactured and we await Classic Masonry to remove the current memorial in the next few weeks.
- **Streetscape/Road Issues/Speeding 30 MPH** – The issue of speeding past Armstrong Cottages was raised once again. GRT reported that there is only one Police speeding van available for the whole of Northumbria and whilst we have asked for this van other locations are felt to be of more importance, he will approach Northumbria Police again. A further speed survey will be conducted by Neil Snowdon of NCC. NCC is also looking at the rumble strips, they have deteriorated rapidly and a decision needs to be taken as to whether to replace them again. Whilst the feeling of Bamburgh Parish Council was that they should be removed, this should not happen until alternative speed calming measures have been agreed and implemented. Speeding signage showing your speed as you pass would really help and was agreed by all to be something to progress. Signage could be placed in positions along Armstrong Cottages and Church Street so as not to affect the iconic view. AONB have been against such signage in the past but this issue needs to be addressed.
 - On the recent consultation maps showing the yellow lines it has been reported that no yellow lines are shown on the South of Church Street – DJS to contact NCC.
 - The re-location of the bus shelter was also raised can this be progressed asap.
 - GRT reported that yellow lines have been agreed for Castle Wynd, Traffic Regulation Orders will have to be published first.
 - CH raised the issue of car parking in Lindisfarne Avenue; he has been approached by several residents asking if parking can be increased by using one of the grass verges. GRT stated that the verges were the responsibility by Bernicia Housing and they would need to be contacted directly for anything to be progressed- CH to progress and report back to next meeting.
- **Community Village Shop and Allotments** – KD has met with Kate Morton and Amy Aldred a couple of times. The butchers shop is now selling basic provisions milk, bread, vegetables etc however the selling of newspapers remain an issue. We can get newspapers ordered for people who have requested them but they would need to be picked up from Seahouses seven days a week and delivered somewhere secure so that residents could pick them up. KD reported that they are still working on this.

KD reported she had wrote to the CEO of Nothumbrian Water regarding a water fountain in the village. She had received a reply back which promoted the refill campaign but also stating that Northumbrian Water were looking at other ways of implementing water fountains and we would be kept updated.

GRT stated that as a Parish Council we can paint the ornate lamp posts but there is various forms which need to be filled in and a set of criteria which must be adhered to, GRT to send this to DJS.

GRT reported that the Bamburgh Path to Seahouses will start in February NCC along with a private donation will be funding this work.

DONM – Monday 11th March at 6.00pm in Bamburgh Pavilion