

Bamburgh Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Parish meeting held on Wednesday 10th June at 5.00pm .

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

Also present, Ian Smith (JMPI Media Limited) and 7 members of the public

1. Apologies – Cameron Hinson

2. Declaration of interest – none

3. Minutes of 10th March 2020 – BB commented on the previous minutes. BB gave an update on the amount of money raised through the Holiday Let/2nd Home Volunteer levy which for 2019/20 was £1474 and for 20/21 £185.00.

DJS commented on an amendment to the minutes at matters arising. DJS has wrongly quoted that Kate Morton may be aware of funding stream which had been recorded against Glororum Path when in fact this should have been recorded against street lighting.

4. Public Questions –

1. Judy Cowen - What can Bamburgh do about visitors urinating and worse in Bamburgh's public places. ? Should we have warnings that there are no toilets for the use of visitors in Bamburgh as visitors have not seemed to have 'taken on board' that they will need to use a toilet when spending time in and around the village and beach. Some areas especially during the hot dry weather are 'stinking' now and very unpleasant to come across.

Bamburgh Parish Council have been in discussions with Paul Jones, Service Director, Local Services, Northumberland County Council regarding getting the toilets open, this was his response in a recent email;- *'In terms of the public toilets, we note and acknowledge your request for these to be reopened. The Council is progressing the detailed risk assessments and cleansing arrangements etc required to enable them to reopen and I expect a decision will be made soon regarding the status of public toilets ahead of the reopening of more shops on the 15th June 2020. We will keep you posted on this and fully appreciate your strong desire for them to be reopened.'*

GRT also reported that the toilets could be open as early as next week. DJS to email Paul Jones for an update and also post on our website information for visitors that there is no toilet provision within Bamburgh currently.

2. Judy Cowen - What is the validity of people now holidaying in holiday let homes as I understood this is not legally permitted, as yet, and are some holiday let owners flouting the covid rules.

DJS reported that as far as Parish Council was concerned there was nothing we could do. Legislation does not provide the Police with powers to knock on doors to evict second homes owners or holiday lets. However the Police are there to advise if anyone wishes to make a complaint they should contact them.

3 .Alex Tait - The issue of parking in Lindisfarne Ave seems to have disappeared into the undergrowth once more. I understand that the residents in Ingram Road have received notification that the only thing holding up finalising the parking restrictions there is the current covid19 situation.

I hope that the proposal for Ingram Road is to incorporate Lindisfarne Avenue into the councils plan as Lindisfarne Avenue forms a T junction with Ingram Road .

GRT commented that letters to residents of Lindisfarne Avenue regarding a residents parking scheme are ready to go out but the COIVD pandemic has delayed this, hopefully these will be posted out in the next couple of weeks.

5. Financial Statement/– DJS updated on the Annual Governance Audit Report which had been circulated for information prior to the meeting. There were no questions raised on this and the Chair agreed to sign this off to be sent to the external auditors

6. Matters Arising –

- a. **COVID Update** – BB reported that Bamburgh Castle was hoping to open early July with social distancing measures in place. All car parks are now open with toilets hopefully to open in the next couple of weeks.
- b. **Street Lamps and Lamp painting** – BB thanked GRT for agreeing to fund both the painting of the lights around the Grove which has now been completed and also the addition of three ornamental lights on Radcliffe Road.
- c. **Walled Garden Update** – BB reported that a separate meeting would be convened in the next couple of weeks to discuss this planning application as it is felt it will be contentious and we need to be in receipt of all information to make an informed decision. Sue Swearman asked if it was possible to delay the deadline for comments as some property owners who overlook the site are not back at their properties due to COVID and therefore were unable to comment. This was taken on board and will be relayed back to the Planners. Mr Gibson also asked why only certain properties had been notified of the application whilst properties that overlooked the site had received no such letter. GRT to raise this with planners.
- d. **The Wynding** – KD reported that the Wynding had been busy over the previous weeks during the warm weather. The double yellow lines have been agreed on a Seasonal basis. GRT stated that Traffic Wardens would be responsible for enforcement action. The order was made on 25th May and was to be drafted in the next couple of weeks.

DONM – To be confirmed in the next couple of weeks.

Barbara thanked those who had took the time to attend our first Virtual meeting