

Bamburgh Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Parish meeting held on Tuesday 18th August at 6.15pm via Zoom Platform .

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

Also present, Ian Smith (JMPI Media Limited) and 1 members of the public

1. **Apologies** – Cameron Hinson, Alex Tait

2. **Declaration of interest** – none

3. **Minutes of 9th July 2020** –

Public Questions –

Judy Cowen – Could we look at having an ‘Aires’ facility in the main car park –

This has been raised before and Northumberland County Council have been in on discussions however the drains within the car park would need major improvement and the cost could be prohibitive., this has also been on our Local Transport Plan Priorities in previous years but unfortunately has not been progressed.

Judy Cowen – Is the disabled access to the beach any further forward – This has been discussed frequently over the years. Castle Estates who own the land have concluded that the nature of the terrain would not be conducive for a path.

Patty Gibb – Can the Parish Council address the Parking on Lucker Road? –

This has been something which the Parish Council have been pro-active in trying to resolve in the last couple of years, the issue has been raised and is part of our Local Transport Plan priorities number 7XN7PFB3 - Request that a controlled parking scheme for residents and businesses is considered for Lucker Road. - Lucker Road, Bamburgh. We will continue to work with Northumberland County Council on this issue.

5. **Financial Statement/–** DJS updated on the financial statement, the current account has £11949 in credit and the saver account stands at £6851, DJS to transfer £2000 to the saver account. New laptop required, playpark repairs and the revenue from the website to be discussed at next meeting.

6. Matters Arising –

- **Royal British Legion update** – AT – in regular contact with the Royal British Legion, will update at next meeting.
- **Litter Picking – KD** – Has met with Becky of Coastcare to discuss volunteers however as this will be on a regular basis, Coastcare only do one off tasks. KD has ordered 6 litter pickers, 6 Hi Vis Jackets and gloves. Volunteers can do this in their own time and not in groups to co-incide with COVID regulations. Car Parks are main areas for litter picking. Thanks to both Judy Cowen, the WI and the Newtons for making posters advertising members of the public take their litter home.
- **Steps to Lighthouse** – BPC received email from the Coastguard regarding the deterioration of the steps. DJS to contact the Coastguard to ascertain who is responsible for the steps and if there is any documentation on this.

- **Visit to Village from Countryfile** – Visit has been made and the programme was aired on Sunday, Bamburgh was shown in a very good light which is always good for tourism.
- **Walled Garden Update** – GRT reported no further update, applicant will be collating information which has been requested by official consultees. This could take some time, the containers will not be removed as work has ceased on the site until everything is sorted.
- **The Wynding Parking Issues/Car Park-** GRT has reported that it will be up to 3 months before the double yellow lines are in force, however police cones put up the sides of the Road have helped with the problem of parking on the Wynding. However further congestion towards the Golf Club has now causing a problem. GRT suggested we implement the first of the double yellow lines before we embark on a further consultation of extending no parking restrictions.
- **Email from James Boulton** – Castle Estates reported that to help alleviate the problem of camper vans parking, signage saying no overnight parking will be put up, the overhead barrier will be lowered so camper vans cannot gain access. Bamburgh Castle estates requested the opinion of Bamburgh Parish Council on the removal of the litter bins on a trial basis. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that the litter bins should remain.
- **Public toilet Update** – Portable toilets are now installed in the Links Car Park which has helped alleviate the problem within the Village. Thanks to NCC for providing these.
- **Pavement Licensing Regime** – This is the responsibility of the Businesses to apply, but they must remember they still have a legal right to keep the pavement clear.
- **Vacancy Parish Clerk** – BB reported that DJS has resigned and will finish at the end of September. BB thanked and stated that the Parish Council would miss DJS, she has been an excellent clerk. An advert has been placed and so far four applicants have applied with the closing date being 31st August 2020.
- **Pre Applications Email** – AB – reported on an email he has sent to the Planning Enforcement regarding Field End House and the pre-application process, he is awaiting a reply. GRT has expressed his disappointment at this process on this particular application with NCC.
- **BB** - There appears to be work being carried out on properties that is against the planning guidance and then planning is retrospectively approved is this not right. DJS to email planning enforcement on any of these issues.
- **Old Police House** – BB asked for help from GRT regarding this. A street lamp was placed in the Garden of this property some time ago and NCC agreed to remove it back in January as it had been placed in the wrong position. The owner has requested BPC/GRT to investigate.
- **GRT** –reported that the additional lights for Radcliffe Road are on order and will be installed in about three months. – Lindisfarne Residents Parking Scheme – have received no objections from consultees, letter to go out to Residents this week.

Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 22nd September at 6.15pm via Zoom Platform.