

Bamburgh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish meeting held on Tuesday 5th December at 6.00pm in the Bamburgh Pavilion.

Present:- D, Miller (DM) B. Brook (BB) Andrew Bardgett (AB), Jude Aldred (JA)

Apologies – Noel Page (NP)

Declaration of Interest – None reported.

- Minutes of 5th September – Accepted and signed as a correct record.
- **Financial Statement** – DJS updated on the recent financial statement which had been circulated. In the current account the balance currently stands at £7692.77 and in the saver account the balance stands at £3536.63.
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – Margie Wilson reported that after 4 years and 3 months the plan was finally submitted to the County on 20th November. The plan will now be checked to ensure all of the necessary documents have been provided. Regulations require the County to publicise the Plan and notify the various consultation bodies that the steering group consulted on the Pre-Submission Plan. County have to do this as soon as possible after receiving the Plan, this normally takes three to four weeks to organise and a minimum of six weeks for comments to be provided.

County will then appoint an Independent Examiner (with the agreement of the Parish Councils) Any written representations received about the plan are send directly to the Independent Examiner who prepares a report setting out the recommendations on whether the Plan meets the “Basic Conditions” and whether any modifications would be required to ensure that it does meet the Basic Conditions.

Once County receives the Examiners Report they have five weeks in which to make a decision about whether they agree with the recommendations. Assuming they accept within that five week period then they need to confirm that they are going to organise a referendum. Once they publish the decision to put the plan to referendum they have to organise and hold a ballot within eight weeks. Assuming there is positive outcome at the referendum the plan is treated as if it were ‘made’ that is it has full legal weight. However the County still have to make a decision through their Cabinet to formally make the Plan and bring it into legal force. Referendum will be in Spring next year probably.

The Parish Councils can now refer to the plan for future planning applications.

BB thanked Margie Wilson, Jude Aldred and John Woodman for their very hard work throughout the completion of the plan.

- **War Memorial** – DJS reported that the Grant Application had been submitted to the War Memorial Trust and she could now confirm that we had received funding for 75% of the overall costs for replacing the memorial on a like for like basis. There were certain conditions attached to the offer which we were currently working through and a pre-contract meeting was planned for tomorrow. The Parish Council is in a position to fund the remaining 25% costs due to donations, fund raising and savings.
- **New Parking Plan** – Resurfacing works have been undertaken within the Village but it was noted that it was a very poor job with original lines showing through. Cllr Renner-Thompson reported that he thought the job was unfinished as two layers had

to be laid, he would look into this and report back. BB reported that we were awaiting the final detailed plans and information on when the work would be starting. The Parish Council had asked for the roads leading out onto Front Street to have some form of demarcation as cars coming down these roads crossed pathways, this is currently with the Highways Department.

BB did report that we had received very good service recently when a hole in a pavement had been reported which could be dangerous, this was filled in the very next day.

- **The Grove – Chain Link Fence** – DJS reported that the chain link fence around the Grove is in need of repair/replacement, Castle Estates suggested replacing it with a new one at a cost of approx. £8000, they would fund ½ of this cost but asked if the Parish Council would fund the other 1/2. BB reported that the Parish Council were unable to access funding due to the fact that we did not own either the fence or the land. Chris Calvert to be updated.
- **ST Oswalds Way Panel** – The panel has now been replaced, thanks were given to Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson for his help with this. AB did report that the wood around the panel was already splitting, Cllr Renner-Thompson to look into this.
- **Councillor Vacancy** – BB updated that since Margie Wilson had resigned in May the Parish Council was running with a vacancy, she asked for agreement to approach Kirsty Dobson who had shown an interest – Agreed by all.
- **Street Lighting Update** – Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that the original contractor had gone in to administration but another contractor had now been appointed so work would be continuing but there would be a delay.
- **Tennis Courts** – BB updated on the current status with the tennis courts, Bamburgh Pavilion is to take over the lease for the courts from Northumberland County Council and have been fund raising to provide the court with new surfacing, funds so far have raised nearly £23000. Bamburgh Parish Council and Cllr Renner-Thompson to provide funding of £500 towards the final balance so the work can start.

Matters Arising:-

- BB reported that the Castle had been broken into last night and a large quantity of lead stolen from the museum roof. Access was gained through the main gate and they used the Millers entrance to get into the Castle.
- Cllr Renner-Thompson reported that the current rumble strips had not been fixed down properly and they were breaking upon impact. Bamburgh had been an experiment with the current strips, but these would be replaced with smaller strips at no cost to the Parish or Northumberland County Council.
- Jimmy Scott asked if something could be done half way along the road outside Armstrong Cottages as there had been a couple of near misses due to traffic turning right and other traffic attempting to overtake. Agreed that the Parish Council would officially write to Cllr Renner-Thompson asking for a sign to show there was a right turn.
- Judy Cowen reported that the sign for Bamburgh outside Lucker had been broken for some time, could this be replaced – Cllr Renner-Thompson to look into this.
- Judy Cowen asked for agreement from the Parish Council to order the same bulbs as this year so she could ensure that they are planted up Lucker Road to finish off this scheme, the Garden Guild would once again pay for half of the cost with the Parish Council paying the other half – This was agreed by all.

- JA reported that the children using the current bus stop have to stand out in all weathers, can she approach the bus company to ask if the bus can stop at the current bus stop whilst we wait for the bus stop to be moved. Agreed by all.
- Judy Cowen asked if we can continue to leave the money tins for the Garden Guild in place and any monies collected would be put towards the War Memorial – this was agreed.
- Judy Cowen asked if the Parish Council could help the residents with the noise and smells emanating from the extractor fans outside the Mizen Hotel and the Potted Lobster restaurant. The Council to contact both.
- Judy Cowen reported that there is to be a Christmas Coffee Morning and Quiz on 19th December at 11.00am in the Bamburgh Pavilion all welcome.
- DONM – 15th January at 6.00pm

Action	Initials
War Memorial – Grant has been successfully awarded from the War Memorial Trust for 75% of the overall cost of the project. The sub Group to continue to work to replace the memorial.	DJS/AB/BB/JA