



Minutes of Meeting held on 27 September 2021 in Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall

Present; Councillors J Oliver (Chair), A. Saunders, C. Kennedy, J. Benson, S. Armstrong, D. Finlayson County Councillor A. Sharp, M. A. Smith (Clerk).

1. Introduction and Welcome.

Cllr Saunders initially took the role of Chair as Cllr Oliver had advised he would be arriving late. Cllr Oliver duly arrived and took up the position of Chair from 7.10pm.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr V. Gibson.

3. Declarations of Interest.

None received.

4. Public Questions.

None Received.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 26 July 2021.

5.1 These were read and approved.

6. Matters arising and actions from previous minutes.

6.1 All matters were covered in the meeting.

7. General Amenities (Footpaths, Access, Seating and Lighting).

7.1 Cllr Sharp provided an update on matters progressed with the County Council:

- The work to resurface all the footpaths from Henshaw School to Bardon Mill was complete and feedback to date was positive.
- The trees blocking lighting columns in Henshaw and Riverdale have been cut back.
- Hedges blocking footpaths near to Broadacres had been cut back.
- The new Bardon Mill sign would be replaced soon.
- Road widening had been completed on Well Bank at Henshaw.
- Kissing gates in the fields past the Roman Hall to be replaced with galvanised metal gates.
- The road warning markings at Cragside would be done in the near future.
- Negotiations were continuing to allow the road at Broadacres to be widened.
- Drainage works were scheduled on the road to Scotchcoulthard.

8. Maintenance Programme.

8.1 Village Greens and Grassed Areas are being maintained satisfactorily.

8.2 General maintenance. The access road in Henshaw has now been partially repaired.

9. Planning Applications.

9.1 Works have been carried out on the vacant land at Falcon Grange and enquiries would be made to see if any development was to take place. There was also a query over land ownership and this would also be taken up with the County Council.

10. Highway Matters.

10.1 A69 Issues. A further meeting had been held with Highways England in August. Disappointingly Highways England continue their stance of refusing to implement any safety improvements and have now gone back on the decision to install a safety barrier adjacent to Falcon Grange. Cllr Sharp has contacted the Police for support and the Clerk has arranged a meeting with Guy Opperman MP.

10.2 The road leading to Barcome Bank should have warning signs erected as there have been incidents involving HGVs and a bus recently. Cllr Sharp to take this up with County Highways.

11. Redburn Park.

11.1 The Clerk advised that the monthly inspections were continuing as planned.

11.2 It was raised that the Pitman's Trail was in need of strimming/tidying.

12. Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall.

12.1 The hall is open for classes and events.



12.2 New representatives and volunteers were still being sought to help with the running of the hall.
12.3 The litter bins next to the park (for use by the hall) were being filled by unknown persons. Possibly look to get signage to say for use by the hall or locks placed on each bin.

13. Northumberland National Park.

13.1 An update on developments in the National Park was given by Cllr Saunders and it was noted that consultations on the future structure and aims of the National Park were to be carried out.

14. Henshaw School.

14.1 Work is continuing to replace the roof.

14.2 A thank you card has been received for the £200 donation made by the Parish Council toward the new extension and facilities.

15. Report by Clerk on Financial Matters.

15.1 Funds held by the Parish Council were confirmed as follows:

- Current Account £9,751.79
- Easement Account £5,361.92

15.2 Payments approved between meetings:

- Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee (Redburn Park and Henshaw Works) £213.60
- G. Treloar (Redburn Park) £70.00
- PPH Hire & Supplies (Supply of Materials for Redburn Park and Henshaw) £104.40
- Mark Watson (Verge Cutting) £378.00
- Bardon Mill Parish Council (Memorial Maintenance Contribution) £133.00

15.3 Payments to approve:

- PPH Hire & Supplies (Materials for Redburn Park) £9.00
- Wages £638.92
- HRMC £159.80
- Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee (Redburn Park) £204.15
- Expenses £215.32

15.4 Payments to credit:

- Bardon Mill Parish Council (Shared Assets Contribution) £385.11

15.3 The Clerk advised that following the above transactions, and those still to clear, the estimated Parish Account would be £8,010.71.

16. Members Issues.

16.1 Complaints had been received about glass on the footpath next to the Bottle Banks (with a possible cause being debris when the bins are emptied). This to be passed to the County Council.

16.2 The footpath from Benton House to the A69 path needs strimming.

17. Northumberland County Council Councillor Update.

17.1 Councillor Sharp had provided updates on various matters during the meeting.

18. General Matters and Correspondence since last meeting.

18.1 The Clerk advised all correspondence had been circulated by email.

19. Any other relevant business.

No additional items were raised.

20. Date and time of next meeting Monday 25 October 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Signed and Approved at the Meeting held on 25 October 2021.....

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