

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Allendale Parish Council Meeting
held in Allendale Village Hall on Thursday 6th September 2018
(including minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee)**

Present: Councillors Baxter, Dunn, Galley (Acting Chair), Henderson, Lee, Philipson, Quinn, Sandison, Simmonds & White
County Councillor Horncastle
H Newsome (Clerk)

Planning applications

18/02693/FUL - Parlour Close, Sinderhope (Cllr Philipson declared an interest in this application and left the room). The Parish Council has **no objections** to the application.

18/02630/FUL – Rathmullen, Station Road, Allendale
The Parish Council has **no objections** to the application.

18/02703/FUL 2 & 18/02704/LBC – Rookery Nook, The Peth, Allendale – removal of UVPC windows
The Parish Council has **no objections** to the application.

18/02731/VARYCO – Hopedene, The Dene, Allendale

The Parish Council agreed to object to the application as it is not in keeping with Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP) Policy 1: General Development Principles in that it adversely affects the amenity of nearby residents as well as the appearance of the settlement.

18/02731/FUL – Land South Of Forstersteads, Shilburn Road, Allendale (Cllr Galley declared an interest in this application and left the room). The applicant presented his case for the site that he said was in keeping with Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP) Policy 5: New build tourism accommodation. Members of the public expressed their dissatisfaction with the application and the loss of amenity to nearby residents. Some residents expressed concern about the location of the site entrance that was close to the blind bend on Shilburn Road. Following discussion, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to the application as the proposed site is not in keeping with Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP) Policy 1: General Development Principles, in that it adversely affects the amenity of nearby residents as well as the appearance of the settlement & (ANDP) Policy 5: New build tourism accommodation.

18/02632/RENE – Land South East Of Sinderhope Shield, Sinderhope (Cllr Philipson declared an interest in this application and left the room). The Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to the application as the proposed site is not in keeping with Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP) Policy 10: Small Scale Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Schemes as it is too close to neighbouring houses, including listed buildings, as well as being too near to the road.

18/03065/FUL – Summerside, The Dene, Allendale – proposed new parking area

The Parish Council agreed to support the application because it would help to improve road safety.

Decision notices

18/01093/FUL	– Folly House, Folly Lane, Catton	– GRANTED
18/01783/LBC	– The Tea Rooms, Allendale	– GRANTED
18/02017/FUL	– 23 Allenfields, Allendale	– GRANTED
18/02127/FUL	– Drysdale Farm, Allendale	– GRANTED
18/01179/FUL	– Bridge End Mill, Allendale	– GRANTED

1) Apologies for absence

Cllrs Crellin (Chair), Howard and Walter

2) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Baxter declared an interest in the Allendale Agricultural Society

Cllr Dunn declared an interest in Allendale Primary School, Allendale Sports Club & Allendale Golf Club

Cllr Henderson declared an interest in the Allendale Agricultural Society, Allendale Horticultural Society and Allendale Baby & Toddler Group

Cllr Lee declared an interest in Allendale Primary School, Arnison Jubilee Almshouses & Health Walks

Cllr Philipson declared an interest in High Forest Community Association, Allenheads Trust & Natural Ability

Cllr Quinn declared an interest in Natural Ability

Cllr Sandison declared an interest in Allendale Film Club

Cllr Simmonds declared an interest in St Cuthbert's Church, North Pennines AONB Partnership Board & Allen Valleys Landscape Partnership Board

3) Public Participation

Acting Chair Cllr Galley (Vice Chair) welcomed members of the public to the meeting. There were 17 members of the public in attendance.

Co Cllr Horncastle responded to a member of the public's ongoing concern that the new 20 mph signs are not enforced or enforceable, and that Vehicle Activated Traffic Signals (VATS) were a better option. Co Cllr Horncastle said that VATS is not an option as they are prohibitively expensive and would have to be paid for and maintained by the Parish Council. He went on to describe the full package of traffic calming measures that are only partially installed at present. The remaining work, including installing granite setts across the road outside the school, has been delayed and would most likely be done at half term. Co Cllr Horncastle was also looking to buy a community speed gun for use by locally trained volunteers.

4) Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th July 2018

Cllr Quinn proposed, and Cllr Baxter seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5) Matters Arising

Footpaths

Cllr Lee to bring together the Footpaths Working Group in order to prioritise footpaths work in the parish and get an update from the Footpaths Officer on the re-routing the footpath that currently goes through the wood at Holm's Lynn.

Caravans

Cllr Dunn to ask the Community Police to confirm under what specific legislation is it illegal to park caravans on the Village Green in a bid to clarify the situation for all. Cllr Simmonds/Cllr Philipson to circulate the Village byelaws to the Council.

6) County Councillor update

Arnison House – Co Cllr Horncastle confirmed that Arnison House that has been previously managed by Anchor Housing has now been added to Northumberland County Council's housing management portfolio. He said that NCC are committed to providing more sheltered housing schemes.

Allendale First School – Co Cllr Horncastle said that although Allendale First School was still in the hands of NCC, negotiations were ongoing to transfer it to private ownership. In the meantime, Co Cllr Horncastle agreed to arrange for the premises to be tidied up in view of them looking increasingly neglected.

Haydon Bridge High School – Co Cllr Horncastle said that exam results this year had been better than hoped for and vocational courses would be starting in September 2019. All the schools in the Haydon Bridge Partnership are now two-tier.

Problem stretches of roads – Councillors to identify stretches of roads in the parish that are causing problems and Clerk to email these to Co Cllr Horncastle by 14 September.

Road crossing at Isaac's Well – Work to install the crossing is underway although a new location opposite Sunniside Cottage was decided because of the poor drainage problems at Isaac's Well.

Tree surgery – Work to make safe trees in the parish that are the responsibility of NCC is being carried out at Forstersteads and Catton and once permission from the Diocese is received, the Church Cemetery.

7) Walkers are Welcome

Walkers are Welcome is a nationwide initiative that encourages towns and villages to be welcoming to walkers. Cllr Lee proposed that the Allen Valleys becomes a Walkers are Welcome area and Councillors unanimously agreed.

8) and 9) Allendale Market Place and Villages Sub-Committee Report

Members of the Villages Sub-Committee met in August and made recommendations for continuing the work to tidy up the village as set out in its report. The Council discussed the report and agreed a number of actions to follow up on:

- a) Clerk to set up a meeting with Neil Snowdon to discuss Highways issues including road layout in the Market Square, signage in and around the Village and the re-painting of the line markings for the dropped kerbs.
- b) Clerk to try and obtain from Glasdon's UK Ltd stickers for the parish waste bins that indicate that the bins are suitable for both general and dog waste.
- c) Clerk to request a second visit from NCC to kill the weeds around Wentworth, Shield Street, around the Bullring, Lonkley, Store Bank, the First School surrounds, Shilburn and Leadgate.
- d) Clerk to send thank you letters to all those residents that carry out valuable voluntary work around the parish.
- e) Clerk to arrange for members of the Villages Sub-Committee to meet NCC staff at the Tynedale Depot to discuss and agree the locations of bins to be serviced in the parish.
- f) Cllr Lee to work with Allen Valleys Landscape Partnership to install interpretation boards in the village. Cllr Simmonds suggested the north side of the post office as a suitable place for an interpretation board.

10) Village Keeper

The Council agreed not to recruit a new Village Keeper at present but would keep this under review.

11) Correspondence (see Appendix A)

Glendinning Memorial Drinking Fountain – The Clerk to send a polite reply to Berenice Baynham that describes the reasons why the fountain is not working, that is, that the repair and maintenance is problematic with the difficulty in finding suitable parts and the fountain regularly freezing in winter.

NCC Planning Services – The Clerk confirmed that she and the Chair of Allendale Village Hall, Catherine Stirling Hill had worked together to apply for funding through NCC's Section 106 budget. The application was successful and £1645 has been secured to buy a new item of equipment for the playground.

North Pennines AONB Partnership – The Clerk to send written support on behalf of the Council for their Resilient Allen Valleys Heritage Lottery Fund application.

12) Local Transport Plan 2019 – 2020

The Council discussed what should be included as its top three highways and transport priority issues in the parish for inclusion in the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme for 2019/20 and agreed the following:

- a) Road safety when leaving Batey Terrace to access the main road
- b) Reducing the speed limit to 30 mph along Station Road
- c) Request for speed limit for Spartylea village

The Clerk to confirm that the Council would like to take up Neil Snowdon of NCC Highways Department's offer to discuss these priorities when he visits the village to talk about general highways issues referred to at 8) & 9) a) above.

13) Grant Applications

The Council discussed all the applications for grants and made the following awards:

Allendale Primary School	£100
Allen Valleys Get Together Group	£100
Allendale May Fair	£100
Allendale Sports Club	£100
Citizens Advice Northumberland	£ 50
Hadrians Network (Crohns and Colitis UK)	£ 50
Higher Ground Allendale	£100
Sport Tynedale	£100

The Clerk to invite Dave and Sarah Stevenson of the King's Head to a Parish Council meeting to hear more, and learn more about their work in providing defibrillators in the Allen Valleys area.

14) Accounts for Payment (see Appendix B)

Cllr Lee proposed the accounts for payment, seconded by Cllr Crellin.

Bank balance as at **30 August 2018**

Treasurer's Account - **£ 50,094.73**

Bank balance as at **9 August 2018**

Business 30 Day Notice Account - **£ 5,230.08**

15) Matters for next month's agenda

There were none.

16) Date of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **4th October 2018** at Allendale Village Hall at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 10:30 pm