Bardon Mill Parish Council
9th May 2023
Approved Minutes

Present	Cllr S Furlong Cllr G Gill Cllr M Robson Cllr G Walton	Cllr J Oliver Cllr V Furlong Cllr A Sharp - County Clerk – Susan Saunders
Time	7.10pm	
18/23	**Apologies for Absence -** Cllr M Nixon - Vacation	
19/23	**Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman** Cllr S Furlong and Cllr G Gill were nominated as chair and vice-chair. **Proposed Cllr M Robson** **Seconded Cllr G Walton** **Approved**	
20/23	**Clerk's Financial report -** The report was noted.	
21/23	**Declaration of Interests** The Chair reminded everyone to declare interests where appropriate.	
22/23	**Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 14th February 2023** The minutes were approved. **Proposed Cllr V Furlong** **Seconded Cllr G Gill** **Approved**	
23/23	**Matters Arising from the minutes of Tuesday 14th February 2023 -** No matters	
24/23	**Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting -** No matters	
25/23	**Public Questions** – no questions.	
26/23	**Planning Applications** A) For Determination: 23/00995 – Land west of Barcombe Lodge – change of use to allotment. To approve the following: **No objection** provided that: a) the site is kept tidy b) no structures are erected c) the land is used solely for purposes associated with the allotment **Proposed Cllr G Gill** **Seconded Cllr S Furlong** **Approved** B) Determined 23/00131/TPO application to reduce deadwood Holmcroft, 1 Burnside, B Mill – **Permitted**. 22/04675 proposed 1.5 storey extension – The Hott, Thorngrafton - **REFUSED**	
27/23	**Planning Applications -** Northumberland National Park Authority	
28/23	**Thorngrafton 30mph consultation**. The following objections were approved. 1. No one drives through Thorngrafton at speeds above 30mph. Therefore, imposing a 30 mph speed limit serves no purpose. 2. Worse than that, indicating a 30mph speed limit sends a message to some drivers that it is OK to drive at speeds up to 30mph. The safe speed through Thorngrafton is much lower, more like 10mph. The same applies to the hill leading up to Thorngrafton U7059 JCT to U7060 JCT. We have already had collisions caused by drivers who have said "well, I was only doing 30mph". 3. The proposal will mean a proliferation of unnecessary signs in the countryside, urbanising a rural area. 4. It is an unnecessary expense and a waste of Council resources, which could be better spent on other matters (such as resurfacing the road through Thorngrafton). **Proposed Cllr G Gill** **Seconded Cllr V Furlong** **Approved**	
29/23	**Northumberland County Council** County Councillors Report • Birkshaw Bank signs have been fitted. • Potholes in ridley village are to be finished. • Signs at The Steel to show HGV not allowed are to be fitted but has to be advertised in the press. • Culvert at Ridley Bridge has been cleaned out which has alleviated the issue of standing water. • The road end at Ridley Hall on the A69 has potholes and and amount of loose gravel.	

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Cllr Oliver offered to contact highways about this.

- Better signage showing 40mph will be placed on The Military Road at Whinshields and Once Brewed.
- Signage will also be placed along the road through Bardon Mill, in front of The Bowes, to remind drivers it is 30mph
- The school have just been informed they are to have an Ofsted inspection this week.
- Rob Murfin is now the director of planning.

30/23 **A69**

Cllr Gill reported that Highways are to repair the footpath from Starbucks to the entrance into Henshaw. Highways are still proposing islands which members are not in agreement with and Henshaw have written to back to express that view.

Proposed Cllr G Gill **Seconded Cllr M Nixon** **Approved**

19.30 Cllr Oliver left the meeting

31/23 **General Power of Competence** – the policy for this has to be re-adopted every annual meeting to make sure the council reaches the criteria. It was agreed that it does and was approved.

Proposed Cllr S Furlong **Seconded Cllr G Gill** **Approved**

32/23 **Insurance**

Two quotes have been received, £363.94 from Zurich but this does not cover the bus shelter. The clerk has not heard back from them on this. And, £406.88 (or £385.62 for a 3 year agreement) from BHIB. This will include the bus shelter. It was agreed that Cllr Gill would look over the schedules and, if he was happy, then the council will instruct BHIB. The clerk will get a cheque signed once the decision has been made.

Proposed Cllr S Furlong **Seconded Cllr V Furlong** **Approved**

33/23 **Reports on Financial Matters**

33/23.01 Bank Rec, Inc & Exp and accounts for pay as at 6th April 2023

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BANK RECONCILIATION	*Appendix 3*		**13/23.01**	
BANK	**£**	**£**	**£**	
Balance as at	**06/04/2023**			
Current Account			£8,667.00	
Plus outstanding lodgements				
Less outstanding payments	0		0.00	
NET BANK BALANCES AT	**06/04/2023**		**£8,667.00**	
The net balances reconcile to the Cashbook - receipts and payments account - for the year as follows				
CASH BOOK	**£**		**£**	
Opening Balance as at 1st april 2023	6152		£6,152.00	
			£6,152.00	
Add: Receipts in the Year	£2,515.00			
Less Payments in the Year				
Closing balance per Cash Book [Receipts & Payments]			**£8,667.00**	
as at	**06/04/2023**			£0.00
Payments for 9th May 2023				
Mrs S M Saunders Exp		52.04	WI Donation £50, stamps £2.04	
NALC	Paid by SMS Direct	189.98	£75 website, £114.98 Subs	
Henshaw PC		362.14	Grass Cutting and play inspections	
HSBC		33.00	4 months and 1 CQ	
Haltwhistle Town Coucnil	CQ	261.60	Contribution to Coronation Mugs for the school	
BHIB Insurance	CQ	385.62	3 yer LTA	
TVCRP	Paid by SMS Direct	10.00	Subscription	
Total Payments		**1294.38**		

The payments of £1294.38 were approved.

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	Proposed Cllr S Furlong **Seconded Cllr G Gill** **Approved** **33/23.02 AUDIT REPORT** **33/23.02.01**To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor **33/23.02.02** To approve the Annual Governance Statement (draft copy attached) **33/23.02.03** To approve the annual accounts for 2022-2023 **33/23.02.04** To approve the Accounting Statement and Explanation of Variances (draft copies attached) **33/23.02.05** To confirm and approve the Certification of Exemption (draft copy attached) The audit requirements were met and approved. **Proposed Cllr S Furlong** **Seconded Cllr G Gill** **Approved** **33/23.02.05** Internal Auditor **-**to approve Mr Lill as the internal auditor for 22-23 and 23-24 **Proposed Cllr V Furlong** **Seconded Cllr G Gill** **Approved**
34/23	**Code of Conduct** Cllr Gill suggested some amendments which include removing sections not relevant. Members agreed and approved The Code of Conduct. **Proposed Cllr G Gill** **Seconded Cllr S Furlong** **Approved**
35/23	**Correspondence received since last meeting -** Noted
36/23	**Any other relevant business** Cllr Furlong reported that the blades on the verge cutter are prob ably needing replaced this year and, with the rise in cost of fuel, he would appreciate recompense for fuel used which is on average, 100litres. Members were happy for this as they appreciate Cllr Furlong undertaking this task.
37/23	**Dates and times of next meeting** Parish Meeting Tuesday 8th August 2023 - 7pm Henshaw Church Hall followed by parish meeting. The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed Chair Date