



Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 24 May 2021 in Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall

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

1. Introduction and Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr S Armstrong.

3. Declarations of Interest.

None received.

4. Public Questions.

None Received.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 26 April 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 The footpaths from Henshaw School to Bardon Mill are now scheduled for repair in June.

7.2 The streetlight on the Henshaw junction from the A69 still needs the tree branches cutting back as do the ones on the road from Redburn to Bardon Mill. Cllr Sharp to chase this up.

7.3 The Councils owned seat/benches are scheduled to be inspected in June.

7.4 There is a grassed area outside Henshaw Scholl which is left unmaintained and is unsightly given the rest of the area is cut regularly. Clerk to refer this to the County Council.

8. Maintenance Programme.

8.1 Village Greens and Grassed Areas are being maintained satisfactorily.

8.2 General maintenance. One of the access gates on the Right of Way from the Roman Hall is in need of repair. Clerk to refer this to the County Council.

9. Planning Applications.

9.1 The application at Townhead Farm has been appealed to the Planning Inspector on the grounds of non-determination. Work has been carried out recently but the County Council has advised they have instructed this to cease until the application is determined.

10. Highway Matters.

10.1 A69 Issues. An update on the forthcoming works has been received which the Clerk will circulate. A further meeting with Highways England is due to take place in June.

10.2 The road to Scotchcoulthard is again regularly flooded as a result of damaged drainage. Cllr Sharp agreed to follow this up.

10.4 Work to widen/clear the road (Redburn to Bardon Mill) should be carried out in the near future.

11. Redburn Park.

11.1 The Clerk advised that the monthly inspections were continuing as programmed and the annual inspection by RoSPA will be done in June.

11.2 A meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 26 May with representatives from Bardon Mill Parish Council to view and discuss works at the park.

12. Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall.

12.1 The hall re-opened in mid May with outdoor classes already underway and provisional bookings now being taken for events from July onwards subject to all COVID-19 restrictions being lifted.



13. Northumberland National Park.

13.1 An update on developments in the National Park was given by Cllr Saunders and this included an outline of proposals to manage/improve land at Greenlee Lough. It was proposed that a representative from the NNPA be invited to a future meeting to give further details.

13.2 Details of the forthcoming Election of Parish Representatives on the NNPA had been circulated by the Clerk.

14. Henshaw School.

14.1 An update on activities and events at the school was given by Cllr Finlayson.

14.2 The limited car parking has been raised this with the school by Cllr Sharp for consideration.

15. Report by Clerk on Financial Matters.

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

- Current Account £7,720.37
- Easement Account £5,361.92

15.2 Payments to approve:

- Came & Company (Annual Insurance) £971.95

15.3 Payments received;

- Bardon Mill Parish Council (Shared Assets Contribution) £279.42

16. Members Issues.

16.1 No additional items were raised.

17. Northumberland County Council Councillor Update.

17.1 Councillor Sharp provided an update on the recent Elections for the County Council.

17.2 During his Election campaign one of the main issues he found was the problems residents continue to have with broadband. It was agreed the Clerk invite the County Council (Jill Cowell) to a future meeting to discuss,

17.1 Councillor Sharp had provided comprehensive update throughout the meeting and would follow up any issues as soon as possible.

18. General Matters and Correspondence since last meeting.

18.1 The Clerk advised that the review of the Asset Register had raised a couple of issues. Firstly, there is no agreement regarding the use of the Quoits Pitches on the Village Green at Bardon Mill but that he had discussed this with a representative of the Quoits Team and a formal agreement would be progressed. Secondly, the letting of the grazing land has not been reviewed for a number of years. It was agreed that the Clerk would look into this further to see if there was a need to increase rental levels and/or look to bring the current letting to an end and advertise it for tender.

19. Any other relevant business.

No additional items were raised.

20. Date and time of next meeting Monday 28 June 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Signed and Approved at the Meeting held on 28 June 2021.....

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