

## BYWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at Newton & Bywell Community Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Gillespie, Stevens and Richardson. Also in attendance - Monica Anderton, Clerk and Cnty Cllr Waddell (who left after item 5)

1. **Apologies received:** Cllr Wright and Cllr Thompson who has stood down as a Councillor. His time was noted with thanks; also that he would continue to assist the Council whenever possible.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes from meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021:** These were agreed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising:** ~ Mowden Hall: the dangerous mirror had been removed very promptly after writing with a promise of a proper one being placed there instead;  
~ The request for some future funding towards a lunch for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee lunch at Bywell Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 was noted;  
~ Climate Change notes had been circulated after the Forum meeting; it was generally felt that encouraging residents in parishes to reduce their carbon footprints in a number of ways such as increasing recycling for example would be a good use of small councils' resources. Working together with other councils may happen to achieve larger targets;  
~ Loan repayments: Councillors agreed that the present system should run its course bearing in mind that the Hall is a community asset and repaying out of the precept ensures that everyone in the parish contributes;  
~ Next year's Council meeting dates would be forwarded to NCC so that a Cabinet member could find a suitable one to visit the Council ;  
~ St Peter's Church, Bywell: a request had been received from the rector asking for support, both in writing towards other grant requests, and for grants to stages of work as the Grade 1 listed building requires some significant structural work. The Council agreed in principle but need to point out that it is a very small council with limited powers and resources.
5. **Reports:** a) County Cllr Report: Cllr Waddell reported that the LTP was progressing and information on progress would come out in the next year; she had attended a presentation on Northumberland Communities Together which aims to help residents who need additional assistance in various ways in the County. The slides from the presentation are attached with these minutes.  
b) Chair's report: None at this time
6. **Planning:** 21/03818/LBC – replacement of 2 windows at Old Vicarage – Council had no objections;  
21/02782/FUL – Automated gates etc. at Newton Fell House Farm – permission Granted;

21/04243/CCD: Proposed changes to upgrade facilities at Bearl Quarry Depot, Stocksfield. The Council supported this application.

7. **Correspondence:** None to date
8. **Finance:** a) The Balance on the account at 31st October 2021 was £8634.20  
b) The following payments were authorised:

Clerk, Salary, October 2021	£299.78
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Newton & Bywell Community Trust (Room)	£57.00
CPRE subs for 2022	£36.00
Simon Ogg, grass cutting etc.	£1200.00
Donation to GNAA	£100.00

c) Paperwork for next year's precept has been received. A budget will be prepared before January's Council meeting;
9. **AOB:** ~ Notices would be put up for volunteers to fill the Councillor vacancies;  
~ The possible provision of a Play area for children in the village would be considered in more detail at a future meeting;  
~ Training in CPR to aid defibrillator use needs to be provided. At present, Covid restrictions are stopping trainers from delivering this but any changes in this would be noted.
10. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00pm

Chair:

Date: