

**Minutes of the Meeting of Allendale Parish Council
held at St Cuthbert's Church Hall on Thursday 5th December 2019
(including minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee)**

Present: Cllr Crellin (Chair), Councillors Baxter, Dunn, Galley, Howard, Lee, Philipson, Quinn, Sandison and Simmonds
County Councillor Horncastle
H Newsome (Clerk)

Planning applications

19/03891/FUL – Land West Of Strathyre, Catton – (Cllrs Crellin and Quinn declared an interest in the application). Cllr Howard proposed **to support** the application with Cllr Sandison seconding this, and this was unanimously carried by the Council.

19/04469/FUL – Parkside, Allendale – Cllr Dunn proposed **to support** the application with Cllr Howard seconding this, as it is in keeping with Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP) Policy 9: Extensions to Dwellings (bullet points one and two), and this was unanimously carried by the Council.

19/04409/FUL – Tedham Barn, Spartylea – Cllr Dunn proposed **to support** the application with Cllr Quinn seconding this, as it is in keeping with Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP) Policy 9: Extensions to Dwellings (bullet points one and two), and this was unanimously carried by the Council.

19/04489/CCD – Pre School Playgroup, Allendale County First School – Cllr Philipson proposed **to support** the application with Cllr Baxter seconding this, and this was unanimously carried by the Council.

19/04480/FUL – Land South West Of Catton Pumping Station, Catton – Cllr Galley proposed **to object** to the application with Cllr Dunn seconding this, as it is not in keeping with Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP) Policies 1: General Development Principles (bullet points five and six); 4: New business accommodation and tourism facilities -paragraphs a) and b); and 5: New build tourism accommodation (bullet points one and two). This was unanimously carried by the Council.

Hearings at the Tynedale Local Area (Planning) Committee to be held on 10th December at 2pm, Hexham Auction Mart.

19/00630/FUL - Land West of Doddend Quarry

19/01949/FUL - Land North West Of Leawater

19/01950/FUL - Land East Of South View

Decision notices

19/023822/FUL – Burncroft, The Dene, Allendale – GRANTED

19/03983/VARYCO – Plot 1, Land South East Of 32 Forstersteads – GRANTED

19/01401/FUL – Land North Of Braeside Cottage, The Peth, Allendale – GRANTED

19/03666/OUT – Land West Of Lea Hall Cottage, Splitty Lane, Catton – GRANTED

Other

The Parish Council had discussed two recent planning applications at its meeting on the 7th November, and after investigation agreed that:

18/02127/FUL – Dryside Farm, Allendale – The Clerk should raise the matter with NCC's Planning Department as it noted the erection of large verandas and screening on the site and the use of excessive lighting that were not in line with the planning application.

18/03651/FUL – 1 Oakey Dene, Allendale – The Council should note that there appeared to be no contravention of the approved plans in relation to the windows.

1) Apologies for absence

Cllrs Henderson, Hill and White

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no changes, see APC's website for full list:
<https://northumberlandparishes.uk/allendale/documents>

3) Public participation

There were seven members of the public in attendance. A local resident was keen to get some advice from the Council concerning her roof that was leaking badly. She hoped that it would be acceptable to replace the stone roof with a slate one in keeping with the other slate roofs in the centre of Allendale. After discussion, the Council advised that she discuss her concerns with Northumberland County Council's Conservation Officer. Some residents of Catton were present at the meeting to follow up on their request to make the junction at Batey Terrace safer for residents. Cllr Crellin said that he believed the current arrangements were a risk to all traffic - motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, but he said that Neil Snowdon (NCC) was still working with his design team to come up with a suitable solution. Co Cllr Horncastle emphasised that he could not support any proposal to narrow the carriageway and install a build out feature at the bend as this would be tantamount to designing an accident black spot. He said that he considered the junctions at both ends of Allen View and the junction at The Dene more hazardous, however, he said he would support reducing the speed limit to 20 mph and consider an arrangement that does not narrow the carriageway. The Council discussed a suggestion to remove the pavement on the other side of the road to take the carriageway there, and so that a pavement could be installed on the Batey Terrace side. The Council agreed to a site visit to review the existing arrangements and work out what changes are feasible to make the layout safer including looking at the signage.

4) Allendale Sports Hall – Malcolm Archer

Malcolm Archer, representing the voluntary team that manage Allendale Sports Hall asked for the Parish Council's support in helping resolve a long-standing funding dispute with NCC. The Council unanimously agreed to support the voluntary team's efforts to resolve the issue on behalf of the community, and asked Mr Archer to copy the Parish Clerk in any future correspondence on this topic. Co Cllr Horncastle also urged Mr Archer to respond to the financial offer made by NCC in July 2019 as it was still waiting for a reply. Cllr Simmonds proposed a vote of thanks to the voluntary committee that was seconded by Cllr Crellin.

5) Minutes of the previous meetings held on 7th November 2019

Cllr Howard proposed, and Cllr Quinn seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

6) Matters Arising

Allen House

The Clerk had met with Cllr Dunn to review some historic records as agreed at the previous meeting. The Council acknowledged that it was common place for an area of land immediately outside a property in the Allendale Market Square to be 'given' to the property owner, and, that this area was usually around a yard in width. These property boundaries were also often shown on Land Registry records even though these areas of land technically remain Village Green. The meaning of this is that an area of land can be classified as being both privately owned and Village Green. The Clerk had been in touch with the owner who had offered to show the Council her land registry documents that came with her deeds.

Allenfields Play Area

The Council agreed to accept the full and final settlement offer made by the agent of BT to recover the full costs for the damage caused when one of its stays had penetrated a drain pipe and caused drainage problems in the field. The Council was concerned to ensure that the kind of surface planned for the play area was suitable and it would seek health and safety advice on this topic.

Batey Terrace, Catton

See 3) Public participation above.

Catton Village bus stop

The Clerk said that Neil Easton had agreed that Catton would benefit from bus timetable information in the village that would include replacing the existing pole with the new style pole and display case. The work would be scheduled for financial year 2020/21.

Isaac's Well

NCC's Conservation Officer, Sharon Kelly, had confirmed that listed building consent would not be required to reinstate the metal grate over the existing drain as the scale of the work constituted repairs. The Clerk to ask Malcolm Aitchison to go ahead with the work.

Sycamore tree

The tree had been safely removed and Bill Pierce had moved some of the limbs to Allendale Primary School for the school playground.

Tree surveying and surgery in the Parish

The Council discussed how best to contract for both these services in the Parish and agreed to review these at the next meeting, along with Matty Robson's quote for removing two trees.

Waste bins

Cllr Lee confirmed that the post-mounted bin at Ropehaugh had now been installed at the foot of Lonkley to replace the damaged bin there.

7) County Councillor update

Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP)

Co Cllr Horncastle again suggested that the Parish Council consider making some light touch changes to its Plan. The Council agreed to look specifically at the long-term strategy of tourism at its meeting in February.

8) Litter picker contract

Cllrs Quinn and Philipson declared an interest. The Council unanimously agreed to offer a one-year litter picking contract to Natural Ability's Handy Person Service. Cllr Baxter to provide a briefing to David Rosbotham.

9) Allendale Welcome Pack

Cllr Crellin said that he had met with Larry Winger, Peter Aldcroft, Christina John and John Hill to discuss putting together a welcome pack for people moving into the Village. The pack would include helpful contact details of local tradespeople etc and other useful information such as where to walk your dog and broadband information. The Fawside Foundation would be seeking funds for the packs. The Council unanimously agreed to support the initiative.

10) Planning applications – protocol around site visits

The Council agreed to postpone this item until the January meeting.

11) Recreation Ground – maintenance of bowling green

The Council reviewed the current arrangements for supporting the maintenance of the bowling green taking into account financial and asset information now provided. The Council agreed to meet with representatives of the Village Hall and Bowling Club on a date prior to the Village Hall's next Committee meeting in February 2020 to work out a way forward.

12) Allendale Market Square

BT Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk said that she had previously sourced contact information for seeking advice on refurbishing the kiosk that she would now follow up on.

Isaac's Well

Cllrs Lee said that the deadline for submitting the Awards for All application to secure funds for creating a social gathering point at Isaac's Well was 28th January 2020.

Public toilets for New Year

The Clerk to check that the public toilets in Allendale would be opened for New Year.

Tree planting scheme

Cllr Dunn said that the Villages Sub-Committee had started to look at a tree planting scheme for the Village.

13) Overgrown ivy on the footpath up to Thornley Leazes (from Bridge End)

The Clerk to contact the owner of the land where ivy was encroaching on the footpath up to Thornley Leazes care home from Bridge End.

14) Climate Action Allendale

The Council agreed to postpone this item until the January meeting.

15) Correspondence

Norman Robinson, Allendale Exhibition Endowment Trust – The Council agreed for Cllr Sandison to continue to serve as a trustee on the Allendale Exhibition Endowment Trust charity.

16) Accounts for payment

Cllr Howard proposed the accounts for payment, seconded by Cllr Baxter.

Treasurer's Account: bank balance as at **29th November 2019 - £39,169.40**

Business 30-Day Notice Account: bank balance as at **11th November 2019 - £ 5233.39**

17) Matters for January 2020 agenda

Allenfields New Play Area – drainage issues

Climate Action Allendale

Looking ahead – creating an annual plan (to include Local Transport Planning)

Maintenance of bowling green

Planning applications – protocol around site visits

18) Confidential agenda item (for Council only)

There were none.

19) Date of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **9th January 2020** at Allendale Village Hall at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 9:10 pm.