

Longframlington Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting on: 7th July, 2021
Meeting at: The Memorial Hall, Longframlington
Meeting time: 7:00 pm
Present: Cllrs: Graham Fremlin (GF) - Chair, Nicholas Heggie (NH), Diane Lakey (DL), Gillian Nelles (GN), Gillian Apthorpe (GA)
In attendance: Councillor T Thorne (TT)

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m.

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** – Allison Davies, Dave Weldon
- 2) **Table Urgent Business to be discussed in 20 below** Holiday Cover
- 3) **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 4) **Gifts & Hospitality** - None
- 5) **Community Police Report**- None received
- 6) **County Councillors Report** – TT reported that he is now part of the Strategic Planning Committee and no longer sits on North Area committee. At the Strategic meeting the plan for the battery factory at Blyth were passed which is hoped will produce many new jobs, parish councillors did however ask that TT ensure that planners took into account the environmental effects of Lithium mining and also ensure supplies did not come from the use of child labour. TT was also aware of the problems being caused by the events at the Alnwick Ford equestrian centre with the main issues being that large horse boxes not moving over which endangers cars, they also damage the road edges, the numbers of these transports grossly exceeds the numbers indicated in the original planning application with recent events having over 100 boxes in attendance. The section of the C106 from Newton on the Moor to the Swarland junction and the bridge at Alnwick Ford being particularly dangerous, TT will speak to the events manager to try to agree a suitable route which all horse boxes should follow. Issues raised by parish councillors for TT to take up with NCC were:- Wild Flowers at the A1 Newton Moor junction were being cut to extinction due to the severe grass mowing, Grass not being cut alongside the footpath from Fenwick Park to Rimside View, Generally poor quality of the grass cutting along with the lack of weed spraying which is making the village very untidy, Poor quality construction of new housing in the village with many new residents having severe problems with drainage and quite major building faults, TT was also asked why the Tantaloon site by the chapel was given extended operating hours without consultation with the PC or local residents.
- 7) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 9th June were reviewed and unanimously approved as a true record and signed as such. (Proposed DL; Seconded GN; All in Favour)

Housekeeping Issues –

- 8) **Matters Arising out of Minutes**
 - a) Traffic calming measures Rothbury Rd. GF reported that the hedge had been cut back at the corner of the allotments which has improved visibility but it is still not good visibility for vehicles exiting High Town. The NCC highways officer was to report on possible changes after his meeting with GF but was yet to do so, GF had tried to contact him by email and telephone without success Councillor Thorne was asked to push NCC for a response
 - b) Village Inspection. Apart from the known problems with footpaths already reported to NCC the main issue was the amount of weeds around the roads and paths and the poor quality of the Grass cutting and the lack of cutting at the footpath from Fenwick Park to Rimside View. Councillor Thorne to raise this with NCC local Services.
 - c) Re-site Grit bin from Harecross Park GF reported that the bin Had been removed and was to be re-sited beside the Sports court where there was a problem with ice on the road every winter.
 - d) Play area fencing. GA produced a suggested layout for a stone wall with gates and wild flower areas, another suggestion from DL was to use the type of metal fencing used around Schools both were discussed at length and GA and DL were to look at costs. As this was clearly to be an expensive project it was decided when the proposals were advanced and costed the residents should be consulted for their views.
- 9) **Meetings to Attend / Attended** – None
- 10) **Finance** Due to the Clerk's absence GF had produced the full breakdown below, which members were pleased to accept.
 - a) Notification of receipts in the month of June 2021.

None			
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- b) Approval of Clerk's salary, expenses, PAYE & NI and approval of Other Payments.

15/06/21	Anglian Water	Cemetery Water	14.31
15/06/21	British Gas	Electricity Sports court	9.95
16/06/21	Anglian Water	Allotments Water	35.08
21/06/21	Sintons LLP	Cemetery Registration	30.00
21/06/21	G Rhodes	Salary & Expenses	457.05

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21/06/21	HMRC	PAYE	110.6
28/06/21	G Rhodes	Zoom subscription	14.39
06/07/21	G Rhodes	Salary & Expenses	260.80
		Total	932.18

c) Requests for donations. *None.*

d) Bank Reconciliation to 06/07/2021.

Balance per bank statements as at 25 June 2021			77439.81
Community account			71335.34
Business Saver			6104.47
Less unclaimed cheques			
	08/06/2021	G.A Christie	196.00
	21/06/2021	Sintons LLP	30.00
	21/06/2021	G Rhodes	457.05
	21/06/2021	HMRC	110.6
	28/06/2021	G Rhodes	14.39
	06/07/2021	G Rhodes	260.80
			1068.84
		Balance	76370.97
		Balance per cash book	76370.82

e) Change of Bank Signatory. GF has submitted forms Barclays now want proof the PC exists by the presenting of a utility bill at the local branch.

11) **Village Activities.** *None noted*

12) **Allotments**

a) Management – GF had produced a new map of the allotments to aid future inspections.

b) Maintenance including:

- i) Inspection report highlighted that most allotments were in good order but most paths were not being maintained by the allotment holders, also the padlocks were not being used on the water taps so allotment holders were leaving themselves open to large water bills if they are left on. Three allotments were in poor condition GF to contact holders and resolve any problems. It was also noted that the hedging on the Rothbury road side were extending over the carriageway it was agreed to have this cut back later in the year along with the hedge around plot 8 which was also overgrown, the hedges then to be added to the maintenance contract when it is next put out to tender proposed GF seconded DL all in favour.

13) **King George V Playing Field** including:

- a. It was agreed to accept the quote from Arkle's for the tank turn repairs Proposed DL Seconded GN all in favour.
- b. The removal of one older, wooden picnic table, painting of yellow borders around usage restriction labels on fitness equipment pieces, so as to highlight restrictions to use, repair to boarding around Junior swing bay were still to be done by DW as he had had to self-isolate due contact.
- c. It was agreed to delay the relaying of the matting under the swing basket to later in the year so Grass seeding would be more successful
- d. Mr C Hall kindly offered to replace the faded signage at entrance FOC .
- e. Report issues from weekly inspections. *GF noted no new issues.*
- f. Line Marking – Sports court. *GF has completed the work.*
- f) Rules for Organisations, Traders and Businesses using the King George V Playing Field were agreed Proposed GN seconded GA all in favour

14) **Planning**

- a. To note any planning issues since previous meeting.

Ref No	Description	NCC Status	Parish Council Position
21/01730/VARYCO	Land West Of Meadow Lodge	Further Application	PC commented on multiple variations having detrimental effect on original design of development

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21/01610/VARYCO	Plot 4 Land West Of Meadow Lodge	Registered	PC commented on multiple variations having detrimental effect on original design of development
21/02371/FUL	18 Harecross Park Longframlington NE65 8BW	Registered	No Objection
21/02375/FUL	R Green And Son Front Street Longframlington Morpeth Northumberland NE65 8DP	Registered	No Objection
21/01136/FUL	Land South of Embleton Hall And Behind Front Street	Registered	No Comment
21/01370/FUL	Land Adjacent To St Laurence Court Footpath	Registered	Objection see previous minutes for details
20/00923/FUL	Land South Of The Paddock	Planning Appeal	Maintain objection

15) **Cemetery/JBC issues:**

a. *Cemetery Extension - GF continues to liaise with Bishops office.*

16) **Matters Agreed under delegated powers – none**

17) **Action Plan –**

- i. Allotments - completed
- ii. Village Christmas tree – Source tree **All to look** Re-engage with NCC re power connection to bus shelter
GF
- iii. FramNews Report – **GA to write**

18) **Neighbourhood Plan.** AD was absent but reported NCC Regulation 15 Consultation is delayed by three weeks due to NCC staff holidays.

19) **Any Urgent Business** - To hear any other urgent matters councillors have raised in 2 above.

GF holiday cover As the Clerk is still unable to work GN and DL will take responsibility for the Cemetery and email correspondence respectively until GF returns from holiday.

20) **Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 1st September 2021, Memorial Hall, 7pm.**

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