BARDON MILL PARISH COUNCIL
15th December 2021
Approved Minutes

Present	Cllr S Furlong Cllr G Gill Cllr M Robson Cllr G Walton	Cllr J Oliver Cllr M Nixon Cllr A Sharp – County Clerk – Susan Saunders
	Time 7.00pm	
51/21	**Apologies for Absence** Cllr V Furlong	
52/21	**Declaration of Interests** The Chair reminded everyone to declare interests where appropriate. Cllr Furlong declared an interest in planning.	
53/21	**Public Questions –** no questions.	
54/21	**Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 14th September 2021** The minutes were approved. **Proposed Cllr M Robson Seconded Cllr G Walton Approved**	
55/21	**Matters arising from the last agenda not covered below –** No Matters	
56/21	**Planning Applications** Northumberland County Council *Cllr S Furlong declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or vote for the second application. Cllr G Gill took over as Chair for this item.* <u>To be Determined</u> – 21/03993 FUL High Birkshaw House, demolition of conservatory, reinstate slate roof and solar panels. No Objection **Proposed Cllr G Walton Seconded Cllr G Gill Approved** 21/03959 – Land south of Woodside Cottage – resubmission of rural worker's dwelling – Support. **Proposed Cllr G Gill Seconded Cllr M Robson Approved**	
57/21	**Planning Applications NNPA–** No applications	
58/21	**Correspondence received since last meeting -** noted. Correspondence received since the papers include: • Consultation about access to dentists and NHS during covid from Healthwatch. • Bridge volunteers helped out after Storm Arwen • NCC – video to circulate with information about fostering. • Transport East would like support over Zero Emission buses. Members will consider their response and inform the clerk.	
59/21	**Northumberland County Council** Cllr Sharp reported that some potholes have been filled and that the road to Ridley Hall will be in next year's programme. The sign for no access for buses at Birkshaw Bank is to be replaced, members asked if another sign could be placed at the bottom of the hill too. Members requested leaf sweeping, particularly on Birkshaw Bank and along Ridley Hall up towards Beltingham. Cllr Sharp also reported that The Sill has performed much better this year and reported that there is to be a play park built.	
60/21	**A69 –** Meetings are to take place in January, a site visit with Guy Opperman on 10 January and a Zoom meeting with Highways on 20 January.	
61/21	**Henshaw Matters** Draft Minutes – 25 October 2021 *– to be emailed around.* Bardon Mill Station – An update from Community Rail Group (CRP)on the refurbishments has been received. Northern would like feedback from the parish on the waiting facilities before implementing. CRP have their suggestions which members are happy to support. Henshaw	

agreed CRP are in the best position to lead on the improvements and asked that they consider resurfacing of the access road and additional lighting.
Bardon Mill members agreed with Henshaw except in the case of the lighting. They felt that the lighting is more than adequate. It was agreed to write back to CRP to express the views.
Proposed Cllr G Gill **Seconded Cllr M Robson** **Approved**

62/21 **Litter Bin U7058 - Playing Fields**
A request has been made for a bin but, members are not sure if it is necessary. The clerk was asked to obtain prices for a free-standing bin and report back. The situation will be monitored.

63/21 **Storm Arwen**
Members were thankful that the parish was not greatly affected by the storm and did not lose power. However, they recognise that a situation could occur in the future where the parish may not be so fortunate. NALC are devising a policy template for parishes to consider. Members will consider adopting a policy and thought a joint one with Henshaw may be appropriate.
Cllr Furlong reported that The National Trust had some trees down but have cleared the paths. He had a site meeting with representatives who complained about dog muck on the lower path which is NCC. Members agreed this was not anything the council could help with.

49/21 **Reports on Financial Matters**
49/21.01 Bank Reconciliation, Income & Exp and accounts for payment as at 30th November 2021

BARDON MILL PARISH COUNCIL BANK RECONCILIATION	*Appendix 1*		64/21.01	
BANK	£	£	£	
Balance as at	30/11/2021			
Current Account			£6,498.61	
Plus outstanding lodgements				
Less outstanding payments	Henshaw School		50.00	
NET BANK BALANCES AT	30/11/2021		£6,448.61	
The net balances reconcile to the Cashbook - receipts and payments account - for the year as follows				
CASH BOOK	£		£	
Opening Balance as at 31st March 2021	3919.21		£3,919.21	
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Add: Receipts in the Year	£4,992.00			
Less Payments in the Year	£2,462.60			
Closing balance per Cash Book [Receipts & Payments]			£6,448.61	
as at	30/11/2021			£0.00
Payments for 15 Dec 2021				
Henshaw CE Primary School		50.00	Donation	Inc in balance
Henshaw Parish Council		78.97	Play inspections and repairs	
Henshaw Parish Council		319.16	NCC Grass Cutting of play park	
Total Payments		448.13		
Balance forecast to 31st December 2021		6050.48		

The payments of £448.13 were agreed.
Proposed Cllr G Gill **Seconded Cllr G Walton** **Approved**
64/21.03 Precept 2022-2023
A discussion was undertaken about the cost of inflation this year. As a result, it was agreed that a larger increase was in order. The amount of £5000 for the precept was proposed by Cllr Furlong. A counter proposal was for a 4% increase. Members voted and after a tie, the chair gave the casting vote for 4% giving an amount of £4880.
Proposed Cllr M Robson **Seconded Cllr G Gill** **Approved**

	64/21.04 Henshaw Primary School Retrospective approval was given for a £50 donation for a new bird table. **Proposed Cllr G Walton** **Seconded Cllr G Gill** **Approved** **64/21.05** War Memorial The rebuild figure is £16,000 and the annual premium for insuring is £72.19. However, there will be no charge for this year. It was agreed to insure the memorial and, to organise for it to be cleaned. **Proposed Cllr S Furlong** **Seconded Cllr M Robson** **Approved**
65/21	**Any other relevant business** The clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to the NCC team for the cutting back of the brash/trees recently undertaken on the roadsides.
50/21	**Dates and times of next meeting** **Tuesday 8th February 2022 - 7pm Henshaw Church Hall.** **Meeting closed 8.10pm**