



## Minutes of Meeting held on 30 May 2022 in Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall

Present: Councillors J Oliver (Chair), V. Gibson (Vice Chair), A. Saunders, J. Benson, 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, C. Kennedy, D. Finlayson.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Oliver (Item 10.2).

### 4. Public Questions

No questions were raised.

### 5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 April 2022

5.1 These were read and approved.

### 6. Outstanding/Ongoing Repairs

6.1 The gates on the RoW from the Roman Hall to Brockalee have now been replaced.

6.2 Additional lighting on the approach into Bardon Mill from Redburn will be funded by Cllr Sharp's members allowance but it was agreed that adjacent resident be consulted before proceeding.

6.3 Drainage work on the road to Scotchcoulthard and road repairs in Wark Forest are underway.

### 7. General Amenities

7.1 Footpaths – nothing to report.

7.2 Seating – inspection report to be completed.

7.3 Lighting – nothing to report (additional light for Bardon Mill covered in item 6).

7.4 Verges – the Clerk has asked the County Council to cut back verges on the roads up to the Sill.

### 8. Miscellaneous

8.1 Queens Jubilee. The mugs donated by the Parish Council have been handed out at Henshaw School. There is a Women's Institute picnic at Redburn Park on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> with activities and events organised at the Village Hall on the same day.

8.2 Bardon Mill & Henshaw Carnival. This is to take place on 18 June and the Clerk is arranging for the insurance cover needed.

8.3 The County Council are considering the request for electric vehicle charging points at the park and the parking bays next to Bardon Mill village green.

8.4 A meeting to discuss Broadband provision was to be rescheduled for some time in June.

8.5 The agreement for the Grazing Land at Redburn has been extended to February 2023 and will then be re-let on an annual licence from April 2023. Cllr Sharp was thanked for his effort in resolving these arrangements.

### 9. Village Greens

9.1 The regular maintenance by the County Council is underway.

9.2 The green at Towhouse which faces onto the railway track is only being partially cut and is very overgrown in parts. Clerk to contact the County Council on this matter.

## **10. Planning Applications and Issues**

10.1 No update has been provided by the County Council regarding the issues on Falcon Grange and the Clerk to continue to press for a response.

10.2 Planning Application 22/011/26/FUL for Additional Holiday Accommodation at Brockalee Farm. Cllr Oliver had declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting with Cllr Gibson taking over as Chair. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would offer no objections to the proposals. Cllr Oliver returned to Chair the remainder of the meeting.

10.3 There were no further planning matters to discuss.

## **11. Transport and Highways Matters**

11.1 The Clerk advised that updates on the A69 were awaited.

11.2 The speed warning sign at Redburn needs a replacement battery and the Chair was arranging this.

11.3 Northern Trains have agreed to upgrade the improvements at Bardon Mill Station.

11.4 Road widening at Broadacres. Chair to meet Cllr Sharp on site to see if progress can be made.

11.5 Timber Route along Park Lane. The County Council are currently reviewing the routes.

11.6 It was agreed that discussion on the NCC Transport Programme be deferred until the June meeting.

## **12. Redburn Park**

12.1 Inspection and maintenance continues on a monthly basis.

12.2 Arrangements are in hand for the Jubilee clean-up on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June with Councillors from Henshaw and Bardon Mill giving up their time to undertake work at the park. A posting on the 'Bardon Mill Matters' Facebook page has asked for volunteers from the Community to come along and assist.

## **13. Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall**

13.1 A contribution of £60 towards the Hall's Jubilee event was agreed.

13.2 The hall continues to thrive with numerous events and weekend bookings. There is the possibility that the hall floor needs replacing, and quotes have been requested.

## **14. Northumberland National Park**

14.1 The consultation on the draft Management Plan has closed. Cllr Gibson advised that the consultation event at the Sill had been well attended and that there have been numerous responses to the consultation from the public and organisations.

## **15. Henshaw School**

15.1 The new Headteacher has started at the School and there were no issues to report.

## **16. Report by Clerk on Financial Matters**

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

- Current Account £8,665.12
- Easement Account £5,361.92

16.2 Receipts and accounts paid and for payment:

- Hiscox Insurance via Gallagher Brokers (Annual Council Insurance) £1,175.28
- Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee (Maintenance and Inspections) £220.20
- Society of Local Council Clerks (Subscription) £98.00
- Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership (Subscription) £10.00
- The Books Accountants (Payroll) £42.00
- Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall (Room Hire 2021/22) £283.50
- Great North Air Ambulance (Monthly donation) £10.00 – already paid.
- HSBC (Bank charges) £10.00 – already paid.

The estimated balance of the current account following these transactions is **£6,416.14**

16.3 Work is ongoing to change details and account holders of the Easement Account.

**17. Northumberland County Council Update.**

17.1 Cllr Sharp had provided updates throughout the meeting.

**18. General Matters and Correspondence since last meeting**

18.1 The Clerk advised that all correspondence and updates had been circulated for information.

**19. Items to be included on the next Agenda**

19.1 Ornamental well at Huntercrook. This 'feature' well is in need of repair but it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council and was privately build about 25 years ago. The matter to be discussed further at the next meeting in June.

**20. Date and time of next meeting.** The next meeting is on Monday 27 June 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

*M. A. Smith*

Michael Anthony Smith (Clerk)

***Signed and Approved at the Meeting held on 27 June 2022.....***