

Bardon Mill Parish Council
13th December 2022
Approved Minutes

Present	Cllr S Furlong Cllr G Gill Cllr M Robson Cllr G Walton	Cllr J Oliver Cllr A Sharp - County Clerk – Susan Saunders 1 member of the public
Time	7.00pm	
54/22	Apologies for Absence – Cllr V Furlong, Cllr M Nixon Dispensation request from Cllr J Oliver: Cllr Oliver had missed the last meeting as he was called into work. He wrote to ask for dispensation as this would take him over the 6 month absence rule. He left the room while members considered and agreed his request. Proposed Cllr S Furlong Seconded Cllr G Gill Approved Members were reminded that missing meetings for over 6 months does lead to automatic exclusion and if it was likely to happen, a request for dispensation should be provided before the 6 months is up. However, it appears there was another councillor who attended in February and then missed May. It was suggested that this may have invalidated the October meeting. The clerk was asked to seek advice on this and ask the councillor to request dispensation. Members agreed that this problem is arising due to the timing of the meetings. So, if a member missed either May or Sept the following meetings were over 6 months. It was therefore agreed to change the September and December meeting dates to August and November so, they were evenly spaced out over the year. This can be discussed and resolved at the February meeting. Members need to be aware that they should request dispensation before they get to 6 months absence in future.	
55/22	Declaration of Interests The Chair reminded everyone to declare interests where appropriate.	
56/22	Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2022 The minutes were approved. Proposed Cllr G Gill Seconded Cllr S Furlong Approved	
57/22	Matters Arising from the minutes of Tuesday 25th October 2022 The safety leaflet distribution at the level crossing went ahead.	
58/22	Public Questions – no questions.	
59/22	Planning Applications 22/03294 First floor extension, High Birkshaw House - GRANTED	
60/22	Northumberland County Council Cllr Sharp reported: • Birkshaw Bank has now had the leaves cleared away. • The ‘no buses’ sign should be sited in the next week. • NCC are considering signs to stop large vehicles driving down The Steel. The sign presently there is in the wrong place and bot very clear. Members thought that a sing on Morley Banks would be beneficial too. • Glen Harrison is to look at the roads in Thorngrafton. • The drainage at Ridley Bridge has still not been addressed. Cllr Sharp will raise the relevant issues with county. Town, Parish & Community Conference – the clerk will attend on behalf of the council.	
61/22	Bardon Mill Railway Station - No new updates.	
62/22	A69 A meeting has taken place to discuss the barriers and crossing places. Members will be sent a draft letter from Henshaw Parish to endorse outlining the suggestions of where the crossings are best situated.	
63/22	Tyne Valley Parish Council Active Travel Route Cllr Gill attended a second meeting and reported that funding is being sought to begin the route from Newcastle to Hexham with the ambition to create a cycle superhighway between Newcastle and Carlisle.	
64/22	Standing Orders – Only one amendment was suggested which was with respect to the clerk	

