

**Minutes of the Meeting of Allendale Parish Council  
held at Sinderhope Community Centre on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
(including minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee)**

**Present:** Cllr Crellin (Chair), Councillors Baxter, Dunn, Galley, Philipson, Quinn, Sandison, Simmonds & White  
Cllr Lee arrived late for the meeting and after the discussion of planning applications.  
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**Planning applications**

**19/01802/VARYCO – Low Sunniside, Catton** – The Council unanimously agreed to **support** the application.

**19/01949/FUL – Land North West Of Leawater, Allendale** – Cllr Dunn explained that she was related to the applicant for the development and asked if she had to declare an interest. After questioning, she explained that she did not have a pecuniary interest relating to the application. She therefore was not required to express an interest. The Council unanimously agreed to **support** the application that is in keeping with Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP) Policy 2: Scale of Housing Development.

**19/01950/FUL – Land East Of South View, Thornley Gate, Allendale** – Cllr Dunn explained that she was related to the applicant for the development and asked if she had to declare an interest. After questioning, she explained that she did not have a pecuniary interest relating to the application. She therefore was not required to express an interest. The Council unanimously agreed to **support** the application that is in keeping with Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP) Policy 2: Scale of Housing Development.

**Decision notices**

**19/01084/FUL – Tuffit Cleugh, High Shield Bank, Allenheads – GRANTED**

**19/01334/VARYCO – Hopedene, The Dene, Allendale – REFUSED**

**1) Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Henderson, Hill and Howard.  
County Cllr Horncastle.

**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 three members of the public in attendance. James Robinson Reporter from the Hexham Courant was also present for the meeting. Cllrs Crellin and Philipson agreed to meet with the Cemetery Gravediggers following on from a complaint from the Village Grasscutter Melvin Robinson about the way graves are backfilled after interment. Mr Robinson said that the Gravediggers were putting too much soil back, even after allowing for settlement, and that the turf was poorly cut. He also said that the heavy plant that the Gravediggers were using was damaging the grounds. The Council acknowledged Mr Robinson's concerns and Cllr Crellin said that arrangements were now in place to agree a set of standards for working in the cemetery including putting training in place. The Council agreed to buy an additional wheelie bin for use within the grounds of the cemetery.

**4) Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

The Clerk would amend the draft minutes to reflect the Council's revised comment on planning application: **19/00999/FUL – Half Acres, Catton** – The Council agreed to **no objections** to the application with the exception of Cllr Dunn who abstained. With this amendment Cllr Philipson proposed, and Cllr Galley seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

## 5) Matters Arising

### **Allen House**

The Council asked the Clerk to request advice from Northumberland County Council as to the most appropriate action to take with respect to a build of rubbish in the area adjacent to Allen House.

### **Cemetery**

Cllr Crellin thanked the Clerk for her work on developing operating policy and procedures for the Cemetery following on from her training in 2018. After consideration, Cllr Simmonds proposed and Cllr Dunn seconded that the Council accept the new arrangements.

### **Japanese Knotweed**

Cllr Lee informed the Council that he had been monitoring Japanese Knotweed that was growing fast along The Folly. The Clerk had reported it to NCC but no action had yet been taken to deal with it. Cllr Lee had asked Co Cllr Horncastle to find out from Neighbourhood Services why there had been no response after the Clerk reported it on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Managing Allendale Village Green**

Cllr Crellin said that he had been in touch with NCC's Principal Solicitor who had referred the issue of legally making changes to Allendale centre to the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way Officer.

### **Memorial Bench at Chimneys**

The Clerk said that Allendale Estates had referred her query about its policy on installing memorial benches to the landowner's (Mark Henry Beaumont) agent GSC Grays. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with Historic England in view of the bench siting being next to a scheduled monument and close to a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

### **Rectory Field**

The Clerk said that the joint landowner of Rectory Field had talked to the owner of Rectory Cottage about getting a plumber who would hopefully 'get to the bottom of the problem' of her boggy garden. The Clerk said that the joint landowner had not yet responded to the Council's concern that the disused water tanks also present a hazard to pedestrians and vehicles in winter when the water spilled out on the road and freezes.

### **Re-laying of cobbles in the Market Place**

Cllr Galley confirmed that work to re-lay the cobbles would start on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Mike Cook, who would be doing the work on behalf of Coulson Construction would be looking to reduce disruption in the Market Square by doing the work in four stages.

### **Salt dome**

Cllr Quinn said that he had still not had a reply to his Stage 2 complaint. He said that he had noted that there had been a range of comments on social media about the impact of the salt dome especially from residents from Denefields.

### **Waste bins**

The Council agreed to meet the costs of installing a new post-mounted waste bin at the layby close to Ropehaugh in Allenheads; and the broken waste bin at Isaac's Well had now been removed and would not be replaced as there was another bin in the vicinity at the bottom of Lonkley.

## 6) County Councillor update

Whilst Co Cllr Horncastle was unable to be present for the meeting, he had sent a written update message that included:

### **Haydon Bridge High School**

The recent Ofsted monitoring visit to Haydon Bridge High School had been very positive and it was hoped that the school would be out of special measures at the turn of the year.

## **Traffic calming past Allendale Primary School**

There was still no news from Neil Snowdon about a possible speed survey at the school or the new measures to slow down the traffic, but he would be meeting with Neil soon. Co Cllr Horncastle was also still waiting for confirmation of ownership of the layby in front of Allendale Primary School.

## **7) Allendale Market Square**

### **Allendale Interpretation Board**

Cllr Lee said that the new Allendale Interpretation Board was currently being constructed and would be installed shortly.

### **Northern Powergrid – installation of new underground electricity cables**

Information on the proposed works to install new underground electricity cables had been made public and notices had been posted on the Parish Council noticeboard, the Village Hall noticeboard and at the Library and Allendale Medical Clinic. It was hoped the work would take place between the spring and autumn 2020 with areas of work controlled so that in each area the disruption would only be for a week or two. The Council should request a lighting study/plan from NCC for the position of lighting to be reviewed. Northern Powergrid's Wayleave Officer, Ross Anderson had met Mike Robinson of Broadband for Allen Valleys (B4AV) to discuss how they would work together. The Clerk was asked to ask Simon Wilson of North Pennines AONB if the project team could work with British Telecom with a view to undergrounding telecom cables.

## **8) Damage to Shilburn's Ancient Woodland**

The Council discussed a query from a member of the public concerning alleged damage to Shilburn's Ancient Woodland. However, according to Defra's Magic Maps website, the area in question was outside the Ancient Woodland boundary.

## **9) Correspondence (see Appendix A)**

### **Lewis Rimington, Customer Engagement Specialist, Karbon Homes**

The Clerk to reply to Lewis Rimington and confirm that any of the dates proposed for the information event for local residents to showcase plans for the new play area would be suitable, and to suggest either the Village or Church Hall as a suitable venue.

### **Louise Northwood, Natural Ability**

Cllr Lee to suggest to Louise Northwood that Catton WI and Allenheads Trust might welcome some of the surplus plants that she receives and is looking for homes for.

## **10) Accounts for Payment (see Appendix B)**

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

Treasurer's Account: bank balance as at **28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - £62921.48**

Business 30-Day Notice Account: bank balance as at **10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - £ 5232.28**

## **11) Matters for next month's agenda**

Internet banking

Gullies and drains

## **12) Confidential agenda item (for Council only)**

There were none.

## **13) Date of next Parish Council meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **5<sup>th</sup> September 2019** at Allendale Village Hall at 7pm. The meeting ended at 8:50 pm.