Bardon Mill Parish Council
14th May 2024
Approved Minutes

Present	Cllr S Furlong Cllr G Gill Cllr M Robson	Cllr G Walton Cllr V Furlong Cllr A Sharp - County Clerk – Mrs Susan Saunders
Time	7.20pm	
18/24	**Apologies for Absence -**Cllr M Nixon, Cllr J Oliver	
19/24	**Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman** Cllr S Furlong was nominated as chair and accepted the post. He signed his declaration of acceptance. **Proposed Cllr M Robson Seconded Cllr G Walton Approved** Cllr G Gill was nominated for vice-chair and accepted the post. **Proposed Cllr M Robson Seconded Cllr G Walton Approved**	
20/24	**Declarations of Interest –** no interests declared	
21/24	**Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 13rd February 2024** The minutes were approved. **Proposed Cllr S Furlong Seconded Cllr G Gill Approved**	
22/24	**Matters Arising from the minutes of Tuesday 13th February not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda.** No matters.	
23/24	**Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting** – no matters	
24/24	**Public Questions –** no questions	
25/24	**Planning Applications** Northumberland County Council A) For Determination: 24/00500 – Rosewood House – 6 dormer windows and change of use of garage to holiday let. No objection to be approved. **Proposed Cllr S Furlong Seconded Cllr G Gill Approved** 24/00314 – Car park at Allen Heads – A discussion was undertaken with new information raised by Cllr S Furlong. He proposed that the application should be accepted. However, a counter proposal was submitted by Cllr G Gill to object to the application. The latter was taken first but no seconder. The first proposal was then addressed and, a vote taken. Propose to accept the application and write to say that the previous decision has been reviewed but members would like to see the upgrading of the footpath to accommodate the extra footfall. This would be assisted by the refurbishment of the bottom footpath on the west side oof the river Allen towards the old footbridge. **Proposed Cllr S Furlong Seconded Cllr S Furlong Approved**	
26/24	**Planning Applications -** Northumberland National Park Authority – no plans	
27/24	**Northumberland County Council** **27/24.01** A short update from County Cllr A Sharp. Cllr Sharp reported that broadband is now being fitted by Openreach and representation will be at the spring fayre to answer any questions. The signage at The Steel has not been completed and both Cllr Sharp and Cllr Hutchinson, from Whitfield side are very frustrated. There are to be new 'Drive Slowly' signs in Bardon Mill. **27/24.02** Grass verge cutting - liaise with NCC over timings Cllr Sharp will find out when NCC are undertaking their cut and inform the clerk so that Cllr Furlong can time his cut later in the year.	
28/24	**Tree survey –** A survey was undertaken on the trees at the War Memorial Park. A couple of trees are to be monitored and it was agreed to assess them in the autumn.	
29/24	**A69 –** no updates	
30/24	**Henshaw Matters** **30/24.01** Road to Railway - the road is unadopted and in need to repair. Members were told that a price has been sought and that the council may be asked for a contribution if other users and	

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	householders can agree. Members agreed in principal that they would make a donation but will await further information. **30/24.02** Broadband – *updates as above.*
31/24	**St Cuthberts Church, Beltingham –** The council resolve, under section 215(3) of the 1972 Act that they request Northumberland County Council to take over the responsibility of the churchyard. **Proposed Cllr S Furlong Seconded Cllr V Furlong Approved**
32/24	**Reports on Financial Matters** **32/24.01.01** Bank reconciliation, Income & Exp as at 31st March 2024 – noted. **32/24.01.02** Accounts for pay as at 14th May 2024

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BANK RECONCILIATION	*Appendix 2*		**32/24.01.02**	
BANK	**£**	**£**	**£**	
Balance as at	**31/03/2024**			
Current Account			£5,901.67	
Plus outstanding lodgements				
Less outstanding payments	Donations		200.00	
NET BANK BALANCES AT	**31/03/2024**		**£5,701.67**	
The net balances reconcile to the Cashbook - receipts and payments account - for the year as follows				
CASH BOOK	**£**		**£**	
Opening Balance as at 1st april 2024	5701.67		£5,701.67	
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Add: Receipts in the Year	£0.00			
Less Payments in the Year	£0.00			
Closing balance per Cash Book [Receipts & Payments] as at	**31/03/2024**		**£5,701.67**	£0.00
Payments for 14th May 2024				
Clear Councils (BHIB)		396.46	LTA until 2026	
NALC		192.64	£177.64 subs/ £75 website	
Parish of Beltingham		60.00	Room hire at church 24-25	
TVCRP		10.00	Subs	
HSBC		44.00	Mar-July	
Total Payments		**703.10**		
Receipts				
NCC - precept		**2590.00**	Apr-24	

The payments of £703.10 were approved.
Proposed Cllr S Furlong Seconded Cllr G Gill Approved

32/24.02 AUDIT REPORT
32/24.02.01 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor (copy attached)
32/24.02.02 To approve the Annual Governance Statement (draft copy attached)
32/24.02.03 To approve the Accounting Statement and Explanation of Variances (draft copies attached)
32/24.02.04 To confirm and approve the Certification of Exemption (draft copy attached)
32/24.02.05 To approve the dates for the public right of Inspection – the dates Monday 3rd June – Friday 12th July was approved.
All the above items were approved and the AGAR duly signed.
Proposed Cllr S Furlong Seconded Cllr V Furlong Approved

33/24	**Correspondence received since last meeting -** Noted
33/24	**Any other relevant business** Cllr George Walton announced his resignation from the council as he is moving out the area. Members thanked him for his time and service as a councillor and wished him well.
17/24	**Dates and times of next meeting** Tuesday 13th August 2024 - 7pm Henshaw Church Hall. The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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