



Minutes of (Virtual) Meeting held on Monday 26 April 2021 via Microsoft Teams

Present; Councillors J Oliver (Chair), S. Armstrong, V Gibson, A. Saunders, D. Finlayson, 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.

All in attendance.

3. Declarations of Interest.

None received.

4. Public Questions.

A request had been received to see if an additional litter bin could be provided on the Village Green at Bardon Mill. Clerk to speak to the County Council on this.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 22 March 2021.

5.1 These were read and approved with the Clerk authorised to sign the approved version.

6. Matters arising and actions from previous minutes.

6.1 All matters were covered in the meeting.

7. General Amenities (Footpaths, Access, Seating and Lighting).

7.1 Cllr Benson agreed to look at providing an additional bench on the Bardon Mill Village Green.
7.2 The footpaths from Henshaw School to Bardon Mill are scheduled for repair at the end of April.
7.3 The streetlight on the Henshaw junction from the A69 still needs the tree branches cutting back as do the ones on the road from Redburn to Bardon Mill. Cllr Sharp to chase this up.

8. Maintenance Programme.

8.1 Village Greens and Grassed Areas. Cutting programme is underway and repairs are to be carried out on the Towhouse Green following vehicle encroachment and damage.
8.2 The road at the west end of Henshaw is to be repaired by the Cemetery Team in early May.

9. Planning Applications.

9.1 The application to convert Townhead Farm into visitor accommodation and sports facilities has been appealed to the Planning Inspector on the grounds of non-determination.

10. Highway Matters.

10.1 A69 Issues. The Clerk was working on a safety improvement funding bid to submit to Highways England. The safety barrier to protect the properties at Falcon Grange should be carried out soon.
10.2 Potholes on the junction onto Park Lane from Huntercrook have been repaired but new signage, white lines, clearing debris and cutting back trees was still to be done.
10.4 Work to widen/clear the road (Redburn to Bardon Mill) should be carried out in the near future.

11. Redburn Park.

11.1 The Clerk advised that the Monthly Inspections were continuing as programmed and the annual inspection by RoSPA will be done in June.
11.2 The drainage in the enclosed play area has now been repaired and all thanked the Cemetery Team for their work.
11.3 The small bench in the enclosed play area has been removed and a new bench would be provided by the Parish Council. The dedication/plaque had been retained and will be affixed to the new bench.
11.4 It has been proposed that the Village Hall and Parish Council organise a Community Day and Barbeque to ask volunteers to attend and help with re-painting of fencing and tidy of the wooded areas. Clerk and Cllr Finlayson to progress this further.



12. Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall.

12.1 The hall will re-open in mid May with outdoor classes already underway.

13. Northumberland National Park.

13.1 A Community Fund is open for applications. The Village Hall Community is considering bidding to assist with improvements to the Pitman's Trail in Redburn Park.

14. Henshaw School.

14.1 The school is now open following lockdown and getting back to 'normality.'

14.2 Car parking is still being raised as an issue and Cllr Sharp agreed to raise this at the next Board meeting.

15. Report by Clerk on Financial Matters.

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

- Current Account £8,495.27
- Easement Account £5,361.92

15.2 Payments to approve:

- Society of Local Council Clerks (Subscription) £95.00
- Northumberland Association of Local Councils (Subscription £153.02 and Website £75.00) £228.02
- PPH Limited (Redburn Park Supplies) £50.90
- Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee (Redburn Park Inspections, Maintenance, Drainage Work, and Signs at Towhouse) £476.40
- Book Accountants (Payroll) £156.00
- Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership (Subscription) £10.00

15.3 The Clerk advised that the Annual Accounts were being prepared for Audit and would be presented to the May Meeting.

16. Members Issues.

16.1 No additional items were raised.

17. Northumberland County Council Councillor Update.

17.1 Councillor Sharp had provided comprehensive update throughout the meeting and would follow up any issues as soon as possible.

18. General Matters and Correspondence since last meeting.

18.1 The Clerk advised that the Asset Register was being reviewed and the Village Green at Bardon Mill has been raised at issue. The Green has numerous benches, pots/landscaping and the quoits 'pitches', none of which were Parish Assets. It was unclear as to whether there was any agreement for any of these and this makes insurance provision complicated. The Clerk would look into this matter further and report back to the May meeting.

19. Any other relevant business.

No additional items were raised.

20. Date and time of next meeting Monday 24 May 2021 at 7.00pm. This will be the Annual Meeting followed by the Monthly Meeting. At present this is scheduled to take place in the Village Hall.

Signed and Approved at the Meeting held on 24 May 2021

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