

BYWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 30th January 2023 at Newton & Bywell Community Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Richardson, Harrison, Wright, and Jessop. Also in attendance - Monica Anderton, Clerk and James Brown

1. **Apologies received:** Cllr Gallagher and Cnty Cllr Waddell.
2. **Co option of Councillor:** Following the retirement of Ian Gillespie, many thanks were noted for his work during his time as a Councillor. Following a unanimous vote – James Brown was formally co-opted as a new Councillor.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Minutes from meeting of 31st November 2022:** These were agreed as a true record.
5. **Matters arising:** None
6. **Reports: County Councillor report:** None
Chair's Report: Cllr Jessop had a number of issues which were raised later in the meeting under AOB. Additionally, he asked that a brief reminder be sent out before future agendas were to be done so that any items could be sent, via the Chair, to the Clerk. (By 10th March for the next Council meeting).
7. **Planning:** 22/03975/FUL – Changes to property at Maple Steading: Council had no objections to the application; Permission was Granted for this application;
22/04254/FUL – conversion of outbuilding to new annexe – at Newton Fell House Farm – the Council had no objections subject to use of annexe being for family use only;
22/02837/FUL – Change of unit at Bearl Grain Store, Stocksfield: Granted
Permission;
22/03713/FUL – New build on footprint of demolished farm building at land north of St James Church, Newton – application **Withdrawn;**
22/03599/FUL – Extension at lodge at Beech Close, Newton – Application **Withdrawn;**
22/04242/LBC – Listed Building Consent re application above to Newton Fell House Farm; Council had no objection;
22/04757/VARYCO: - Variation of condition to approved plans (18/02342/LBC) – re land North of Shaw House Farm, Newton: Council had no objection to these changes;
23/00008/VARYCO – Variation of condition to plans approved (18/02341/FUL) at Robus Barn, Shaw House Farm – council had no objection to these changes.
8. **Correspondence:** E-mails from NCC, NALC and CAN on various topics, and the papers for next year's precept. Email re EV charging had also been received from NCC.
9. **Finance:**

a) The Balance on the account at 31st December 2022 was £8953.99

b) The following payments were authorised:

Clerk, Salary, January 2023	£304.98
Clerk, Salary, February 2023	£304.98
NBCT, room	£16.00
SLCC, Annual subs 2023	£112.00
CPRE, Annual membership	£36.00

c) Precept was confirmed to be left at £10,500. It was also agreed that some funds should be spent on making improvements in the village with various plantings to start with. Additionally, a new mandate would be set up to include Cllrs Brown and Harrison as signatories whilst removing Cllr Gillespie.

10. **Information received:** Clerks and Councils Direct;

11. **AOB:** ~ There was a lot of discussion about the condition of the road around Mowden Hall back entrance, Stelling etc. where there have been problems with excess water over the years causing deterioration of the road surface. Northumbrian Water appear not to consider this an issue but it was agreed to ask for a representative to attend a future meeting to discuss the matter. Cllr Brown would supply a contact name and the Clerk would let Highways know what was happening as well. It was felt that the Cnty Councillor had not been following up request from the residents on this matter which have been ongoing for some time now.

~ Possible issues with holiday huts at South Lodge, Mowden Hall, appeared to have no permission. This would be chased up with NCC planning; as would a temporary layby being built opposite the entrance to Mowden Hall School.

~ A decision needs to be finalised about where to site a new memorial bench. Cllr Jessop would follow this up;

~ Thought should be given to the King's Coronation in May and what the community might wish to do to note the event. It was assumed that Bywell Hall would be doing something special but there was no information as yet;

11. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 20th March 2023 at 7.00pm

Chair:

Date: