

## BYWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022 at Newton & Bywell Community Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Gillespie, Wright, Richardson, Harrison, Jessop and Gallagher. Also in attendance - Monica Anderton, Clerk and Cnty Cllr Waddell

Bywell Parish Council wishes to record its' sadness at the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

1. **Apologies received:** Cllr Wright
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes from meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022:** These were agreed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising:** None
5. **Reports: County Councillor report:** Cnty Cllr Waddell reported that Northumberland County Council was facing a shortfall of some £17 million in the year's budget; voluntary redundancies were being sought to alleviate part of this and to accord with the recommendations of the Haller report. There is also a consultation under way for a suitable memorial to celebrate the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.  
**Chair's Report:** Cllr Gillespie noted that the hedges on the roads around Newton had been cut back well by Allendale Estates.
6. **Planning:** 22/02837/FUL – change of use of existing storage unit, plus fence at Unit 1, Bearl Grain Store, Stocksfield. This application appears to have ben sent out twice but the Parish Council has no objection;  
22/00997/FUL – Conversion to form dwelling house at Land Northeast of Beech Close Farm, Newton: Granted Permission;  
21/00950/FUL – Demolition and erection of new build at Gallery, Newton Hall: Granted permission
7. **Correspondence:** E-mails from NCC, NALC and CAN on various topics, and relating to the Queen's death
8. **Finance:**
  - a) The Balance on the account at 30th September was £11,561.84
  - b) The following payments were authorised:

Clerk, Salary, September 2022	£304.98
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Clerk, expenses to date	£72.70
NBCT, room	£16.00
Donation to GNAA agreed	£100.00
Donation to Tynedale Hospice at Home agreed	£100.00
  - c) To note 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of precept from NCC of £5250
  - d) To note loan repayment of £721.68
  - e) To agree to donation requests as above

**9. Information received:** NCC Local Plan plus charts; Clerks and Councils Direct; CPRE magazine

**10. AOB:** ~ There have been a number of local comments about the new extension at the Old Post Office, apparently under Permitted Development, sent to Cllr Jessop and circulated to other councillors. Following discussion, whilst it was agreed that individuals should make their comments direct to the Planners, the Council having little impact on the application; and owing to the fact that the work is completed, Cllr Waddell agreed to forward concerns to the Planners asking for clarification;  
~ Cllr Gillespie indicated he wished to stand down as Chair of Council but would continue as a Councillor for a few months until new mandates had been agreed with the Bank. He proposed that Cllr Jessop should be elected as the new Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Gallagher and agreed by all. He would take up his duties when Cllr Gillespie stood down. Cllr Gallagher thanked Cllr Gillespie for his work as Chair on behalf of the Councillors.

~ Another Councillor would be required and James Brown had expressed an interest, this would be followed up.

~ Cllr Gallagher raised the matter of potholes and also the poor state of the pavements. It was suggested that the issue of the pavements be pursued separately. If necessary, the Parish Council could afford to contribute to costs, as would Cllr Waddell from her discretionary fund. (MA)

**11. Date of next meeting:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 7.00pm

Chair:

Date: