

BYWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 21st November 2022 at Newton & Bywell Community Hall at 7.00pm

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

Mr and Mrs Harvey attended the public part of the meeting to inform Councillors of their
development plans for the area by Beech Farm; and to answer questions from Councillors.

1. **Apologies received:** Cllr Wright
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes from meeting of 3rd October 2022:** These were agreed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising:** ~ Potholes and roads: this had been reported to Highways and is on their list to do. It is unlikely any work will be done before the new financial year as the County Council's settlement from Government is as yet unknown.
5. **Reports: County Councillor report:** Cnty Cllr Waddell reported that Northumberland County Council now had employed a new Chief Executive who would begin work in the Spring. Dr Patterson has worked in Sunderland previously. Cllr Waddell had not yet chased up the issues raised at the previous meeting regarding work at the Old Post Office. She promised to do this. A question was raised about food waste collections in the County: apparently this is on hold for the time being but the glass collection service may be extended further into the County after successful trials.
Chair's Report: Nothing at this time.
6. **Public Spaces Protection Order:** this consultation was noted by members. Details are on the County Council website and the consultation into extending the order for 3 more years closes on 9th December.
7. **Planning:** 22/003713/FUL: Demolition of farm building and rebuilding on same site of a house at land north of St James' Church: the Parish Council have no objections to the plan per se. However, there will be issues with construction traffic with limited access roads and some restrictions may be required. It also notes the property will be quite large and may conflict with neighbours' properties. This also needs to be considered by the planners.
Broomhaugh & Riding Local Plan: This is available to view and comment on through that Council's website. Bywell were formally consulted as a neighbouring Parish.
8. **Correspondence:** E-mails from NCC, NALC and CAN on various topics, and the papers for next year's precept. A budget will be circulated over the holiday period to members.
9. **Finance:**
 - a) The Balance on the account at 30 October 2022 was £11,140.86
 - b) The following payments were authorised:

Clerk, Salary, November 2022	£304.98
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Clerk, expenses to date	£42.21
NBCT, room	£32.00
Simon Ogg, grass cutting	£1330.00

c) Confirmation of the new bank mandate with Cllr Jessop as signatory had not been received yet. Once this was complete and he could take over as Chair, another new mandate would be done which will add a further 2 Councillors at least to the signatory list so that there is coverage when people are not able to be present.

9. **Information received:** Clerks and Councils Direct; Thank you letters from GNAA and THAH for donations.

10. **AOB:** ~ There had been a public query again about the possibility of setting up a Playpark. There was a lot of discussion on this re costs versus need. Cllr Gallagher agreed to investigate the need in the first instance;

~ It was agreed to coopt James Brown onto the Parish Council at the next meeting if Cllr Gillespie resigns;

~ A shoe box appeal was discussed. Because of the short time left before Xmas, it was agreed to make a financial donation to fund Xmas dinners instead. Cllr Jessop would find out the details.

11. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 16th January 2023 at 7.00pm

Chair:

Date: