

BARDON MILL PARISH COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING – TUESDAY 9th MAY 2017

	<p>Present Councillors S Furlong (Chair), G Gill, M Robson, J Oliver, G Walton Mrs M Nixon – Clerk Mrs S Saunders</p>
	<p>Apologies for Absence County Councillor A Sharp</p>
18/06	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 07/02/17 These were read and approved.</p>
18/07	<p>Matters Arising from the minutes of Tuesday 13 December 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Despite various requests to review the new lighting at Bardon Mill Station nothing has been done to them. Cllr Gill has been in further contact with TVRUG and NCC planning department. It was agreed that he and the Clerk (M Nixon) would draft a letter from the Parish Council to Network Rail on this matter. - There has been no further information regarding the repairs and temporary road closure to Ridley Bridge. The work is expected to be scheduled for Jul – Aug 17. Cllr Furlong is to be kept updated. - Susan Saunders was introduced to everyone who hadn't already met her. If everyone is in agreement Susan is to be formally appointed as Clerk to replace Marie Nixon, the terms and conditions of her employment having been agreed at an extraordinary staffing meeting held on 2nd April. Susan's appointment was proposed by S Furlong and seconded by G Walton with all other councillors in agreement. It was agreed that Marie & Susan would work out a timescale together to handover the paperwork and information with Susan having taken over completely before the September meeting. - Cllr Oliver reported that Henshaw PC were trying to set up a Parish Liaison Group to comprise of members from Bardon Mill, Henshaw and Melkridge Parish Councils. The purpose of this would be to have regular meetings with NNPA to discuss any concerns and plans that affect the local communities. The first meeting is potentially to be held in Bardon Mill Village Hall on 23rd May, Henshaw PC Clerk will send out more information later in the week. It was agreed that while it was important to have a good representative on the NNPA committee, the purpose of those meetings wasn't to discuss individual local details, more the Park in general, unless they were serious enough to warrant a wider discussion. - The tree butt at Thorngrifton has now been removed and NCC are to reinstate the field wall that has been damaged by traffic avoiding the tree.
18/08	<p>Declaration of Interest Cllr Furlong - Parish Grass Cutting</p>
18/09	<p>Public Questions None</p>
18/10	<p>Planning Applications Northumberland County Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wyncrest, Westwood. It was agreed as there was enough time that this would be circulated to allow Councilors to study the plans.
18/11	<p>Planning Applications Northumberland National Park Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None
18/12	<p>Correspondence received since last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following the election, the Parishes within the Park are being asked for nominees to represent them on the NNPA committee. No one from Bardon Mill was able to commit to this however it was noted that Val Gibson from Henshaw was currently our local representative and one of Henshaw's new Councillors, Andy Saunders was interested in standing.
18/13	<p>Parish Website</p>

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	Paul Mingard has now moved from the Parish, he had sent a note to say that he was willing to continue operating his website but if someone else was prepared to run one that would be fine with him. It was agreed that with the introduction of the new transparency requirements it would be better to run the website in-house. Susan has already set up a web page on the new NALC portal for Haltwhistle Town Council and was happy to do the same for Bardon Mill.
18/14	County Councillors Report -
18/15	Reports on Financial Matters
18/15.1	The Balance at the bank is; Cricket Club (Sports Fund) £1800.00 P C Funds - £4,988.93
18/15.2	The first instalment of the 2017-18 precept was received at the beginning of April for £2,200.00
18/15.3	The following accounts were approved for payment; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NALC Annual Subscription £96.47 - Came & Co Insurance £288.46 (this is the final year of the fixed price deal the Council entered into) - G Gill £274.65 reimbursement for timber to repair the village seats. - Henshaw Parish Council £299.00 being 1/3 of the cost to them for grasscutting at Redburn Park and Bardon Mill Village Green. - Following the purchase of the Parish Laptop the Clerk noted that it will be necessary to purchase Microsoft Office, costing in the region of £120.00. The Councillors authorised this purchase the cost to be reimbursed.
18/15.4	Annual Return 2016-17 Figures were circulated and agreed to enable the return to be completed and signed off. Cllr Gill noted that perhaps in future as the financial record is to be uploaded onto the website, along with the Name of the Payee, there could be a column for a brief description of the purpose of the payment/receipt.
18/16	Any other relevant business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Furlong reported that the landslide at Allenbanks has stabilised enough that the National Trust are going to be able to open more footpaths on the West bank of the river. Unfortunately, without significant charitable funding which is not currently available, the swing bridge will not be replaced. - Annual Grass Cutting of Parish Verges Councillors discussed whether the Parish should cut any of the verges that fall under the County Council's remit, as they have done in previous years or not. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish was both safer and tidier since the Council had started to cut the verges that the County Council don't treat as a priority. Cllr Furlong indicated that he was more than happy to give his time and use his tractor to operate the Parish Brushcutter. The other Councillors agreed that he should be reimbursed for the cost of fuel, this can be calculated using the onboard computer in the tractor, and he should also receive some reimbursement for the wear and tear incurred to his machinery. It was proposed that perhaps 40% of an equivalent tractor's commercial hire charge would be appropriate. A price was to be obtained from Rickerby's for this. In regard to the areas to be cut, it was agreed to cut up to the Military Road but to do nothing on or North of the Road. The areas around Ridley, Beltingham through to Willimoteswick and Beltingham towards the Steel. This equates to 1 days cutting which is to be done twice in the Season. It has subsequently been agreed that the work will take 2 days, twice in the season. - It was noted that the War Memorial was looking really smart since the WI had paid to have the granite cleaned and the lettering redone. It was noted that the ivy still needs to be removed from the trees and some work carried out to the retaining wall.

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Dates and times of next meeting

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tues 12th September 2017 at 7.00pm in Henshaw Church Room.

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