

**BARDON MILL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT MINUTES Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

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| Present      | Cllr's S Furlong, G Gill, V Furlong, M Robson, G Walton.<br>Count Cllr A Sharp<br>Clerk: Susan Saunders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>34/19</b> | <b>Apologies for Absence</b><br>Cllr J Oliver and Cllr M Nixon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>35/19</b> | <b>Declaration of Interests</b><br>The Chair reminded everyone to declare interests where appropriate. Cllr S Furlong and Cllr V Furlong declared an interest in planning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>36/19</b> | <b>Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b><br>The minutes were approved.<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><b>Proposed Cllr G Walton</b></span> <span><b>Seconded Cllr V Furlong</b></span> <span><b>Approved</b></span> </div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>37/19</b> | <b>Matters Arising from the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b><br>Cllr Gill visited Sleekburn Recycling Centre near Morpeth. He reported that much of the general waste they received now goes to Cleveland where it is incinerated and used for power. In terms of the items that can be recycled, plastic bottles (tops on), paper, card, aerosols, cans. Plastic food trays, drin cartons and yoghurt pots are not recycled.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>37/19</b> | <b>Public Questions</b><br>No Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>38/19</b> | <b>Planning Applications</b><br>Northumberland County Council<br>For Determination:<br>19/01055 – Erection of rural workers dwelling, land south of Woodside Cottage<br><b>No Objection</b> <i>SF and VF declared an interest</i><br>19/02171 – Planning formation of raised decking and canopy to café – Vindolanda<br><b>Support</b><br>The above comments were agreed<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><b>Proposed Cllr M Robson</b></span> <span><b>Seconded Cllr G Gill</b></span> <span><b>Approved</b></span> </div><br>19/03728 Change of use to car park – land north of Gold Hill, Beltingham<br><b>Support</b><br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><b>Proposed Cllr M Robson</b></span> <span><b>Seconded Cllr V Furlong</b></span> <span><b>Approved</b></span> </div> |
| <b>39/19</b> | <b>Planning Applications</b><br>Northumberland National Park Authority – No plans                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>40/19</b> | <b>Correspondence received since last meeting</b><br>A letter has been received from The Bardon Mill Playing Fields Association with a request for help for maintenance of the pitch and goalposts. The Council agreed that Cllr Robson should ask for the costs of the work and, if council agree, money from the fund they have that is available for sport, may be donated. A formal decision will be considered at the December meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>41/19</b> | <b>County Councillors Report</b><br>Bardon Mill has not had the verges cut so Cllr Sharp will chase that.<br>Cllr S Furlong met with John Alderson from Northumberland County Council and reported that the trees will be checked from Beltingham to Scrogwood.<br>Cllr Sharp reported that more children are now signing up to Haydon Bridge rather than going to Hexham.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>42/19</b> | <b>Northumberland County Council – Consultations</b><br><b>42/19.01</b> Local Transport Plan<br>The following requests were agreed:<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bus stops to be placed at Ridley Hall on the west and east side at the road end. The buses are not stopping and both tourists and locals are not able to take a bus. It is the main route to Allen Banks.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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2. The council would like all the overgrown trees hanging over the roads in the parish to be cut back.
3. The road east of Allen Banks over Allen Bridge and going up to Tedcastle is deteriorating so, the council would like this included for repair work.

The three requests were approved.

### Proposed Cllr V Furlong

**Seconded Cllr M Robson**

**Approved**

## 43/19

## Reports on Financial Matters

| BARDON MILL PARISH COUNCIL<br>BANK RECONCILIATION                                                    |                       |                | Appendix 2                                                                 |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>BANK</u>                                                                                          |                       | £              | £                                                                          | £                |
| <b>Balance as at</b>                                                                                 | <b>31st July 2019</b> |                |                                                                            |                  |
| Current Account                                                                                      |                       | £5,222.35      |                                                                            |                  |
| Deposit                                                                                              |                       | £1,800.48      |                                                                            |                  |
|                                                                                                      |                       |                |                                                                            | <b>£7,022.83</b> |
| <b>Plus outstanding lodgements</b>                                                                   |                       |                |                                                                            |                  |
| <b>Less outstanding payments</b>                                                                     |                       |                | 0.00                                                                       |                  |
|                                                                                                      |                       |                |                                                                            | <b>£0.00</b>     |
| <b>NET BANK BALANCES AT</b>                                                                          | <b>31st July 2019</b> |                |                                                                            | <b>£7,022.83</b> |
| The net balances reconcile to the Cashbook - receipts and payments account - for the year as follows |                       |                |                                                                            |                  |
| <b>CASH BOOK</b>                                                                                     |                       | <b>£</b>       |                                                                            | <b>£</b>         |
| <b>Opening Balance as at 31st March 2019</b>                                                         |                       | £3,506.98      |                                                                            |                  |
| Deposit                                                                                              |                       | £1,800.48      |                                                                            |                  |
|                                                                                                      |                       |                |                                                                            | <b>£5,307.46</b> |
| Add: Receipts in the Year                                                                            |                       | £2,250.00      |                                                                            |                  |
| Less Payments in the Year                                                                            |                       | £534.63        |                                                                            |                  |
| <b>Closing balance per Cash Book [Receipts &amp; Payments] as at</b>                                 | <b>31st July 2019</b> |                |                                                                            | <b>£7,022.83</b> |
|                                                                                                      |                       |                |                                                                            | <b>£0.00</b>     |
| <b>Accounts for Payment as at</b>                                                                    | <b>10th Sept 2019</b> | <b>£</b>       | <b>Detail</b>                                                              |                  |
| Mrs S M Saunders                                                                                     |                       | 715.53         | Salary Apr-Sep                                                             |                  |
| Mrs S M Saunders                                                                                     |                       | 27.32          | Exp - Stamps Home allowance x 2 meetings                                   |                  |
| Mr R Hood                                                                                            |                       | 102.00         | Verge Topper Repair - recharge to HPC £56.67                               |                  |
| Mr S Furlong                                                                                         |                       |                | Verge Topping                                                              |                  |
|                                                                                                      |                       | 466.00         | Recharge Play inspec, carnival ins, tree inspection, Maintenance play Park |                  |
| Henshaw PC                                                                                           |                       |                |                                                                            |                  |
| Henshaw PC Grass Cuttin re-charge                                                                    |                       | -133.00        | See below                                                                  |                  |
| Bardon Mill Village Hall                                                                             |                       | 250.00         | Grant                                                                      |                  |
| NCC                                                                                                  |                       | 195.53         | Report and invoice not received as yet                                     |                  |
| Mr F Furlong                                                                                         |                       | 200.00         | Grass Cutting donation - recharge to HPC £133                              |                  |
| British Legion                                                                                       |                       | 50.00          | Poppy Wreath                                                               |                  |
|                                                                                                      |                       | <b>1873.38</b> |                                                                            |                  |

## 43/19.01

It was agreed to confirm with the clerk at Henshaw that Bardon Mill would charge for 50% of the Verge repair costs, 2/3 of Memorial grass cutting donation and tree inspection. Once agreed the clerk can issue the cheque for Henshaw Parish Council. The payments were then approved.

**Proposed Cllr G Gill**

## Seconded Cllr V Furlong

**Approved**

**43/19.02 Budget Review** - The forecast balance to the end of the year is £3410.51 and £1800.48.

**43/19.03** Risk Assessments and Asset Register to review – Approved subject to including the tree risk assessment and recommendations. The tree inspection has been received and it was agreed to instruct John Alderson to undertake the recommendations.

**Proposed Cllr G Gill**

### Seconded Cllr V Furlong

**Approved**

**43/19.04** Letter from HSBC re Savings account changes - the bank has written to inform the council that the savings account is to be transferred into another type of account. It was agreed to close the account and transfer into the current account and to show separately.

**Proposed Cllr G Gill**

### Seconded Cllr S Furlong

**Approved**

**43/19.05** Donation Request from Henshaw Nursery

The Council agreed to donate £200 and for the cheque to be sent forthwith under the clerk's delegated authority.

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| Proposed Cllr S Furlong                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Seconded Cllr V Furlong        | Approved        |
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| <b>Car Park at Beltingham</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | - discussed under planning.    |                 |
| <b>Bardon Mill Railway Station</b><br>The Council instructed the clerk to write to Northern Rail with regard to the uneven area on platform 1. This has not been repaired since it was raised last year, where it caused grave concern when filled with water that froze. It is a health and safety issue which needs addressing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                |                 |
| <b>Proposed Cllr G Gill</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Seconded Cllr V Furlong</b> | <b>Approved</b> |
| <b>Northumberland National Park</b><br>The report was read out. A copy can be found on the website.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                |                 |
| <b>A69 and Highways</b><br>Cllr Sharp, Oliver and S Furlong have been attending various meetings over the past few months. Cllr Furlong reported that there will be average speed cameras from Hexham to Lipwood and he raised the concern with Highways that this would produce by cars trying to go faster when reaching the part of the road through the village. There is also a worry that once the new Spar shop opens more residents will be crossing the road to shop there.<br>The road surface along this stretch is still a major problem.<br>There has been a meeting with Cllr J Riddle and Cllr G Sanderson who are sympathetic. Cllr Sanderson is to meet with Highways next week. |                                |                 |
| <b>Any other relevant business</b><br>The National Trust are seeking funding to open the path along the riverside. They report that the car park numbers are down but this just reflects an national trend.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                |                 |
| <b>Dates and times of next meeting</b><br><b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 7.00 pm Henshaw Church Hall.</b><br>The meeting closed at 20.15.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                |                 |