

**Minutes of the Zoom Meeting of Allendale Parish Council
(including minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee)
held on Thursday 7th May 2020 at 7pm**

Present: Cllr Crellin (Chair), Councillors Dunn, Galley, Hill, Howard, Lee, Philipson, Quinn, Sandison and Simmonds

H Newsome (Clerk)

1) Apologies for absence

Cllrs Baxter, Henderson and White

2) Planning Sub-Committee

Planning applications

20/00871/FUL – Land North of Braeside Cottage

The Council discussed the application and some members were concerned about the potential change in the use of the footpath and would have preferred to have known the views of the Footpaths Officer. Cllr Philipson proposed no objections to the application as the Highways Development Department was satisfied that there would not be any issues with the transportation of luggage from the car parking area to the front of the holiday lodge, and Cllr Simmonds seconded this. After further debate Cllr Crellin explained that the response from Highways Development Department was sufficient evidence that the County Council had no objections to the planning application. Rights of Way (highways, public footpaths, bridle ways, BOATs) are all the responsibility of Northumberland County Council Highways Authority. Cllr Crellin therefore proposed an amended subsequent motion **to support** the application with Cllr Howard seconding this, and after a vote this was carried as a resolution by a majority of Councillors.

20/00997/FUL – Glamping Pods 1 – 4, Dryside Farm, Allendale

The Council discussed the retrospective application and some members were concerned that the general scale of the development did not match the original plans. Cllr Dunn proposed to object to the application as it was not in keeping with Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP) Policy 1: General Development Principles and would adversely affect the landscape character of the area, and Cllr Quinn seconded this. After further discussion Cllr Philipson proposed an amended motion **to no objections** to the application, provided the lighting does not affect the area's dark skies status, and that the development is effectively screened. Cllr Sandison seconded Cllr Philipson's proposal, and the amended motion was carried by the Parish Council.

20/01204/FUL – Meadow Gate, Catton

Cllr Crellin proposed **to object** to the application with Cllr Galley seconding this, as it was not in keeping with Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP) Policy 9: Extensions to Dwellings (bullet point one), and this was carried unanimously as a resolution by the Parish Council.

3) Declarations of Interest

There were no changes; see APC's website for full list:

<https://northumberlandparishes.uk/allendale/documents>

4) Public participation

There were five members of the general public in attendance including three members of Alston Parish Council who had asked if they might observe the conduct of the virtual meeting.

5) Minutes of the previous meetings held on 2nd April 2020

Cllr Howard proposed, and Cllr Galley seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2020 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

6) Matters Arising

There were none.

7) County Councillor update

Co Cllr Horncastle was not present for the meeting.

8) Allendale Market Square

Tree maintenance – The Towns and Villages Committee to consider what tree and shrubs maintenance might be needed over the forthcoming year, and to discuss with Matty Robson, who has offered his services, how it could be delivered. Cllr Dunn to report back at the 4th June Parish Council meeting.

Village maintenance – Cllr Dunn to discuss with Malcolm Aitchison what maintenance might be needed, and what he would be able to carry out bearing in mind the rules around social distancing.

9) Climate Action Allendale

There was no new information to report this month.

10) Correspondence

Gareth Hughes – Cllr Crellin had replied to Mr Hughes' correspondence that questioned recent planning application recommendations made by Allendale Parish Council and in particular 19/01950/FUL.

Mrs Hall – The Clerk to write to Mrs Hall to say that the Parish Council couldn't agree to her request to cut the grass on the bank close to her home, as it is too steep and it would be hazardous to try.

11) Accounts for payment

Cllr Galley proposed the accounts for payment, seconded by Cllr Howard.

Treasurer's Account: bank balance as at **27th April 2020 - £59,577.93**

Business 30-Day Notice Account: bank balance as at **9th April 2020 - £ 5,234.46**

12) Matters for June 2020 agenda

The Clerk to request the usual annual reports even though the annual Parish Meeting would not be going ahead due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the social distancing in place.

13) Confidential agenda item *(for Council only)*

There were none.

14) Date of next Parish Council Zoom teleconference

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **4th June 2020** at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 8:35 pm.