

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18th MARCH 2024 AT 7.00PM IN HORSLEY WI HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with Cllr C Roe, Cllr C Turnbull, Cllr S Glover, and County Councillor Holly Waddell.

0324.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received Councillor S A Lynch.

0324.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

0324.03 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed to approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January 2024.

0324.04 PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS IN RELATION TO HORSLEY PARISH

- **State of Pavement/ Roads in Village.** Poor surface and potholes in Village and Oatens Bank. We have requested Walkaround the Village with the Council.
- **Drains in Village.** These have been reported to NCC through FixMyStreet and awaiting NCC to clear them.
- **Bus Stop outside Lion & Lamb.** Markings and stand have been lost and some busses are not stopping, NCC has been contacted and County Cllr Waddell will chase.

0324.05 MATTERS ARISING & REVIEW OF ACTIONS

- **Installation Activated Sign.** On Highways List, Contacted Alston Electrics awaiting further details to install.
- **Lead Lane Gate.** Awaiting Tim Fish to complete task which has been ongoing for some time.
- **Whittle Dene Footbridge.** Currently on NCC list to repair.
- **White H Lines and Rumble Strips** There has been a request to Small Schemes for funding. County Councillor Waddell to chase.
- **NWL Issues.** Timers on the lighting have now been fitted around perimeter fence and hopefully this will improve the current situation. Also, the Bridleway through Horsley Woods will be reinstated once the works have been complete which is expected around 3 weeks.
- **Northumberland (Alnwick Estates).** Jamie Dodds from Alnwick Estates to attend site and repair two broken gates near Horsley Hill.
- **A69 Slip Road West.** New Chevron Signs have been added to prevent further accidents.

0324.06 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Waddell briefly reported on the recent budget at the last full County Council meeting, main points were as from April 2024, Council Tax will rise by 2.99% in the new year and the adult social care precept will also increase by 2% these were passed.

0324.07 VACANCY

Mr J P Short was proposed by Cllr Senior and 2nd by Cllr Glover that he would fill the vacancy from the late Councillor R D Lillie.

0324.08 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence on attached list was provided below.

SENDER	MOST OF THESE HAVE ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO COUNCILLORS BY EMAIL
CAN England	Newsletter
R Metcalf Ltd Sols	Letter re Horsley Banks Farm
Hearth	Re Parking in Village
NALC	Weekly news - e
Community Action Northumberland	Monthly CAN news - e

0324.09 FINANCE

It was AGREED by the Council to approve the expenditure on the list circulated below.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET AMOUNT	VAT	GROSS AMOUNT	PAYMENT METHOD
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HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE	151.40		151.40	BACS
Wylam Parish Council	Ovingham Joint Burial – Cemetery Grant	916.00		916.00	BACS
Mr A Turnbull	Clerical Services	404.82		404.82	BACS
Paul Armstrong Gardening	Mole Catcher	250.00		250.00	BACS
INCOME					
Lloyds Bank	Interest February	11.28		11.28	BACS

0324.10 PLANNING

Details of the planning proposals as circulated to all Councillors and are listed below.

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
23/04616/FUL	Horsley Banks Farm Horsley Newcastle Upon Tyne Northumberland NE15 0NS	Change of use of stable building to 1no. residential dwelling, with associated access and parking.	Refused
23/02178/FUL	Thistledome 5 Laker Hall Farm Newton Stocksfield Northumberland NE43 7UZ	Part Retrospective: timber shed to rear of property, removal of garage door and replacement with window and door and installation of door to rear of garage, conservation roof window. (As Amended 21.12.23)	Granted

0324.11 VILLAGE ISSUES

- Replacement Noticeboard at Dunslaw Croft has been purchased and to installed.
- Potential new pedestrian sign on A69 crossing.

• REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATION OF COUNCILLORS

- **OJBC Cemetery Lodge.** Financial viability of the Cemetery Lodge is now unsustainable with costly repairs needed it was decided to sell the lodge and a issue a Section 21 Notice to the tenants.

0324.13 ANY URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

0324.14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting due to be held on Monday 20th May 2024 after the Annual General Meeting.