Bardon Mill Parish Council
25th October 2022
Draft Minutes

Present	Cllr S Furlong Cllr G Gill Cllr M Robson Cllr G Walton	Cllr V Furlong Cllr M Nixon Cllr A Sharp - County Clerk – Susan Saunders
Time	7.00pm	
37/22	**Apologies for Absence -** Cllr J Oliver.	
38/22	**Guest Speaker -** Hazel Barron-Cooper Ms Barron-Cooper works at Newcast University currently undertaking a Phd in fine art answering the questions 'Can art evoke a sense of place'. She has been creating pieces of art around Beltingham, in particular the church and brought some of her watercolours along. She is keen to speak with anyone who has interesting history of the area.	
39/22	**Declaration of Interests** The Chair reminded everyone to declare interests where appropriate.	
40/22	**Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2022** The minutes were approved. **Proposed Cllr G Gill** **Seconded Cllr V Furlong** **Approved**	
41/22	**Matters Arising from the minutes of Tuesday 10th May 2022** – no matters	
42/22	**Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting** – no matters	
43/22	**Public Questions** – no questions.	
43/22	**Planning Applications** Northumberland County Council A) For Determination: 22/02176/LBC – Alter interior Beltingham House, High Crook - *support the application as it maintains a listed building important to the character of the area – to approve decision*. 22/02355 – Demolition of conservatory construct dining room - *no objection to approve decision* 22/03294 High Birkshaw House – First floor extension, single storey extension to front, *no objection to approve decision* The above plans were approved **Proposed Cllr G Gill** **Seconded Cllr V Furlong** **Approved** B) Determined 21/03959 – Rural Workers dwelling, land south of Woodside Cottage – **GRANTED** 21/03993 – demolition of conservatory and extension, High Birkshaw House- Withdrawn 22/00109 – Variation on condition 2 – Hazel Hurst – **GRANTED** 22/01191 – Lodge style agricultural dwelling – land south Whitshields Farm – **GRANTED** 22/00698 – The Hott -application withdrawn	
44/22	**Northumberland County Council** • Cllr Sharp reported that he has attended meetings at Morpeth with regards to the cost of living crises and the equalities and inequalities of the area. • The new chief executive will be in post by February. • Henshaw PC have reported parking issues at the school but members felt it was not an issue they wished to take up. • Planing has been undertaken on some of the roads but Ridley Village was missed. • The blocked drain at the river bridge and the railway arch is still blocked. • There are overhanging beech trees needing cut back along The Steel. Cllr Sharp will raise the latter issues with county.	
45/22	**Bardon Mill Railway Station** The light in the shelter has still not been repaired. Cllr Furlong met with Ben Thompson from Network Rail North to discuss the crossing as it is felt it is not safe. Cllr Furlong reported that there was a proposal to re-align the gates to make the cross straight rather than at an angle. There will be an awareness day on Wednesday 2nd November where Network Rail will have a presence all day to answer any questions or concerns. The ramps to the platform are still too steep and need to be addressed.	

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46/22 **A69**

A proposal has been submitted for footpaths and crossing points along the A69 at the garage. Members were not happy about islands in the middle of the road. The clerk was asked to liaise with Henshaw Parish Council for a response.

47/22 **Tyne Valley Parish Council Active Travel Route**

Cllr Gill attended a meeting with councillors from councils along the Tyne who wish to create a family friendly cycle route from Wylam to Haltwhistle. They have asked that each parish looks at the options they may have and report back.

Cllr Gill liaised with Haydon Bridge and Henshaw and put forward 2 options. One is more feasible, and members agreed that they preferred this one. As it was easier to achieve and took cyclists through the villages.

Cllr Gill will report back at the next meeting.

48/22 **Wildlife and Countryside Act Order.**

Northumberland County Council have added a route to the definitive map from the Military Road east to East Hotbank. The first part of the path was permissive and, the rest was unclassified. It is now a restricted byway. The council were previously consulted and had not agreed to it becoming a restricted byway.

49/22 **Reports on Financial Matters**

49/22.01 Bank reconciliation, Income & Exp and accounts for payment as at 25th October 2022

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BANK RECONCILIATION	*Appendix 1*		**49/22.01**	
BANK	**£**	**£**	**£**	
Balance as at	**30/09/2022**			
Current Account			£8,946.96	
Plus outstanding lodgements				
Less outstanding payments	BM Village Hall		60.00	
NET BANK BALANCES AT	**30/09/2022**		**£8,886.96**	
The net balances reconcile to the Cashbook - receipts and payments account - for the year as follows				
CASH BOOK	**£**		**£**	
Opening Balance as at 31st March 2022	4920.38		£4,920.38	
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Add: Receipts in the Year	£4,880.00			
Less Payments in the Year	£913.42			
Closing balance per Cash Book [Receipts & Payments]			**£8,886.96**	
as at	**30/09/2022**			£0.00

Appendix 2
49/22.01 Payments for 13th September 2022

Mrs S M Saunders	774.18	Basic Pay and Backdated for 21-22
Henshaw PC	549.95	Play Inspec & repair, Insurance park & carnival.
F Furlong	200.00	Memorial Grass Cutting
Henshaw PC	-133.00	Recharge for grass cutting
British Legion	50.00	Poppy Wreath
S Furlong Hedge Cutting	300.00	Hedge cutting - donated back
S Furlong Donation	-300.00	
Total Payments	**1441.13**	

The payments of £1441.13 were approved.

Proposed Cllr G Walton **Seconded Cllr V Furlong** **Approved**

49/22.02 SAAA – Opt out of Audit. Option to opt out. It was agreed that eh council would NOT opt out of the current audit arrangements.

Proposed Cllr G Walton **Seconded Cllr S Furlong** **Approved**

49/22.03 Bank Mandate – to update signatories. Cllrs Nixon and V Furlong were added to the signatories.

Proposed Cllr G Walton **Seconded Cllr V Furlong** **Approved**

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50/22	**Local Transport Plan –** *to approve priorities* Resurfacing of the same three roads requested last year: 1. Ridley to Allensgreen, - this has now been started. 2. Beltingham to Willimoteswick, Road throughThorngrafton village. **Proposed Cllr S Furlong** **Seconded Cllr G Gill** **Approved**
51/22	**Correspondence received since last meeting.** Noted
52/22	**Any other relevant business** <u>Storm Arwen</u> - As a result of the storms Northern Powergrid have put aside a sum of money for grants. Quite a few areas have received grants for generators. It was agreed to write to the Village Hall and ask if they would apply for a grant and that if they needed any help, the council would consider a donation. **Proposed Cllr G Gill** **Seconded Cllr S Furlong** **Approved** <u>Broadband Meeting</u> – Cllr's Gill and Oliver attended the meeting with Gill Cowell from Northumberland County Council. There are still areas of Bardon Mill that do not receive fibre broadband but BT Openreach are not considering these areas for providing it. Gill is working on the Gigabit Project which is a government backed scheme. Rural Northumberland and Durham are currently undertaking surveys but at this stage, it is not clear who will benefit. We Fibre is a private provider who collect enough properties keen to sign up and then progress this using grant vouchers that the properties are entitled to. It is not certain this scheme is still in place so the clerk will contact WeFibre for details. <u>Other matters</u> • There have been reports of dog fouling at Allen Banks, National Trust land. The clerk was asked to contact Julia Curry to report. • The National Trust cabins at Beltingham have overhanging lime trees. The clerk was asked to report this and request that they are cut back. • There have been arctic lorries redirected off the A69 through Plenmeller and, instead of going through Whitfield, they have driven down The Steel towards Ridley and got stuck. Members asked the clerk to contact Plenmeller with Whitfield and Cllr Hutchinson to ask if a No HGV sign could be placed at the start of this route and perhaps have another one at the Ridley end. • Cllr Walton reported that he has had quite a few complaints about the cleanliness of the toilets in Haltwhistle. It was agreed to write to Haltwhistle Town Council and David Hunt from Northumberland County Council to complain.
53/22	**Dates and times of next meeting** Tuesday 13th December 2022 - 7pm Henshaw Church Hall. *The meeting closed at 8.20pm*

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