



Minutes of Meeting held on 27 March 2023 in Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall

Present: Councillors J Oliver (Chair), V. Gibson (Vice Chair), D. Saunders, A. Saunders, J. Benson, C. Kennedy, S. Armstrong, County Councillor A. Sharp, M. A. Smith (Clerk).

1. Introduction and Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

All in attendance.

3. Declarations of Interest

None received.

4. Public Questions

None received.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 February 2023

5.1 These were read and approved.

6. Outstanding/Ongoing Repairs

6.1 No additional matters other than those on the agenda.

7. General Amenities

7.1 Footpaths – nothing to report.

7.2 Seating – Clerk to inspect.

7.3 Lighting – there is a light not working near to Henshaw School. Clerk to check number and report.

7.4 Verges – nothing to report.

8. Miscellaneous

8.1 Electric Charging Points. These have now been installed on the parking area next to Bardon Mill Village Green.

8.2 Kings Coronation. The mugs which are being donated to Henshaw School have been ordered.

9. Village Greens

9.1 The road at the west end of Henshaw still needs attention and the Clerk/Chair to meet on site.

10. Planning Applications and Issues

10.1 Falcon Grange. The Clerk is to write to the Leader of the County Council to make a formal complaint over the Planning Departments handling of this matter.

10.2 Cllr Sharp is looking into the removal of the TPO at Thorntree Close so that it can be cut back.

10.3 Clerk to circulate the proposals of 4G apparatus to improve the rural network at Hopealone.

11. Transport and Highways Matters

11.1 Updated plans have been received from Roadlink regarding new footpath layout and crossing points. These were considered and whilst the upgraded and new footpaths are welcomed there are still concerns about the location and safety of the proposed crossing points. Clerk to respond to Roadlink. The Clerk also to ask Roadlink to cut back the trees at the crossing point near to the Pottery as these are blocking the sightlines.

11.2 Cllr Sharp has arranged a meeting with the County Council to look at additional speed warning feature at Twice Brewed, possible options for lowering speeds through Bardon Mill, and the road markings/parking issues at Henshaw School.

11.3 Bardon Mill Station. The Chair is seeking quotes for the resurfacing of the access road to Bardon Mill Station and the Clerk can then progress possible funding options.

11.4 Work will be undertaken to repair the road adjacent to Scotcoulthard in the next week or so, and repairs to the culvert within the next month.

12. Redburn Park

12.1 Inspections are continuing on a monthly basis.

12.2 Woodland Management. Work is progressing to thin and clear the woodland. Approval has been given for the contractor to undertake chipping of all the branches (and those removed as part of general tidying last year.

12.3 Creation of Redburn Community Park Group. Clerk to progress this as soon as possible.

13. Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall

13.1 The heating has been repaired and the hall continues to be well used. The Committee are progressing work on an application for funding to install an external generator.

14. Northumberland National Park

14.1 Cllrs Gibson and Saunders gave an update on the recent developments.

15. Henshaw School

15.1 An update was given by Cllr Sharp who advised that the additional room at the nursery is complete and numbers remain high.

16. Report by Clerk on Financial Matters

16.1 Estimated funds held by the Parish Council as at 18 March 2023 as follows:

- Current Account £6,064.73
- Easement Account £5,620.45

16.2 Expenditure and Income to approve/note:

- Wages & Expenses £1193.05
- HMRC £1780.20
- Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee (Redburn Park Inspections) £77.90
- Bardon Mill Womens Institute (Donation) £100.00
- JC&C MacDonald (Hedge Maintenance 2020-23) £576.00 (Previous unpaid invoice of £420 cancelled)
- Great North Air Ambulance £10.00
- HSBC (Bank Charges) £10.00
- Haltwhistle Town Council (Coronation Mugs) £523.20
- Northern Powergrid Wayleave Agreement £20.91 (*Income*)
- Darts Club Donation for Redburn Park (*Income*)

Estimated balance following outstanding transactions **£3,537.29**

16.3 Work is ongoing to close the Easement Account and transfer into bank account.

17. Northumberland County Council Update.

17.1 Cllr Sharp had provided updates on work items and progress throughout the meeting. He also provided an update on a few matters in Bardon Mill Parish area such as new warning signs on Birkshaw Bank and proposed 30mph limits at Thorngrifton, Westwood, and Scroggwood.

18. General Matters and Correspondence since last meeting

18.1 The Clerk has circulated general updates via email between meetings.

19. Items to be included on the next Agenda

No items raised.

20. Date and time of next meeting. The next meeting is on Monday 24 April 2023.

The meeting finished at 8.01pm.

M. A. Smith

Michael Anthony Smith (Clerk)

Signed and Approved at the Meeting held on 27 April 2023.....