

Longframlington Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting on: 9th June, 2021
Meeting at: The Memorial Hall, Longframlington
Meeting time: 7:00 pm
Present: Cllrs: Allison Davies (AD,) Graham Fremlin (GF) - Chair, Nicholas Heggie (NH), Diane Lakey (DL), Gillian Nelless (GN), Dave Weldon (DW),
In attendance: None

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m.

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** – None
- 2) **Table Urgent Business to be discussed in 20 below**
 - i) a) Grit bin Harecross Park GF
 - ii) Play area fence AD
 - iii) The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee GA
- 3) **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 4) **Gifts & Hospitality** - None
- 5) **Community Police Report**- None received
- 6) **County Councillors Report** – TT tabled his apologies but written report received and read by GF. TT is no longer Head of Planning North for NCC; he is now Head of Strategic Planning. Face to face meeting have now resumed, with applications received for a new Northumberland Rail Line (using existing freight line for passenger transport from Ashington to Newcastle, including 6 new stations, to assist economic development and reduce road congestion) and relocation of ‘Tree Locate’ to Belford (an established plastic tree and plant business, employing 40 people, moving to a purpose built factory, supporting the rural economy). Both applications were approved. TT noted pleasure in seeing work on the previous Dennis Common garage site is now underway, with a successful reduction in density from 10 to 4 dwellings, which will harmonise more with the existing residential development in that area. Concern was expressed that work was furthering on the chicanes, prior to a solution, particularly to the High Town exit issues, not yet being resolved. NCC is reluctant to invest money in the road around the village green. There was a successful ‘clean-up’ on 29th May, resulting in 10 bags of rubbish.
- 7) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 5th May were reviewed and unanimously approved as a true record and signed as such. (Proposed AD; Seconded GN; All in Favour)

Housekeeping Issues –

- 8) **Matters Arising out of Minutes**
 - a) Traffic calming measures Rothbury Rd. GF met with highways on site, pointing out the range of issues, of which highways were in broad agreement. Highways are to set up a camera survey at the western chicane and provide a report with recommended changes. The chicane furthest west is causing issues for slow vehicles. A proposal of ‘cushions’ between the larger chicane gaps was introduced by Highways. Highways are reluctant to reposition the High Town chicane. In order to alleviate the High Town exit issue more speedily, and improve vision, GF suggested cutting back the hedge. (Proposed GF; Seconded DW; All in Favour).
 - b) Facebook announcements:
 - i) Village spring clean- 550 people viewed the information, with 39 engaging with the information.
 - ii) Northumberland respect campaign – 15 people viewed the information.
 - iii) NEED Ltd Dial and Ride – 406 Longframlington Alnwick
 - iv) Free adult cycle training for Northumberland community residents – to be added.
 - c) Japanese knotweed report GF DW- none found at usual locations.
 - d) 7 Harrogate Cottages wind turbine consultation: Councillors are happy to await the planning application, but are minded to support, if the plan is unchanged.
 - e) 08/06/21 Northumberland Sandstone Ridges: Councillors discussed proposals. “Longframlington Parish Council supports the findings of ‘The Northumberland Sandstone Ridges & Vales- a Valued Landscape’ – Alison Farmer Associates January 2021 (‘the study’) and adopts its suggested designation of that part of the Parish Area (and the landscapes surrounding it) as advised by the Study, as an Area of High Landscape Value.” (Proposed: GF; Seconded: DW; All in Favour).
- 9) **Meetings to Attend / Attended** – None other than GFs meeting with Highways, noted above.
- 10) **Finance** Due to the Clerk’s absence, limited reporting was available.
 - a) Notification of receipts in the months of April 2021.

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- b) Approval of Clerk’s salary, expenses, PAYE & NI and approval of Other Payments.

01/06/21	G Cristie	Village maintenance	196.00
07/06/21	Playsafety	Annual Play area inspection	136.80

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08/06/21	G Fremlin reimbursement	Gift card & Line Marker	136.04
		Total	468.84

- c) Requests for donations. *None.*

- d) Bank Reconciliation to 9th June 2021, from cashbook.

Balance Per Cash Book 5 th May 2021			77984.49
Less cheques			
	08/06/21	G Cristie	196.00
	08/06/21	Playsafety	136.80
	08/06/21	G Fremlin	136.04
		Balance per cash book	77317.65

- e) Change of Bank Signatory. GF has obtained forms DL & GN signed them at the meeting.

11) Village Activities. *AD noted that Toddler Group had resumed.*

12) Allotments

- a) Management – no current issues.
 b) Maintenance including:
 i) Wooden gate at the entrance to plot 2. *Now fitted.*

13) King George V Playing Field including:

- a. Actions following previous sports courts and playground inspection including:
 i. Chippings around mini-slide. *AD had checked and raked the chippings back in place. Further chipping to be added as necessary.*
 b. Inspection report from RoSPA annual Inspection. This has been completed and GF read through the report and actions were discussed and agreed as follows: The PC was aware of, and awaiting additional quotes for, the Tank Turn surface repairs; remove one older, wooden picnic table; replace faded signage at entrance; paint yellow borders around usage restriction labels on fitness equipment pieces, so as to highlight restrictions to use; repair boarding around Junior swing bay; relay the matting under the swing basket.
 c. Report issues from weekly inspections. *GF noted no new issues.*
 d. Line Marking – Sports court. *GF has purchased equipment*
 e. Quotations for repairs to Tank Turn. *GF has received a quotation from Arkle and Sons. An additional quote is needed prior to proceeding with the surface repairs.*
 f. Memorial Seat – Yvonne Scanlon. *GF has spoken to those fundraising for this and they are happy to proceed in line with the PC suggestions.*
 f) Rules for Organisations, Traders and Businesses using the King George V Playing Field see appendix a. Councillors agreed to minor clarification to the wording. Revisions to be made prior to adoption. (Proposed: AD; Seconded: GA; All in Favour).

14) Planning

- a. To note any planning issues since previous meeting.

Ref No	Description	NCC Status	Parish Council Position
20/02916/FUL	Land South East of Christmas Farm	Permitted	See minutes from previous meeting for PC responses
21/01086/VARYCO	North End Farm,	Permitted with conditions	Objection
21/00332/VARYCO	Fram Park	Permitted with conditions	See minutes from previous meeting for PC responses
21/01136/FUL	Land South of Embleton Hall And Behind Front Street	Application	No Objection
21/01394/PRUTPO	Braeholm Front Street	Permitted	No Objection
21/01370/FUL	Land Adjacent To St Laurence Court Footpath	Application	Objection

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21/01610/VARYCO	Plot 4 Land West Of Meadow Lodge	Application	No objection, however, the PC wish to comment: 'Since the original approval was permitted for these properties, there have been multiple variations to the plans, resulting in a very different appearance to the development, which impacts on the visual aesthetic of the area.' (Proposed: AD; Seconded: GA; All in Favour).
21/01730/VARYCO	Land West Of Meadow Lodge	Further Application	
20/00923/FUL	Land South Of The Paddock	Planning Appeal	PC to resend original objection, as they are supportive of the NCC decision and in light of the progress made with both the Local and Neighbourhood Plans. (Proposed: DL; Seconded: DW; All in Favour).

15) **Cemetery/JBC issues:**

- a. *Burials/Ashes internments* – none.
- b. *Memorial Applications* – none.
- c. *Cemetery Extension* - GF has received an e-mail from the Bishop's Office re consecration, requesting the original plans and Land Registry transfers of Ownership. All available information will be passed to our Solicitor, including the Cemetery License. GF to confirm the agricultural land valuation.

16) **Matters Agreed under delegated powers** - none

17) **Action Plan – June 2021**

- a) *Review Action Plan See appendix b* -no amendments needed.
 - b) *Allotments* – carry out inspection – GF to action.
 - c) *Village Inspection*- all Councillors to undertake.
 - d) *Pension Auto-enrolment*- to be completed.
- 18) **Neighbourhood Plan.** AD reported that the draft plan, with amendments, had been submitted. NCC Regulation 15 Consultation is now underway. An Independent Examiner has to be chosen. Councillors agreed to follow NCC recommendation. (Proposed: GF; Seconded: DL; All in Favour).
- 19) **Local Authority Treescape Fund** -GF reported that our application was not accepted, as the fund was oversubscribed.
- 20) **Any Urgent Business** - To hear any other urgent matters councillors have raised in 2 above.
- i) Grit bin Harecross Park GF- Proposed to reposition surplus PC grit bin to adjacent to Sports Court, using delegated powers.
 - ii) Play area fence AD- Councillors agreed to investigate and consider options, such as fencing, to enhance safety between the playground and Tank Turn areas.
 - iii) The Queen's Platinum Jubilee GA- to invite support groups wishing to undertake celebratory activities to combine their efforts.

21) **Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 7th July, Memorial Hall, 7pm.

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