

Longframlington Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting on: 3rd November 2021
Meeting at: The Memorial Hall, Longframlington
Meeting time: 7:00 pm
Present: Cllrs: Allison Davis (AD), Graham Fremlin (GF) - Chair, Nick Heggie (NH), Gillian Nelles (GN), Gillian Apthorpe (GA), Dave Wellden (DW)
In attendance: Councillor T Thorne (TT), Clerk

The meeting opened at 7.03 p.m.

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** - Diane Lakey (DL)
- 2) **Table Urgent Business to be discussed in 20 below:** None.
- 3) **Declaration of Interests** – None.
- 4) **Gifts & Hospitality** – None.
- 5) **Community Police Report-** The below information reflects the Longframlington area between 01/09/21 and 27/10/21.
Crimes reported 4: We are unable to disclose the nature of these crimes. There is nothing relevant to share with residents that would affect the community as a whole.
Anti-Social Behaviour 0 No incidents recorded of this nature. The only thing of note is an incident on 16/10/21 suspicious activity in Cherryhope. A report was received of suspicious loud sounds coming from a garden. Officers attended and all in order.
Other Business
OP ACORN- We regularly liaise with the national park and forestry commission regarding issues on their land.
OP CHECKPOINT – We have been conducting proactive patrols around rural areas including your area stopping and checking vehicles suspected in poaching and rural crime. Any incident of this nature that is reported will always be followed up. Please, if you see any suspicious vehicles or persons in the area REPORT THIS on 101 or online NORTHUMBRIA.POLICE.UK.
FARMWATCH – Please spread the word to any farmers/workers that we are here to support them and provide crime prevention advice. I have already visited a few farms in the area and issued new FARMWATCH signs and signed them up to the scheme – Basically this allows us to notify them of suspicious vehicles or incidents in the area.
Lisa Waugh PCSO 5061 Alnwick and Rural
- 6) **County Councillors Report** – TT was delighted that the Neighbourhood Plan had successfully passed into its next stage. As the impact of the Local Plan gathered pace, together they were a force to be reckoned with. Cllr Thorne had attended site meetings at Seton Delaval and Bedlington for the approved stations on the New Northumberland Railway and was extremely pleased with the approval of the new Elizabethan Monument at Cold Laws. NCC had been debating a motion on local renewable energy and had met with a company to discuss the prospects of a solar power farm in Bedlington which could provide power for up to 15,000 people. LCP members asked TT what progress was being made to help local people in rural communities move away from coal and oil heating, as the costs of heat pumps were prohibitive for many. He agreed that Government needed to provide some realistic transitional funding for this. Members felt that NCC Planning should enforce developers to install solar power and renewables for all new residential properties. There was an opportunity for Northumbria to lead the country on such an initiative.
- 7) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October were reviewed, unanimously approved as a true record and signed as such. Proposed GA, Seconded AD, All in Favour.

Housekeeping Issues

- 8) **Matters Arising out of Minutes** - To receive updates on the following matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:
 - a) Letter to TT regarding Planning and Highways Issues. The letter was given to TT who said that he would submit this directly to the Leader of NCC.
 - b) Traffic calming measures Rothbury Rd. NCC Highways had reported that it would not be possible to carry out an interim audit at this stage nor to undertake any of the remedial work, including speed cushions, until the current work was complete and a further survey undertaken. They agreed to complete the work on the chicane at the west end of the village, but this work was still to be carried out. On completion, they would discuss any remedial actions to be taken.
 - c) Play area fence. GA had as yet been unable to plant cuttings. She had accessed information about planting and purchasing plants from the RHS. Costs would be in the region of £200 for plants 1m -1.5m although more mature plants may be preferable. It was thought a variety of British species could be used. It was agreed to:
 - i. Obtain quotes and details for types of hedging, including details from Glantlees Tree Nursery; **Action: NH/GA**
 - ii. Contact developers in the village for contribution to the costs; **Action: GA**
 - iii. Measure/mark out area of hedging around tank turn and check distance from play equipment. **Action: GA.**
 - d) Village Christmas tree – GF had been able to source an 18ft tree at no cost to the PC. All Christmas tree lights were in order. The switching-on event to take place on Sunday 5th December at 4.00 p.m. and would revert to normal arrangements (with social distancing in place). Village Inn had agreed to provide mulled wine and Carr's Corner, mince pies. AD to ask Steve Buckley if he would play the organ. **Action: AD**
 - e) Power connection to bus shelter. The Manager of Electrical Operations at NCC had now responded and had agreed to provide a quotation for the installation of a feeder pillar with a selection of sockets to be placed against the bus shelter,

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which would connect to a metered supply to be arranged by LPC and to provide an LED light to the bus shelter, A quote for this will be sent in due course.

- f) Conditions of grit bins; bus shelters; waste bins. All in good condition. One area of paving requiring attention. DW to provide Clerk with details. **Action: DW**
- g) Queen's Silver Jubilee. Ongoing. Notice to be placed on Facebook. **Action: GA**
- h) Preparation for Remembrance 2021. The service to take place in the Memorial Hall Car Park with only the wreath laying party going into the Hall. The service to take place on Sunday 14th November at 3.00 p.m. Notice to be placed on Facebook. **Action: GA**

9) Meetings to Attend / Attended - None

10) Finance

- a) Notification of receipts in the months of October 2021. None
- b) Approval of Clerk's salary, expenses, PAYE & NI and approval of Other Payments. Approved.

06/10/2021	G A Christie	Maintenance - Sept	227.00
15/10/2021	G Rhodes (reimbursement	HP-14s Laptop (Currys)	499.00
03/11/2021	G Rhodes	Salary & Expenses	467.59
03/11/2021	HMRC	PAYE	104.00
15/10/2021	British Gas A/C600689588	Electricity Sportscourt	11.38
Total			1308.97

- c) Requests for donations. None.
- d) Bank Reconciliation to 3rd November 2021. Approved.

Balance per bank statements as at 25th October 2021				£
Community account				79933.59
Business Saver				6104.62
				86038.21
Less unrepresented cheques				
	06/10/2021	G A Christie	227.00	
	15/10/2021	G Rhodes	499.00	
	03/11/2021	G Rhodes	467.59	
	03/11/2021	HMRC	104.00	1297.59
Uncredited Deposits				0.00
Balance				84740.62
Balance per cash book				84740.62

- e) Interim Internal Audit. Interim audit was complete and there were no issues to bring to the attention of the PC.

11) Village Activities

12) Allotments

- a) Management including:
 - i) Upkeep of Plot 1a,1b, 13. Plot 13 was under control. Hedging yet to be removed, which might be able to be used around the tank turn. **Action: GA**
Neither of the tenants from Plots 1a or 1b had made any attempt to improve their allotments. As the tenants had ample time to bring their plots in line with the Allotment Rules, it was unanimously agreed (Proposed GF, Seconded DW) that the Clerk write to the tenants to inform them that the PC would not renew their tenancy in 2022 and to require them to remove all their personal items before 31st December 2021. **Action GF/Clerk**
- b) Maintenance including:
 - i) Removal of rubbish and spoil around the allotments and pruning of the allotment hedging. Ongoing.
 - ii) Replacement of taps. Taps on order and will be fitted on receipt. **Action: GF**

13) King George V Playing Field including:

- a) Clerk's weekly/monthly inspection report. No further actions required this month.
- b) Actions following previous sports courts and playground inspection:
 - i) Sports court: Anne Lowrie had agreed to remove and store the nets and posts over the winter
 - ii) Old line marker broken: Temporarily put into the sports court storage area. DW to remove. **Action: AD/DW**
 - iii) Bin near sports court: top rail rotten, and needs replacing. Ongoing **Action: DW**
 - iv) Adult multi gym: some paintwork chipping. Ongoing **Action: DW**
 - v) Small horse springer. To consider quotation for replacement. Three quotes had been requested. Two had been received; one from Playdale at total cost including installation of £2325; the other from Kompan at a total cost

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including installation of £2242. The majority of the cost was for installation. The springers could be provided without installation but if we were to arrange our own installation, it would need to meet BS standards. Still awaiting the third quotation. It was agreed that as it was quite probable that this springer and at least one other would need to be re-sited, once the hedging around the tank turn was planted, this matter to be held in abeyance until the hedging arrangements are known.

- c) Repairs to Millennium gates. Blacksmith had removed gates for repair prior to the work on the tank turn starting. They will be re-sited once the tank turn was fully operational.

14) Planning

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

Reference	Address	Status	Parish Council Position
21/03583/REM	Land South of Fram Park	Registered	No objection
21/02463/VARYCO	Land West of North End Farm	Permitted	See previous minutes for details
21/01648/VARYCO	Land North of Fairfields	Registered	See previous minutes for details
21/03127/FUL	Land West of Deneburn	Registered	See previous minutes for details
21/01730/VARYCO	Land West of Meadow Lodge	Permitted	See previous minutes for details
21/02513/FUL	Low Fords Longframlington	Permitted	See previous minutes for details
21/02944/REM	Land South of Lightpipe Farm A697	Registered	See previous minutes for details
21/01370/FUL	Land Adjacent to St Laurence Court Footpath	Refused	See previous minutes for details
21/03808/FUL	North End Farm North End Dairy Lane	Registered	No Objection

- b) Street Naming – Land North of Fairfields: NCC had informed the developer that:
- i) NCC were entitled to ask for an estate name/locality to be added to a site and insist that there was one at this development due to the number of properties that would be built.
 - ii) ‘Tantallon’ was not acceptable as a name for the estate but ‘Fairfield’s and ‘Thompson’ would be. If ‘Thompson’ was preferred, the family would have to be in agreement.
 - iii) Columbine (due to the massacre) would not be accepted by NCC but the others that the developer had proposed were acceptable to NCC. NCC would not object to either the street names suggested by Tantallon or those by LPC. Tantallon had been given the option to choose.

15) Cemetery issues:

- a) Burials/Ashes internments. None
- b) Memorial applications. None
- c) Cemetery Extension. NCC had agreed to use the original conveyancing undertaken when the cemetery land was purchased by Rothbury District Council as the basis of the land ownership. This would be formally transferred to NCC and then to LPC with full entitlement. They had agreed to do this at no cost to LPC. Members thanked GF for all the excellent work he had undertaken.
- d) Cemeteries - Consultation on possible adverse changes. DEFRA had recently launched a consultation into amending the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) 2016 Regulations. The consultation focussed on how cemeteries were affecting the quality of groundwater. The proposals would have an impact upon all burial authorities and existing cemeteries. If the current proposals were implemented it would reduce the remaining burial capacity of cemeteries and burial grounds significantly. NALC were consulting Town and Parish Councils on this matter before submitting a formal response. The PC discussed this matter in detail and it was agreed that if the regulation was implemented it could reduce the number of burial plots available within the Northend Cemetery by up to 75% and therefore it asked the Clerk to submit to NALC our objections to the proposals.

Action: Clerk

16) Action Plan – November 2021

- a) Review of internal policies & procedures.
- b) Allotments - carry out inspections.
- c) Sports courts and playground inspection.
- d) FramNews Report

Action: GF/Clerk

Action: GF/NH

Action: DW

Action: DW

Main Issues

- 17) **Neighbourhood Plan**. The Independent Examiner had completed her report with only a few minor word change recommendations and was satisfied with the Plan. It would now carry significant weight in the planning decision making process. The referendum would go ahead on 20th January 2022 and would be won by a simple majority decision. The process will be run by NCC, who would be informing the PC imminently on the arrangements including issues concerning what

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promotion of the referendum would be allowed. AD was to place an update in FramNews. It was agreed that once the guidance from NCC was available and it was clear that it was permissible, AH would inform the Gazette and GH would produce a poster to advertise the Referendum. Members were delighted and thanked AH for all her efforts and hard work in reaching such a successful outcome.

Action: AH/GA

- 18) Invitation to join the Town & Country Planning Association (TCPA).** Members agreed not to accept the invitation. **Action: Clerk**
- 19) Playlist for Life: Free resources for people with dementia and their families.** The members felt this project provided excellent material to help those with dementia and their families. It was agreed to circulate the information through our Facebook page and PC report in the FramNews. Also, to digitally save details of the resources for anyone that wanted them. **Action: GA/Clerk**
- 20) Any Urgent Business - None**
- 21) Agenda Items for, and Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 7.00 p.m.**

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