

BYWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2023 at Newton & Bywell Community Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Richardson, Harrison, Wright, Gallagher and Jessop. Also in attendance -
Monica Anderton, Clerk and County Councillor Waddell

1. **Apologies received:** Cllr Brown.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes from meeting of 30th January 2023:** These were agreed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising:** ~ Water on road: Cllr Brown has contacted representatives from Northumbrian Water. Initially, they are proposing to look at the local reservoir, drain it and see if it makes any difference. The Council will monitor this action;
~ Bench: this still needs to be placed securely etc. Also need to know who will bear the insurance;
~ Coronation events: The council agreed to set aside £300 towards the cost of bunting etc. for an event in the Hall on Sunday 7th May. It is anticipated that the Trust will match this amount if it should be needed. Probably a bring your own re food;
~ South Lodge development: the planning application is still invalid according to the Enforcement Officer and the agents are ignoring planning requests. If this continues, a Planning Conservation Notice will be served;
5. **Reports: County Councillor report:** Cllr Waddell noted there were a lot of proposed cuts in the budget for 2023/24 (~£9 million); A new management team would soon be in place which it is hoped will improve the running of the Council.
Chair's Report: Nothing specific to add to other discussions.
6. **Planning:** 23/00666/FUL – Installation of Heat source pump at Styford Hall; and 23/00667/LBC – re above: Parish Council have no objections to these applications; 23/00715/COU : Change of use of house to residential institutional use: The Council considered there was insufficient information to make a valid judgement. 22/00937/FUL – Application at Stelling South cottage: it was noted that this application is to be heard at the LAC, Planning, in Hexham on 28th March.
7. **Correspondence:** E-mails from NCC, NALC and CAN on various topics.
8. **Finance:**
 - a) The Balance on the account at 1st March 2023 was £8180.03
 - b) The following payments were authorised:

Clerk, Salary, March 2023	£304.98
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NBCT, room	£16.00
East Tynedale Forum	£20.00
Clerk, expenses to date	£46.90

c) To note Loan repayment of £721.68 for 22nd March 2023

9. **Information received:** Clerks and Councils Direct;

10. **AOB:**~ A reply had been received from Mowden Hall indicating they found it difficult to place physical slowing devices on the road. They did mention also that it was felt that some of the local residents were also poor drivers;

~ Leaflets had been received re ID voting: it was agreed that since copies had been included in everyone's Council Tax bill, these were superfluous:

~ Leaflets had also been received from the local MP for information. It was felt this would possibly upset non- Conservative voters and it was decided not to put them up.

11. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.00pm

Chair:

Date: