

BYWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes Council Meeting held on 18th September 2023 at Newton & Bywell Community Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Harrison, Brown, Richardson and Jessop. Also in attendance - Monica Anderton, Clerk

1. **Apologies received:** Cllrs Wright and Gallagher and Cnty Cllr Waddell
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes from meeting of 17th July 2023:** These were agreed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - ~ Benches: Having looked at benches available through parish council suppliers lists, it was agreed they were all very expensive; the options from a local garden centre were much cheaper and they also had a wide variety (£300-£500 range). The Clerk had also contacted NCC's Neighbourhood services about replacing the bench at Bywell Bridge as they had the materials/skills etc. for this and could invoice the Parish Council for the work. A response is still being waited on for a final decision as to which route should be taken;
 - ~ A resident had asked for extra bins to be placed in the village through the NCC online request system but had been refused. The Clerk would ask, on behalf of the Parish Council, what sizes of bins and costs etc, and if they can be formally placed.
 - ~ Water/Drains: This continues to be an ongoing problem with the road surface getting worse. The consensus is that the drains in the area are blocked and need to be thoroughly cleared, otherwise the road will need to be resurfaced soon.
5. **East Tynedale Forum:** It was noted that Cllr Harrison had attended the recent meeting of the Forum and would continue to attend on behalf of the Parish Council
6. **Airport Noise:** Cllr Harrison raised the issue of a significant increase in the number of night flights from Newcastle Airport this year and it was noted that there had been no recent consultation on changes to previous consultations, when it had been agreed to limit flights between midnight and 5.00am approximately. The Clerk would ask other Councils in the area if they have noticed the same issue and would support a formal letter of complaint to the Airport querying the matter.
7. **Chair's report:** Nothing additional to Agenda items;
Cnty Cllr Report: to be forwarded to members when received.
8. **Planning:**
 - 23/02610/PRUTPO: work on tree at land south of Oak Steading: no objection from Parish Council;
 - 23/02767/LBC: Repairs on windows/doors at The Farmhouse, Town Farm: no objections from Parish Council;
 - 22/0457/VARYCO: Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) re 18/02342/LBC – Land north of Shaw House Farm: no objections from Parish Council;
 - 23/02045/AGTRES: Prior approval for changes to agricultural building at East Barn, Beech Close Farm: NCC confirm prior approval request Granted;

23/02814/FUL: Solar Panels on Newton & Bywell Community Hall: Parish Council supported this application;

23/01508/FUL: Amended application re rear extension West Side, Newton Hall: Permission Granted;

23/02033/VARYCO: Changes on approved application 21/02763/VARYCO – minor amendments at Brocksbushes Tea rooms: Permission Granted;

23/01508/FUL: Single storey extension at old School House, Beech Close: supported by Parish Council

9. **Correspondence:** E-mails from NCC, NALC and CAN on various topics;

10. **Finance:**

a) The Balance on the account at 30th August 2023 was £8649.18

b) To note the loan repayment included above;

c) To note precept of £5250 paid the September by NCC;

d) The following payments were authorised:

Clerk, Salary, September 2023	£304.98
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NBCT, room	£16.00
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Clerk, expenses (printer cartridge)	£59.58
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Donation request From Sport Tynedale (email to be forwarded to members)

It was agreed that consideration for online viewing of finance should be investigated and discussed at a future meeting when all Councillors were present, along with a spending programme that would benefit the Parish.

10. **Information received:** Clerks & Councils Direct

11. **AOB:**~ The possibility of setting up a generic parish council email address to be considered;

~ The Clerk also suggested that the Notice Boards are in poor condition and should be repaired/replaced. She would investigate replacement costs.

12. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 20th November 2023 at 7.00pm

Chair:

Date: