

Simonburn Parish Council

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Parish Council 2020-2021

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SIMONBURN PARISH COUNCIL

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01-05-01 **Present**

Cllrs Mrs V Allgood (Chairman), NA Ridley, AW Langford, P Rowcroft and Mrs S Tilson
Also Clerk R Macfarlane and County Councillor RM Gibson

01-05-02 **Election of Chairman**

Cllr Ridley proposed **Cllr VS Allgood** and this was seconded by Cllr D Rowcroft - all agreed.
NB At this point Cllr Allgood took the Chair and signed the declaration of acceptance of office (LGA 1972 s83).

01-05-03 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr D Bulman.

01-05-04 **Declaration of Interest**

Councillors were reminded that the "Members' and Co-opted Members' Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests" forms need to be reviewed annually.

01-05-05 **Appointment of Officers**

Chairman

- **Cllr VS Allgood** - proposed by NA Ridley and seconded by P Rowcroft,

Vice Chairman

- **Cllr NA Ridley** - proposed by VS Allgood and seconded by P Rowcroft,

Evans Trust

- **Cllr VS Allgood** - proposed by NA Ridley and seconded by P Rowcroft,

Village Hall

- **Cllr D Bulman** - proposed by VS Allgood and seconded by NA Ridley

01-05-06 **Public First Focus**

No members of the public present

01-05-07 **Minutes**

The minutes taken at the council meeting held on 11th March 2020, having been circulated and approved by the Council were signed by the Chairman.

01-05-08 **Matters arising from previous meeting**

Bank Authority

Clerk to check if Chairman, NA Ridley, D Bulman and P Rowcroft are signatories.



01-05-09 **Communications**

CAN Newsletter & Spring Conference, War Memorials Trust Bulletin, CPRE, Tynedale Hospice at Home. Nalc COVID-19 advice.

- **Insurance Quotes** Quotes for the parish insurance were received from Aon (Allianz) and Zurich Municipal. The latter being cheaper and also giving better cover.
- **Grass Mowers** Towergate now insures the mower and due 1st June.

01-05-10 **Reports**

Northumberland County Council

Cllr Gibson gave a verbal report

Church

Cllr Allgood, on behalf of St Mungo's Church, thanked the Council for the grant towards the church bells. Unfortunately because of the COVID-19 pandemic and government legislation the bells have not been heard (there has only been one ring) and services have had to be held remotely. It was planned for the Bishop of Berwick to "bless the bells" at the Easter service but this had to be cancelled.

The Chairman paid tribute to Reverend Steve Wilkinson vicar of Humshaugh Simonburn and Wark, and Rural Dean of Bellingham Deanary who had died recently. A planned memorial service was prevented from taking place because of "lock down laws" so the hearse toured his district. There are plans for a memorial serviced when the churches are reopened.

01-05-11 **Roads**

Road Accident.

The post box at Nunwick was destroyed when a car ran into it. It has not been replaced.

01-05-12 **Planning**

No applications

01-05-13 **Adopting BT Phone Box for Defibrillator**

Telephone Box No: 01434681212 BT wish to remove this public payphone which has a very low usage level. The Council agreed to try and preserving this phone box for potential hosting of a defibrillator. The Clerk will contact NCC, Community Heartbeat and BT.

Cllr Langford will pursue funding opportunities and liaise with Medical/Ambulance Services.

01-05-14 **Audit**

Internal Audit

GD Scorer the Internal Auditor has completed a full audit and there were no matters arising. The Council asked the Clerk to pay him a fee of £50, thank him and invite him to continue next year. (GD Scorer will give his fee to Teenage Cancer Trust).

External Audit The External Auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP requirements are in line with the Audit Commission and comply with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2016 (Regulations 12-16) **NB** The Government has delayed the process by one month.

Annual Statement of Accounts Cllr Ridley proposed and Cllr Bulman seconded that the annual Financial Return be accepted and this was signed by the Chairman. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council approve (in sequence) the Annual Governance Statement, the Accounting Statement, and the Annual Internal Audit Report.



Exercise of Electors' Rights

The notice of appointment of date for the exercise of electors' rights must be displayed for 14 days. The Audit Notice will be displayed in Parish Notice Board and the 30 Working Day Period for the Exercise of Public Rights commences on 29th June and will end on 7th August. The Council will submit the annual return and supporting documentation presented at this meeting to PKF Littlejohn LLP by the agreed audit date of 11th July. Approval of Accounts should be no later than 11th July and Publication of Audited Accounts no later than 30th September 2020.

01-05-14 Audit (continued)

Limited Assurance Exemption

As the Council's gross income or expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year of account ended 31st March 2020 the Council has applied for certification of exemption from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.

01-05-15 Policy and Document Review

Assets Register

The Assets Register value remains at £3,713

Financial Regulations Documentation

The Clerk pointed out that the Fidelity Guarantee is now £25,000 and has amended the Risk Management Document appropriately.

Risk Management

It was RESOLVED to continue insurance cover with Zurich Municipal.

Standing Orders

The Council will review the new Nalc Model for adoption.

01-05-16 Finances

LGA 1972 s137 The government has confirmed that for the purpose of Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for local councils in England for 2018/19 is £7.86. Electors number 145 so allowance is £1,139.70

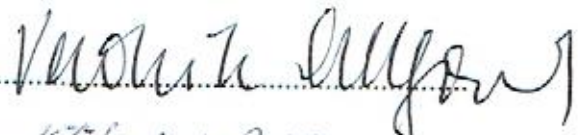
Bank Statements The latest statements were approved and signed. Balances at 1st April were Deposit Account £1,420.47 and Current Account £322

Income Half precept £1500 and VAT repayment £210.20

Approved Payments Clerk's salary £306, HMRC £76.50 tax, Expenses £24.43, Council Insurance Zurich Municipal £257.60, G Scorer Internal Audit £50, Car Park Rent Land £5.00, Village Hall Committee (Annual Rent) £40, Nalc £62.43, ICO £40, Rickerby Ltd £286.27 (£47.72 vat) and Towergate Mower Insurance £210.63 (due 1st June)

01-05-17 Date of Next Meeting 15th September 2020

Signed Chairman.....



Date 15th September 2020

Chairman's Report 2020
Held over because of Government Regulations.

Chairman's Report 2019

The Chairman (Mrs VS Allgood) welcomed everyone to the meeting. She reported that the parish council had held four meetings throughout the year; in May, September, December and March all in Simonburn Village Hall (grateful thanks to the Hall Committee)

She thanked the Council for their support throughout the year and County Councillor Gibson for his advice and information. Thanks to the Clerk for his hard work and guidance. The Council is grateful to those who keep the Green clean and tidy and cut the grass, especially Roger Hadley who also looks after the mower and strimmer. Thanks also to the Internal Auditor, Gordon Scorer.

TWDA have arranged the Domain (Simonburn.info) and Hosting and have updated the new site for which we are grateful. The website enables the Council to publish all the relevant documents to conform with Localities Act 2011. Contributions that may enhance the site, are requested.

At present much needed work is being carried out on the drains around the village green. The repair/renovation on Simonburn Bridge is now completed although there is still some concern over the low parapet.

The Council is aware of various issues relating to "off-road" vehicles and the damage and distress caused by them to some of the BOATs and byways within the parish. The Council has received notification of route proposed for a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting use by four-wheel vehicles in the parishes of Simonburn and Wark Byways Open to All Traffic No's 24 and 72. From Ward Lane past Great Lonbrough to Greenhaugh.

No planning applications have been received from Northumberland County Council. Northumberland National Park Authority Planning Application Consultation 18NP0040 Carrawbrough Farm, B6318 Military Road Carrow To New Houses, Humshaugh, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 4DB Simonburn Parish Council has no objections to this application

In order to support village projects, new auditors, FOI implications, website costs, running and maintenance of the grass mower and strimmer; it was resolved that the precept should be increased to £3,000 for the financial year 2019-2020

The Council was able to support worthy organisations with grant awards; St Mungo's PCC, Tynedale Hospice at Home, Community Action Northumberland, Great North Air Ambulance and the Church Bells Appeal.



In March 2018, Kelly Ritchie, Chairperson of Governors of Wark CofE First School addressed the Council. There was much concern over the proposal to merge or close Wark C of E Aided First School as outlined in the Northumberland County Council's consultation on education in West Northumberland.

The catchment area for the school includes the villages of Birtley, Simonburn and Stonehaugh and the surrounding farms and hamlets are an integral part of the local community. So the news that it would not be closed was well received.

The school caters for the educational needs of pupils aged 3 to 9 years placing great importance on the children's personal development and well-being. There are currently 36 pupils on role divided into three classes. The school offers nursery childcare from 3 years old and a Breakfast Club is available for five morning a week from 8am and after school provision is available from 3.15pm - 5.30pm. The school has achieved successful conversion to Primary status from September 2019.

Veronica Allgood

27th April 2021

SIMONBURN PARISH COUNCIL

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02-09-01 **Present**

Mrs VS Allgood (Chairman), S Tilson, AW Langford, D Bulman
Also Clerk R Macfarlane and County Councillor RM Gibson

02-09-02 **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs P Rowcroft and NA Ridley.

02-09-03 **Declaration of Interest**

None

02-09-04 **Public First Focus**

No members of the public present

02-09-05 **Minutes**

The minutes taken at the council meeting held on 14th May 2019, having been circulated and approved by the Council were signed by the Chairman.

02-09-06 **Matters arising from last meeting**

The post box at Nunwick which was destroyed when a car ran into it, has now been replaced.

02-09-07 **Communications**

Councillors were circulated with; CAN Newsletter, Nalc e-news, Nalc National pay scales, SLCC Conference, NWSA Covid discretionary grants, Nalc CEO Bulletin, Nils Stronach Green Wind Community Farm Benefit, Nalc rebuilding communities, Guy Shrubsole Friends of the Earth, Paul Jones Pavement licencing, Zurich Insurance information, NCC TTRO amendments to traffic, Sport Tynedale Grant request, Nalc Virus information and GNAA news.

02-09-08 **Reports**

Village Hall

Because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic there has been no public activity. Cllr Bulman will check the premises.

NCC

Following the suspension of the Chief Executive Officer and resignations of several cabinet members a vote of no confidence in the Council leadership was carried. The Conservative group have elected Cllr G Sanderson as their new leader and Cllr R Dodd his deputy.



02-09-09 **Roads**

Local Transport Plan Programme 2020-2021

The Council is requested to identify top three priorities to include in the Northumberland County Council draft programme. In May the Clerk submitted the following priority:-

- **Speed Limits and Safety Initiatives**

The Council's priority is speed restrictions and calming measures for the B6320 before it bends around the entrance of Nunwick Hall.

Nunwick Corner

It was noted that there had been two accidents (one motorbike one car) and a further two collisions with the wall at Nunwick. The Council would like to see speed restrictions and other safety measures. If highways wanted to widen the road then they would have to contact land owners.

The bus stop remains very unsatisfactory; its original position was moved, without any consultation, to an inconvenient and unsafe position.

02-09-10 **Defibrillator and the Village Phone Box**

Application 19/03563/BT Phone box 01434681212

The Rhythm of Life Telephone of Life Adoption Scheme.

The Community Heartbeat Trust have, on our behalf, applied to adopt the telephone box from BT in order to host a defibrillator.

The quotation (for the project) from Community Heartbeat, which, although more expensive than North East Ambulance Service, includes installation of the metal cabinet.

the Zoll AED3 (an established manufacturer) is the most suitable device, as the pads do not need to be switched between adult and children patients, and the pads have a 5-year shelf life.

Cllr Langford (an authorised HeartStart trainer) has volunteered to undertake the regular checks on the defibrillator, and will undertake community CPR training.

With the one-off managed solution, Sentry cabinet, signage, rescue kit and installation, the total comes to £2470 plus VAT.

Cllr Gibson has agreed to pay for this project out of the Members Local Improvement Scheme

02-09-11 **Finances**

Bank Statements The latest statements at 3rd September: Deposit Account BMM £1,223.05 and Community Account £897.72

Income Half precept £1600 and vat repayment £57.89

Approved Payments Clerk's salary £306, HMRC £76.50 tax and Expenses £4.65.

02-09-12 **Date of next meeting** 9th December 2020

Signed Chairman.....

Date

Simonburn Parish Council 2020-2021
Chairman: VS Allgood, Vice-Chairman: NA Ridley
Councillors: P Rowcroft, AW Langford, D Bulman and S Tilson.

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02-09-02 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr D Bulman

02-09-03 **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr VS Allgood - Planning Consultation 20/03416/FUL and 20/03417/LBC.

02-09-04 **Public First Focus**

Issues of road safety.

02-09-05 **Minutes**

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02-09-06 **Matters arising from last meeting**

None.

02-09-07 **Communications**

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Grant requests from Sport Tynedale, GNAA, CAN and Tynedale Hospice at Home.

02-09-08 **Reports**

Village Hall

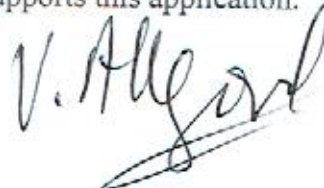
Because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic the hall has not been used. Grants have been received from Government and Giles Heron Trust.

NCC

The County Council have elected Cllr G Sanderson as leader and Cllr R Dodd his deputy.

02-09-09 **Planning**

Planning Consultation 20/03416/FUL and 20/03417/LBC Nunwick Mill U8143 Road to Houghton Strother Simonburn NE46 4BY The Council supports this application.



02-09-10 **Roads**

Local services

NCC Local Services drive for continuous service improvement has provided this email contact - highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk

Ward Lane

The Council has grave concerns about the lack of passing places on Ward Lane and the difficulties incurred when meeting large forestry lorries on the road. Linked with this is the poor drainage down the sides of the road.

Bend at Entrance to Nunwick

The Council's LTP priority is speed restrictions and calming measures for the B6320 before it bends around the entrance of Nunwick Hall. There have been at least three accidents since the Council's last meeting and the wall has been damaged yet again.

02-09-11 **Footpaths**

The Council has great concerns over the damage and distress caused by irresponsible "bikers" who are regularly churning up the BOATS, byways and footpaths in the parish. This means the rights of way for other users has been restricted, and in some instances, impossible to use. Because of this, the bikers are using other routes, again causing a nuisance. Some of the main areas include access points to Ward Lane and routes around Great Lonbrough and Greenhaugh.

02-09-12 **Defibrillator and the Village Phone Box**

Application 19/03563/BT Phone box 01434681212

The Rhythm of Life Telephone of Life Adoption Scheme.

The Community Heartbeat Trust have, on our behalf, adopted the telephone box from BT in order to host a defibrillator. Members Local Improvement Scheme has allocated £2345 towards the cost of the project and Community Heartbeat Trust will instal the PAB in a secure cabinet. Cllr Langford (authorised HeartStart trainer) has volunteered to undertake the regular checks on the defibrillator, and will undertake community CPR training.

Planning Permission

Clerk to enquire whether the Council requires change of use planning approval to store a defibrillator in the phone box and to ascertain if listed building consent will be necessary.

02-09-13 **Budget and Precept**

The clerk provided an outline budget for the ensuing year. Looking at next year's spending the Council considered grant aid to support village projects, the new defibrillator, new auditor review, FOI, website costs, running the grass mower and strimmer. It was RESOLVED that the precept should be increased to £3,400 for the financial year 2021-2022

03-12-14 **Document Review**

Code of Conduct

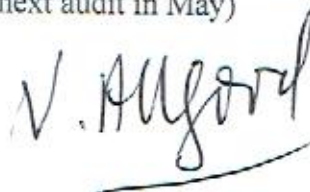
The Council have adopted the Model Code of Conduct produced by Nalc's County Committee.

Standing Orders

These are based on the National Association of Local Council (NALC) model standing orders contained in "Local Councils Explained" by Meera Tharmarajah (© 2013 NALC).

Council Assets

The Council computer is not repairable. The new Defibrillator and its secure cabinet need to be added as well as the lease for the telephone kiosk. (for next audit in May)



02-09-15 **Finances**

Bank Statements

At 3rd December Current Account £4,415.57, Deposit £1,223.11

Income

Annual precept £3200 and vat repayment £57.89 and NCC grant £2,345

Approved Payments

Clerk's salary £306, HMRC £76.50 tax TWDA (website) £284, Council Expenses £7.15 and SLCC £45

LGA 1972 s137

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has advised that the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for parish and town councils in England for 2020-21 is £8.32.

As Simonburn Parish electors number 145, this allowance is £1,139.70

Grants Awarded using LGA 1972 s137

CAN £20, GNAAS £100 and Tynedale Hospice at Home £40

02-09-16 **Date of next meeting** Provisionally Wednesday 10th March 2021

Signed Chairman.....

Veronica Allgood

Date

10th March 2021

Simonburn Parish Council

Chairman: Mrs VS Allgood



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Dear Councillor

You are summonsed to attend the Meeting of Simonburn Parish Council which will take place virtually (remotely using ZOOM) on Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 6.30 pm. Minutes of the last Meeting are enclosed and the Agenda is given below.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 Minutes of Last Meeting (9th December)
- 4 Matters Arising (not on Agenda)
- 5 a) Document and Policy Review
b) Assets c) Risk Assessment
- 6 Correspondence – NCC, CAN, Nalc & NNPA
- 7 Roads
- 8 Consultation – Nunwick Woodland Management Plan
- 9 Planning - NCC 20/03416/FUL Nunwick Mill
- 10 Reports – Village Hall, PCC, Northumberland County Council
- 11 Public First Focus – Participation by Members of the Public
- 12 Public Access Defibrillator in the BT KIOSK
- 13 Parish Council Elections and PCC Elections
- 14 Council Website – www.simonburn.info
- 15 Financial Matters
 - a. Grant Aid Requests; PCC
 - b. Payments
- 16 Date and Time of Next Meeting (17th May 2021)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



R Macfarlane, Clerk

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02-09-02 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr D Bulman and Mrs S Tilson,

02-09-03 **Declaration of Interest**

None

02-09-04 **Public First Focus**

Issues of road safety.

02-09-05 **Minutes**

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02-09-06 **Matters arising from last meeting**

None.

02-09-07 **Communications**

CAN Newsletter, Nalc e-news, NWSA Covid discretionary grants, Nalc CEO Bulletin, Nalc rebuilding communities, NCC TTRO amendments to traffic, Nalc Virus information.
News letters from Sport Tynedale, GNAA, CAN and Tynedale Hospice at Home.

02-09-08 **Reports**

Village Hall - Because of the (COVID-19) pandemic the hall has not been used.

NCC - The County Councillor gave a verbal report and invited questions.

02-09-09 **Planning**

Planning Consultation 20/03416/FUL and 20/03417/LBC Nunwick Mill U8143 Road to Houghton Strother Simonburn NE46 4BY Permission granted 22nd January 2021

Nunwick Woodland Management Plan

The Council approves of the structured way to organise the management of woodland. The management plan can demonstrate sustainable forest management and it supports the planning and implementation of work proposals and their long-term monitoring.

02-09-10 **Roads**

Bend at Entrance to Nunwick

Further discussions took place concerning speed restrictions and calming measures for the Black Spot on the B6320 before it bends around the entrance of Nunwick Hall. The Council hoped that some form of liaison or consultation would take place before the County Council took any decisions.

02-09-11 **Footpaths**

The Council has great concerns over the damage and distress caused by irresponsible "bikers" who are regularly churning up the BOATS, byways and footpaths in the parish. This means the rights of way for other users has been restricted, and in some instances, impossible to use. Because of this, the bikers are using other routes, again causing a nuisance. Some of the main areas include access points to Ward Lane and routes around Great Lonbrough and Greenhaugh.

02-09-12 **Defibrillator and the Village Phone Box**

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The Rhythm of Life Telephone of Life Adoption Scheme.

The Chairman thanked the County Councillor for the grant from the Members Local Improvement Scheme towards the cost of the project. The Community Heartbeat Trust has instal the PAB in a secure cabinet in the kiosk and it is up and running..

Cllr Langford (authorised HeartStart trainer) registered with the 'Webnos' system has volunteered to undertake the regular monthly checks on the defibrillator, and will undertake community CPR training.

02-09-13 **Council Elections and Meetings**

The Northumberland Elections

Police and Crime Commissioner

These will take place on 6th May 2021

Physical or Digital (Virtual) Council Meetings

There has been no announcement from MHCLG regarding the expected extension of the power to hold digital meetings on or after 7 May 2021 which is when the current power lapses.

The Clerk pointed out that there's a conflict with the Government's Covid Road Map, and one would anticipate of an extension of the 2020 COVID Regulations. The Council will need to plan for the possibility of a physical meeting in May. If this is the case then there will also be an Annual Meeting of the Parish as well as the Council Annual meeting. The Clerk will keep everyone informed.

03-12-14 **Document Review**

No suggestions for amendment to Members' Interests, Internal Auditor Role, Code of Conduct and Standing Orders

Council Assets

The new Defibrillator and its secure cabinet need to be added as well as the lease for the telephone kiosk.

02-09-15 **Village Green**

The Chairman commented on how splendid the village green looked and how grateful the community is to Roger and Bill for looking after the grass cutting.

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02-09-16 **Finances**

Bank Statements

At 3rd March Current Account £3,173.44, Deposit £1,223.11

Income

Annual precept £3200 and vat repayment £57.89 and NCC grant £2,345

Approved Payments

Clerk's salary £306, HMRC £76.50 tax, Council Expenses £8.95

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Grant Awarded using LGA 1972 s137

St Mungo's PCC £100

02-09-17 **Date of next meeting** Provisionally Monday 17th May 2021

Signed Chairman 

Date17th May 2021.....

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Councillors: P Rowcroft, AW Langford, D Bulman and S Tilson