

Minutes of a meeting of Lynemouth Parish Council held in Lynemouth Welfare Pavilion, Park Road, Lynemouth, Northumberland, NE61 5XL on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors E. Dunn (in the Chair); T. Dunn; K. Hindmarsh; J. Say; G. Thompson; B. Smith; C. Johnson; C Fender; H. Allport. D Cotton.

IN ATTENDANCE: G Popay (Parish Clerk); 7 members of the public.

a	<p>Police Issue: Sgt Paul Davis was unable to attend and provided a report: In the last 28 days 22 crimes & 43 Incidents were reported. Of note there are no crimes, incidents or ASB associated to Elaine House.</p>
b	<p>Public Forum: Mr Wilson reported: rubbish, broken glass and a fridge around Fenham Rd. Drains accommodating the downpipe from the shop roof is blocked causing flooding and an increase in dog waste. Mr Wilson also reported foul language coming from residents using Elaine House. ACTION – Street cleaner to be asked to investigate and clean up – Cllr L Dunn ACTION – Fridge reported to Environmental – Cllr L Dunn ACTION – Clerk to write a letter to the shops re blocked drain. ACTION – Cllr L Dunn to mention foul language at next meeting with Elaine House.</p> <p>Ann Bromley – wrote a letter relating to CMS technology and why it appeared in the village without any consultation. ACTION – Cllr L Dunn & The Clerk to investigate and report back to the next meeting</p> <p>Mark Adamson – hedgerow encroaching onto paths on Albion Terrace. ACTION – Cllr L Dunn was to investigate and report back.</p>
944	<p>Apologies for absence: None - All in attendance</p>
945	<p>Declarations of interest: None declared.</p>
946	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th December 2022: Proposed by Cllr G Thompson as a true record. Seconded by Cllr B Smith All in agreement - Approved</p>
947	<p>Matters arising: Sgt P Davis was to report on vehicles without Road Tax – No report received. Cllr L Dunn reported that the bus stop seat was now fitted. Cllr Dunn reported that the speed sign was approved but awaiting an installation date.</p>
948	<p>Minutes of closed meeting held on 6th December 2022: Proposed by Cllr. T Dunn as a true record Seconded by Cllr J Say All in agreement - Approved</p>

949	<p>Matters arising: Cllr L Dunn reported that she had no received a reply to her email dated 19th February.</p>
950	<p>Financial Matters: The Clerk talked through the monthly schedule and budget reports</p> <p>a. –monthly schedule of expenditure was circulated and discussed Proposed by Cllr. K Hindmarsh as a true record Seconded by Cllr G Thompson All in agreement - Approved Invoices were presented and cheques signed.</p> <p>b. – budget report was circulated and discussed Proposed by Cllr. K Hindmarsh as a true record Seconded by Cllr T Dunn All in agreement - Approved</p> <p>c.- no applications for grants had been received.</p> <p>d. – discussion to move to online banking with the Clerk to be added as a signatory. Proposed by Cllr. L Dunn Seconded by Cllr H Allport All in agreement - Approved</p>
951	<p>Reports: County Councillor Report: Budget At the budget meeting on 22 February NCC agreed to implement the maximum council tax rise allowed by government without a referendum. Council tax will rise by 2.99% and the Social Care Tax by 2%, resulting in charges for a Band D property going up by £87.91 to £1985.30. (Band A = £1323.53). Budget plans also contained £17m worth of cuts. There’s no doubt that budget setting this year will have been extremely difficult for officers for various reasons, not least because of the delay by government in actually getting the Local Government settlement figures out. Admittedly, the budget detailed some fantastic external funding which has come from initiatives such as Borderlands, the government investment into cycle routes and the EV charging programme for example. Whilst I welcome every penny of investment in Northumberland, I had to ask myself how these schemes help us here in Lynemouth Ward - are new cycle ways miles away from us actually going to make our life better? I believe the residents of Lynemouth, Ellington and Linton simply want to see an IMPROVEMENT in frontline services. The installation of an EV charger in Albion Terrace for example, means little to those who simply cannot aspire to ever owning an electric vehicle – they want more reliable public transport, better roads and better footpaths – and we are JUST NOT GETTING THESE at the moment. The budget sees increases to council tax, funeral and cremation costs, bulk waste collections, green waste collections, council house rents: all those very basic services that residents expect from their council. On balance, I just couldn’t support a budget that does such damage to people in a cost of living crisis, pushing families to ever nearer the edge. It was approved by a majority. Northumberland Line to reopen summer 2024 Reopening of the Northumberland Line has been pushed back to summer 2024 despite originally been scheduled for the end December this year.</p>

	<p>Northumberland County Council, is working with the government, Network Rail and Northern Rail to restore regular services to the line from March 2023 next year, creating faster and easier journeys between Ashington and Newcastle. With 6 new, fully accessible stations being built, the new line will stop at Ashington, Bedlington, Blyth Bebside, Newsham, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland Park and finally, Newcastle Central. Once complete, the journey time between Newcastle and Ashington will be reduced from 70 minutes to just 35, with services operating regularly 7 days a week.</p> <p>HMOs Over recent years we've seen an increase in HMOs throughout the whole of the county, many of which house the more vulnerable in our society – homeless persons, asylum seekers, those in need of rehabilitation to achieve independent living. Often, they are situated in residential areas and spring up in local communities without any warning. We have seen this ourselves in Lynemouth Ward.</p> <p>I questioned at full council if the administration agreed that, if out of nothing more than courtesy and respect, elected members and Parish Councillors (bearing in mind that our recently refreshed charter does state that “this council will engage with Town and Parish Councils on all issues that are likely to affect their area”) should be informed of matters like these which without a doubt impact on residents they represent?” I didn't get a satisfactory answer but will be pursuing this with Cllr Horncastle, cabinet member for Community Services.</p> <p>Anti-Social Behaviour Antisocial behaviour is defined as 'behaviour by a person which causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to persons not of the same household as the person' (Antisocial Behaviour Act 2003 and Police Reform and Social responsibility Act 2011).</p> <p>There have been several posts on Facebook referring once again to incidences down the Dene and alluding to Elaine House. PLEASE REPORT ANY INCIDENCES of anti-social behaviour to the County Council via the link below: https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizen.../form.aspx...</p> <p>OR ring 101</p> <p>It is important that any incidents are logged - this kind of hard data is vital if we want to argue for any action to be taken to improve the situation.</p> <p>Power Cuts Report power cuts on 105 Winter Services As the cold spell may not yet be over, just a reminder that all grit bins have a notice and serial number attached. Members of the public can report a bin or heap requiring a refill during the winter period via the website or the Councils call centre.</p> <p>All requests and issues about winter services during snow and ice events should be directed through the customer contact number 0345 600 6400. In out of hours periods these calls are transferred to the Fire and Rescue Control Room who will contact the relevant members of staff who are on rota duty at that time.</p> <p>Northumberland Communities Together NCT can provide support this winter. The team at Northumberland Communities Together can be contacted 9am-6pm, 7 days a week on 01670 620 015 nct@northumberland.gov.uk</p>
952	<p>Correspondence: Ann Bromley – discussed under Public forum. NCC Coronation grant – this had now closed. Discussion re purchasing a coronation flag. Cllr K Hindmarsh proposed a £50 budget. Cllr D Cotton seconded</p>

	<p>Six councillors for the proposal Majority agreed - approved. Proposal carried. ACTION Cllr K Hindmarsh to source a suitable flag.</p>
953	<p>Planning Applications: None</p>
954	<p>Asset Management Missing bin – Albion Terrace – Cllr K Hindmarsh proposed a new bin purchased Seconded Cllr C Johnson All in agreement - Approved ACTION - Clerk to identify a suitable bin and arrange purchase.</p>
955	<p>Public Space CCTV monitoring A report had been circulated.</p>
956	<p>Co-Option Two vacancies were available – an advert was circulated for comment. Proposed acceptance – Cllr L Dunn Seconded H Allport All in agreement – Approved</p>
957	<p>Date and time of next meetings: Parish Council – 7pm Tuesday 4th April 2023</p>
958	<p>Any other Business: None</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8:10pm</p>