

# Minutes for the Meeting of Embleton Parish Council

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 at 7.00pm

## Creighton Memorial Hall, Embleton

**Chairman:** Terry Howells

**Present:** Adam Moody, Vickie Fyffe, David Cooper, Andrew Chillingsworth, Raymond Carss, Georgina Armstrong

**Attendees:** County Councillor Wendy Pattison (Northumberland County Council (NCC)), two members of the public, Adrian Hinchcliffe (AONB), Neil Easton (NCC), Mark Bridgeman

**Clerk:** Melissa Gilroy

**591. Declaration of interests:** Cllr Carss - Cricket Club Item 608.

**592. Apologies:** Richard Manners, Monica Cornall, Ray Imeson

**593. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were agreed as a true record.

**594. Adrian Hinchcliffe (AONB).** Adrian Hinchcliffe introduced himself to Embleton Parish Council (EPC) as a Councillor for Longhoughton Parish Council and the Northumberland Coast AONB Committee representative for the southern parishes (including Alnmouth, Amble, Craster, Embleton, Lesbury, Longhoughton, Newton and Warkworth). Adrian is the local contact for any PC issues requiring the involvement of the AONB and has an interest in being involved in the Embleton Quarry Committee. Chairman to action. The Cllr's requested that Adrian shares the plans for the coastal path along Embleton Bay when these become available.

**595. Neil Easton – Senior Planning Officer (NCC).** Neil Easton is the NCC representative responsible for agreeing and planning the local bus services. Neil updated the PC on the financial and timetabling restrictions involved in servicing Christon Bank with a regular bus service. In summary, the X18 is unable to re-route to include Christon Bank due to network issues in Tyne & Wear, budget constraints, set timetables for 2018 and the need to reduce services. The X18 is however lengthening the current summer timetable to the rural coastal villages. School buses open to the public are also not a viable option due to the requirements for disabled & lowered access. NEED Ltd's 'Dial A Ride' service was discussed as a possible option with free concessions being accepted on this service. Neil agreed to set up the service with NEED Ltd. and the Cllr's agreed to publicise the service when it is to become available. Chairman and Clerk to action.

**596. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting**

- **Christon Bank Stone Planters.** A meeting to discuss the planters was held in December 2017 at which the Chairman, Cllr Cooper, Mitch Young (NCC) and Neil Snowdon (NCC) were present. It has been agreed to place the planters project on hold due to the inability to build on the narrow east and north entry verges, the movement of the village boundary (as a result of the Horsley Place building works) and the forthcoming 20mph zone speed restrictions. Cllr Cooper expressed the view that one planter built in isolation on the verge close to Horsley Place would look out of place and proposed that the funds should be used for another village cause such as a community defibrillator. Cllr Cooper and Clerk to follow up and discuss further at the next PC meeting.

- **Lamp post bins / notices replacement.** Two new wheelie bins are now in place at the Golf Club. Bill Pringle (NCC) contacted EPC to request further guidance on where the replacement bin and the lamp post bin should be moved to. Clerk to contact Bill Pringle and arrange a time to meet with the Chairman to agree the locations. A resident had also written a letter to EPC requesting a dog bin within the Quarry site. The Chairman to write and advise that a dog waste bin cannot be placed within the Quarry site as NCC will not access the land in the Quarry to empty the bin.
- 597. County Councillor's Report.** County Cllr Pattison provided a report that was circulated to Cllr's alongside the meeting summons and agenda. The full report is available upon request. In summary:
- **Traffic Calming, 20mph in Embleton** - £2,000 from my Members Allowance towards the design and estimate is currently waiting to be actioned.
  - **Xmas Boxes.** Wall Parish Council deliver a Christmas gift box every year to all older residents in the village. The boxes are varied and range from allotment veg. to small boxes of chocolates, mince pies and holly / mistletoe. The Parish Council put the Christmas boxes together with the help of volunteers and they are delivered before Christmas to the elderly residents of Wall.
  - **Christon Bank Bus Service.** See agenda point 595.
  - **Christon Bank Speeding Restrictions.** EPC have not received the revised plans to the 20mph speed restrictions for Christon Bank. County Cllr Pattison agree to contact Neil Snowdon to request that these are sent these through for approval so that the work can commenced in Christon Bank.
  - **Shelrig Bridge, Falloden.** This work was completed in December just a few days before Christmas 2017.
  - **Need Ltd.** Services offered include:
    - Alnwick Car Scheme. Door-to-door transport for up to 6 individuals to allow access to services (e.g., health appointments, social events, shopping).
    - Minibus Transport. Door-to-door transport delivering subsidised services enabling access to health, social and leisure services and access to fresh food outlets.
    - Group Transport
    - Specialised transport for a range of community transport and needs including residential care homes and local community groups.
    - Individual Transport (MPV). Fully accessible Multi-Purpose Vehicles for individual use and for families requiring disabled access to transport. For more information, contact - NEED Ltd, Tel: 01665 605780, needadmin@btconnect.com
  - **North of Tyne Devolution.** The next stage in the plans for a devolution deal for the North of Tyne have begun with the launch of a public consultation. Announced in November and offers new powers and funding to the area, including a £600 million investment fund. This investment and new powers are expected to generate £1.1 billion for the local economy, create 10,000 new jobs and leverage £2.1 billion in private sector investment. North East Combined Authority (NECA) councils will publish a scheme that sets out their proposals for changing the way the seven North East councils work together on economic development, regeneration and transport matters, and for devolving new powers to the North of Tyne. The consultation will close on Monday 5 February 2018.  
Views can be given online at [www.northoftynedevolution.com](http://www.northoftynedevolution.com)
- 598. Quakers Row Property Boundaries.** Following the November PC Meeting, the Chairman wrote a letter and Cllr Fyffe sent an email to the residents of Quakers Row regarding the boundary to their property. No response has been received. Action - Cllr Fyffe to ring the residents to discuss their extended boundary, intention with the land and possibility of leasing the area from EPC.

- 599. Neighbourhood Plan.** The Chairman provided an update of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) working party group. Community Action North (CAN) are due to conduct a local housing needs survey within the Embleton parish. Each house will receive a questionnaire with a stamped addressed envelope. Moody's Londis will also have a sealed bin for completed surveys. CAN expect a 50% survey completion rate.
- 600. Bulb Planting – Christon Bank.** Cllr Cooper noted that there had been digging on the verges and village green within Christon Bank in December to plant Daffodil bulbs. The PC had not been contacted prior to this taking place and request that future community activities involving Parish Council or County Council land are put through EPC before being completed. Post Minute Note: John Young contacted the PC to inform that this had been discussed in November 2016 agenda point 351.
- 601. Dog Fouling Leaflet.** In December Cllr Armstrong distributed a letter (written by the Chairman) to the residents of Creighton Place regarding dog fouling. The letter was in response to several resident complaints following incidences of dog mess being on pram wheels and shoes between Embleton School and Creighton Place. The Cllr's requested that this letter is also placed in the Whinstone Times after the success of the Cricket Pitch dog fouling letter. Clerk to action. County Cllr Pattison agreed to contact the dog warden to arrange a meeting with Cllr Armstrong for a walk around Embleton Village and to discuss possible enforcement options available to the PC.
- 602. Data Protection Updated Regulations.** A briefing note for the new Data Protection Regulations have been compiled by NALC and were circulated to all Cllr's for information. Action - Chairman & Clerk to discuss and ensure that EPC meet the requirements of the regulations when they come into force in 2018.
- 603. Creighton Place Development.** Mark Bridgeman was in attendance at the meeting to provide an update on the building works at Creighton Place. The majority of the houses are owner occupied and others should become so as their owners retire and move to Embleton. The final house is due to transfer in February 2018. The work remaining on site includes the planting of shrubs, bulbs and trees on the communal areas and a tidy up of the building area towards the south of the site. Cussins, through Mark Bridgeman, have agreed that EPC can have as much top soil and clay as needed for the Quarry site and provided a contact name and number for the Cussins representative to arrange this whilst the diggers are still on site. Chairman to action.
- Mark Bridgeman also briefed Cllr's about the possible development of 16 single storey or Dorma homes alongside the current development, 4 of which will be affordable homes. The PC acknowledged that this was more than the required 15% requirement for affordable homes and is fully in support of more affordable homes where possible. No formal plans of the proposed site have been produced yet and the development is in the initial ideas stage. If these are taken further, Mark Bridgeman will set up a community forum to discuss the plans. County Cllr Pattison raised concerns about the disruption caused by the sewage system on the current site and was advised that any new houses would feed into the existing sewerage system as all the work has been completed on this and would support further houses.
- 604. Embleton Quarry Working Party.** The first working party meeting of the Parish Council members occurred on 8<sup>th</sup> January. A public open meeting is provisionally scheduled for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Church Rooms between 4-8pm. Copies of the Wildlife Management Plan and Ariel photos to be produced for the meeting. Clerk, Cllr Cooper and Adam Gilroy to action.
- 605. Meeting Reports.**
- **North Northumberland Local Area Council Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> December.** No reports.
- 606. Forthcoming Meetings.**
- **North Northumberland Local Area Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> January, 4pm, Alnwick Northumberland Hall.** Cllr Moody to attend.

- **NCC Development Management / Planning Update.** 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, Bell View, Belford 6-8pm. No EPC representative to attend.
- 607. Embleton Joint Burial Committee (EJBC).** EJBC are currently waiting on the outcome of the grant application for the renovation of Cemetery House into affordable rental housing for the local community. Chairman to feedback at the next PC meeting.
- 608. Cricket Club – Funding Request.** The Cricket Club have requested £1k from EPC to help fund the 2018 season including insurance, balls, pads, bats etc. As this was not budgeted for by the PC for 2018-19 other funding options available were discussed including the NCC Community Chest Fund (Clerk to send Cllr Carss details), Windfarms grant (Clerk to contact Eglington PC Clerk for details) and the County Cllr's Fund (County Cllr Pattison to advise of available funds at the February PC meeting). Funding options to be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.
- 609. E mails Received / Correspondence.**
- **Car Parking Studies.** Car Parking studies at Alnwick, Hexham, Morpeth & Berwick. The results and resulting consultation were sent to the PC by Cllr G Sanderson. The Clerk circulated to Cllr's – no comments.
  - **Resident Letter. Christon Bank Farmhouse Building Works.** Cllr Cooper received two letters from the residents of Christon Bank Farm with concerns about the building works at Peter Gilbert's Farmhouse. Complaints included the spread of debris from the onsite skips and the parking outside the building area. Cllr Cooper contacted the contractor who have since removed the skip, the parking is on private property and is therefore not a concern of the PC.
  - **Resident Letter. Dog Waste Bins & Embleton Quarry.** See agenda point 596.

**610. Financial Matters**

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| Account Balance           | £47,169.12   | 22/12/2017 |
| <i>Parish Council</i>     | (£21,833.09) |            |
| <i>Quarry</i>             | (£22,634.38) |            |
| <i>Neighbourhood Plan</i> | (£2,701.65)  |            |

Spent & Received since 23/10/17

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| • Clerk Wages & Expenses               | -£336.79 (October 17) |
| • Christon Bank Methodist Church       | -£10.00               |
| • Clerk – Littering Signs              | -£44.88               |
| • Creighton Hall (Quarry Meeting)      | -£13.75               |
| • Parish Church Rooms – NP Meetings    | -£30.00               |
| • Moody Londis – NP Refreshments       | -£27.00               |
| • Resident Cheque Bus Shelter cleaning | -£70.00               |
| • G Cowley – Bolton Terrace Rent       | +300.00               |

Cheques required

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| • Clerk Wages & Expenses                                                        | -£336.91 (November 17) |
| • Creighton Memorial Hall                                                       | -£27.50                |
| • Parish Church Rooms Dec 13 <sup>th</sup> , Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> (NP Meetings) | -£30.00                |
| • Karen Greenhoff (NP Expenses)                                                 | -£63.17                |
| • Clerk Wages & Expenses                                                        | -£86.00 (December 17)  |
| • G Mallaburn                                                                   | -£330.00               |
| • Environment Agency                                                            | -£232.37               |
| • Soho Commerical – Wheelie Bins                                                | -£93.00                |

**611. Planning Matters.**

- 17/04459/FUL. Construction of one detached house. 4 Horsley Place, Christon Bank, NE66 3FB. Mr M Cockerill  
Comment Exp Date: 11th January 2018  
NO COMMENTS
- 17/03713/FUL. Proposed Storage and Freezer Shed. 1 Chapel View Station Cottages Christon Bank , NE66 3EX. Mr Gary Little  
Comment Exp Date: 10th January 2018  
NO COMMENTS
- 17/03461/FUL. Replacement of existing dwelling with two new dwellings. 16 Springfield View, Christon Bank, Alnwick, NE66 3ET. Mr Thompson. Expiry date for comment: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017.  
GRANTED
- 17/04214/FUL. Single storey extension to the rear and side of the existing dwelling. 2 Merton Cottages, Embleton, Alnwick, NE55 3XL. Ms L Johnston.  
GRANTED
- 17/02146/FUL. Demolition of existing flat roof garage and construction of two storey self-contained annexe for holiday let/ancillary 4 The Villas Embleton NE66 3XG.  
GRANTED
- 17/04270/FUL. 5 new conservation area roof windows to existing roof. East Farm House, Embleton Main Street, Embleton, NE66 3XB. Mrs Victoria Fyffe.  
GRANTED

**612. Agenda Items for Next Meeting.**

- Defibrillator for Christon Bank

**613. Time, Date and Venue of next meeting**

Proposed that the meeting should be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7:30pm in Methodist Church, Christon Bank.