

Minutes for the Meeting of Embleton Parish Council

Monday 23rd April 2018 at 7.30pm

Christon Bank Methodist Church

Chairman: Terry Howells

Present: Adam Moody, David Cooper, Andrew Chillingsworth, Georgina Armstrong
Richard Manners, Ray Imeson, Monica Cornall, Raymond Carss, Vicki Fyffe

Attendees: Stuart Bruce (Neighbourhood Police Officer) & 2 members of the public

Clerk: Geoff Newcombe

656. Declaration of Interests

- Raymond Carss declared a prejudicial Interest regarding planning application 18/01014/FUL and did not participate in discussion about this item.

657. Apologies: County Councillor Wendy Pattison

658. Confirmation of minutes of 26th February 2018

The Minutes of the 26th February 2018 were agreed with the following amendments:

- Amendment to Agenda point 631 Planning Application North of Quarry House with statement of zero carbon footprint required for new houses
- Amendment to Agenda point 621 Neighbourhood Plan not now required
Proposer: David Cooper
Seconder: Georgina Armstrong
Unanimous

659. Confirmation of minutes of 26th March 2018

The Minutes of the 26th March 2018 were agreed with the following amendment:

- Amendment to Agenda point 653, item 18/01014/FUL; change Robinson to Robertson.
Proposer: David Cooper
Seconder: Georgina Armstrong
Unanimous

660. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting.

- **Christon Bank Bus Service.** Neil Easton is currently in negotiation with Need Ltd with regards to the dial-a-ride service. A service currently operates in Craster, Boulmer, Howick and Longhoughton. Ongoing.
- **Christon Bank Defibrillator.** The PC are currently waiting for the defibrillator to be installed
- **Dog Bin Repairs.** 4 x Dog Waste Bins were identified as in need of repair; Nr. Merton Cottages, Christon Bank (junction B1340), Greyfield Estate and Sea Lane. Cllr Howells to approach contractor to obtain a repair estimate for Merton Cottages bin and to relocate the Sea Lane bin to the top of the road. Cllr Imeson volunteered to repair the other two. Cllr Georgina Armstrong met the Dog Warden to discuss fouling issues

opposite and along Quakers Row. It was thought to be the same dog responsible for the fouling. The warden to organise more visits, stickers and publicity. Warden will take action if parishioners observe and report dog fouling incidents.

- **Councillor Email Addresses and Freedom of Information.** Following the last meeting Councillors were asked to consider if they would like to a PC specific email address for PC business or continue to use their own personal email addresses. If PC specific e-mail addresses could be provided at little or no cost then members would be interested. Further information required. Clerk to investigate.
- 661. 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, the following issues were reported:
- Christon Bank 20mph Speed Restrictions
 - Embleton 20mph Speed Restrictions
 - Longstanding Flooding in Christon Bank
 - Damage to Roads and Potholes
 - Homeowners / landlords Council Tax discount with major refurbishment work
 - National Salmon & Sea Trout Protection Byelaws
 - Northumbria Police update
- 662. Christon Bank – 20mph Speed Restrictions.** Work to implement the 20mph restrictions has commenced during road repairs with the installation of rumble strips and it is expected that the new limit will come into force on 8th May 2018.
- 663. Annual Governance Statement 2017-18.** The Chair read out the Section 1 statements 1-9 and all were agreed as "Yes" answers.
Proposer: Andrew Chillingsworth
Seconder: Vicki Fyffe
Unanimous
- 664. Year End Account Statements 2017-18 – EJBC & EPC.** Members agreed with the account statements and Explanation of Variances as presented.
Proposer: Andrew Chillingsworth
Seconder: Vicki Fyffe
Unanimous
- 665. Section 2 Annual Accounting Statement 2017-18.** Members agreed with the Section 2 figures as stated in boxes 1-11.
Proposer: Andrew Chillingsworth
Seconder: Vicki Fyffe
Unanimous
- Members wished to record their thanks to Melissa Gilroy for coordinating and presenting the financial figures.
- 666. Quarry Land / Quakers Row Lease – Permission Request.** There was approval to grant permission to vary the Terms of the Lease and allow the keeping of up to six pairs of canaries.
- 667. NCC's Planning Portal.** Members commented that they and members of the public had great difficulty in using the NCC Planning Portal. It often will not allow access to view application, will not allow download of plans/documents or allow upload of comments. These difficulties to be communicated to the County Councillor.

- 668. Overnight Parking at Dunstan Steads.** Camper vans are parking overnight there and at Creighton Place lay-by. If on Highway could be an NCC issue. Neighbourhood Police Officer commented that it could be a civil matter if on private land. It is not a campsite so cannot be enforced under licencing. If there is a public order issue then the police should be contacted (neighbourhood officer e-mail: 893@northumbria.pnn.police.uk)
- 669. Dunstan Steads Farm.** Cllr Monica Cornall reported that there was potential odour nuisance from pig rearing in certain wind conditions. NCC Public Protection has indicated that it is not a statutory nuisance in the circumstances. Members commented that the farm appears to comply with all animal welfare standards and relevant agricultural codes of practice. However there is an apparent discharge of waste from the farm into the burn. Clerk to contact the Environment Agency to request an investigation.
- 670. Neighbourhood Plan.** The Chairman provided an update of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) working party group. There will be a Pull-Out special in the next edition of the Whinstone Times detailing the options. The Parish Council has representatives on the Working Party. The objective is to complete and submit the plan by Christmas 2018.
- 671. Embleton Quarry Working Party.** There will be a full meeting on 30th April 2018 of the quarry working party in the Creighton Hall to discuss the results of the water sampling and what the next steps are.
- 672. Meeting Reports.**
North Northumberland Local Area Council, Alnwick – Thursday 19th April. It was a planning only meeting. For consultations and applications the only issues that the committee can consider are those of Material Planning Policy. Minutes of the Local Area Council are available online (NCC).
- 673. Forthcoming Meetings.**
NALC Data Protection Regulations Training – Monday 23rd April
- 674. Embleton Joint Burial Committee (EJBC).** The Chairman provided an update of the EJBC. An Architectural Technician has been appointed and he is currently drawing up a specification of the work required to renovate the Cemetery House and comply with the Grant Application conditions. On receipt of the Specification the EJBC will meet to discuss it and incorporate it into a tender document. Notices are to be posted locally and on PC websites requesting interest from potential tenderers. The Cemetery is currently self-financing from burials and should not require a precept contribution before the house renovation is complete.
- 675. E mails Received / Correspondence.**
- Planning Application Feedback. Cllr Adam Moody had concerns about the consultation response to planning application Ref: 18/01014/FUL. His concerns were that not all members had objected to the proposal. He requested sight of all the member consultation responses; which were provided. Although 8 of 10 members had responded to the consultation, only 5 had actually objected and therefore the Chairs response to NCC planning was not a true reflection of the members or parishioners views. The Chair responded by reiterating the point that the Parish Council was elected to represent the views of the majority of parishioners and he felt the number of posted objections to the scheme indicated a wish for the Council to file an objection based on these comments. The Chair asked if members supported the PC's collective response which resulted in the following proposal.

The Parish Council response objecting to the Station Road planning proposal 18/01014/FUL should be withdrawn.

Proposer: Adam Moody

Secunder: Richard Manners

For: 3 Against: 6

It was agreed that a supplementary objection be submitted by the Parish Council to include matter not covered by the original objection. Cllr Moody will collect and amalgamate points and circulate the proposed submission to all Cllrs for approval.

It was agreed that the Council's Standing Orders need revising in terms of how planning applications are dealt with. To be an Agenda item for next meeting

- A consultation had been received on the Review of Unauthorised Encampments.
- Blue dye will be added to weed killer spray to show where it has been applied by NCC operatives. Notice will be posted to publicise this practice and state that it is harmless and will fade.

676. Financial Matters

- Account Balance £44,152.17 31/03/2018
Parish Council (£21,850.48)
Quarry (£22,309.51)
Neighbourhood Plan (£29.08)
- Spent & Received since 26/03/18
 - Clerk Wages & Expenses February 2018 -£228.14
 - Creighton Hall, Embleton Room Hire -£27.50
 - Clerk PC Expense Norton & Windows (Transparency Fund) -£129.98
 - Moody's Londis Quarry Meeting Refreshments -£25.00
 - Parish Church Rooms (NP Meetings) -£30.00
 - Whinstone Times Printing (NP) -£150.00
 - Playing Field Rates -£75.92
 - NALC Transparency Fund +£172.60
 - Quarry Land Lease (1st Instalment 2018-19) +£75.00
 - NCC Precept Payment +£8500.00
 - NCC Cemetery Double Charging +95.00
- Cheques required
 - Clerk Wages & Expenses March 2018 -£381.23
 - Christon Bank Methodist Church Room Hire -£10.00
 - Zurich Insurance -£485.26
 - Air Ambulance -£100.00
 - Alnwick Playhouse -£50.00
 - Whinstone Times -£200.00
 - Community Action Northumberland (CAN) -£25.00
 - Baliffgate Museum -£50.00
 - Hospice Care Northumberland -£100.00
 - Citizens Advice Bureau -£25.00
 - Northumberland Age UK -£100.00
 - WI – 100th Centenary -£100.00
 - Embleton Cricket Club -£500.00
 - Parish Church Rooms – 5th April Room Hire (NP) -£15.00
 - Parish Church Rooms Toilet Upkeep 2018-19 -£210.00

+ 2nd Instalment of 2017-18

- EJBC – NCC Double Charing Transfer -£95.00
- Groundworks UK – NP Grant Repayment -£29.08

It was proposed that the financial information be accepted and approved.

Proposer: Georgina Armstrong

Secunder: David Cooper

Unanimous

677. Planning Matters.

- 18/00703/LBC. Listed building consent for internal alterations to extend the existing shower room into part of the adjacent lobby space to form a wheelchair accessible wet room. Embleton Tower, Embleton Main Street, Embleton, NE66 3UW. Mr K J Seymour Walker.
APPROVED
- 18/00579/FUL. Proposal to develop land to the north of Quarry House, Embleton to provide eight dwellings. Land North of Quarry House, Embleton Northumberland. Mr Richard Manners. Planning update – Case to be discussed at North Northumberland Planning Committee (awaiting a date).
- Fallodon Estate & Cussins Open Meeting, Creighton Hall – Friday 20th April 2018. A brief summary of the meeting as perceived by Cllrs attending was given.

678. Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

- Embleton 20mph Speed restriction proposal
- Planning Consultation Procedure; Review and Revise

679. Time, Date and Venue of next meeting

Proposed that the meeting should be held on Monday 4th June 2018 at 7:30pm in Creighton Memorial Hall.