

Minutes for the Meeting of Embleton Parish Council

Monday 26th June 2017 at 7.00pm

Methodist Church, Christon Bank

Chairman: Terry Howells

Present: Georgina Armstrong, Raymond Carss, Adam Moody, Richard Manners, Vickie Fyffe

Attendees: County Councillor Wendy Pattison (Northumberland County Council (NCC))

Clerk: Melissa Gilroy

469. Declaration of interests. Cllr Manners Agenda Item 487 (17/01910/VARYCO), Cllr Fyffe Agenda Item 487 (Planning 17/01767/CLEXIS).

470. Apologies: None

471. Confirmation of minutes of last 22nd May 2017
The Minutes of the 22nd May 2017 were agreed as a true record.

472. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting

- **Christon Bank Stone Planters.** The builder Stephen Pringle is now unable to complete the build of the planters. Chairman to approach the building company AS Construction for a quote.
- **Bus Shelter Cleaning.** A quote for £160 has been received from Mark Nelson for the cleaning of the bus shelter. The cleaning van is able to bring 400L of water on board but will require access to an external tap to refill his storage tank whilst completing the job. Councillors discussed and agreed to the cost. Councillor Manners has offered to provide water from his farm storage tank for refilling the cleaner's on board tank. Clerk to action.

473. County Councillor's Report. Cllr Wendy Pattison provided a report that was circulated to Councillors with the meeting summons and agenda. In summary:

- **Road Surfacing.** Potholes and the poor road located near to the corner outside the Bluebell / Sambuca have been repaired and the main road through Embleton has been resurfaced.
- **46 Greyfield.** The residents of number 46 Greyfield expect to be temporarily rehoused in the next 3 to 4 weeks while work takes place to rectify the long running problems at their current home.
- **Whinstone View.** See agenda item 479.
- **Embleton Quarry.** See agenda item 478.
- **Embleton School.** On Thursday 15th June Cllr Pattison spent an enjoyable hour at Embleton Primary School. The children asked questions about the role of a County Councillor and also told about their own School Council. Cllr Pattison was given a tour of the school grounds and has asked to run a writing competition between the schools across the Ward.
- **School Litter Bin.** See agenda item 484.
- **Flooding outside the Christon Bank Shop.** The continuing flooding outside the Christon Bank Shop was attended by the Northumbrian Water Team Leader and Mitch

Young (NCC Maintenance Engineer - North) and the issue of highway drainage was discussed. They also discussed the investigation undertaken previously by Aileen Deeble, (Northumbrian Water Officer) prior to her retirement. It was agreed that further investigation needed to be carried out by the NWL reactive team. This will determine the source of the problem and they will carry out any remedial works required to the sewer. Northumbrian Water have taken Mitch Young's Mr Young's (Guadalajara) contact information. They will keep them up to date with any further development and proposed dates of re-attendance. They have also promised to do everything they can to bring this long-term problem to a resolution. Mitch Young, NCC and Cllr Pattison will be kept fully informed re progress.

- **County Hall.** Former Northumberland County Council Chief Executive Steven Mason has left the organisation. The current Deputy Chief Executive Daljit Lally will be the interim Chief Executive. Northumberland County Council is to remain at Morpeth and over 150 trees have now been replanted to replace those chopped down by the previous administration. Seats and benches will be placed outside and general ground upkeep will also take place.
 - **Small Business Rate Relief.** Cllr Pattison circulated a summary document to PC members prior to the meeting. Councillors discussed the rates relief for holiday let owners and the unfairness on local residents that pay rates for essential services such as street lighting etc. The Councillors requested that Cllr Pattison raised this issue with NCC on behalf of Embleton Parish Council (EPC).
 - **PC Chairman Meeting.** Cllr Pattison is organising an informal meeting of the nine Chairman across the Longhoughton Ward on 1st September. The meeting is intended as an informal get together to discuss Parish business.
- 474. Co-option of members to the PC.** All Councillors agreed to co-opt Councillor Imeson & Councillor Cornall to EPC to fill two of the four vacancies following the May elections. A notice to co-opt Christon Bank members to the PC to be placed in the shop at Christon Bank and in the Whinstone Times & NET. Clerk to action.
- 475. Road Side Trees.** Ongoing. Councillor Carss to action.
- 476. Neighbourhood Plan.** The Chairman provided an update of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) working party following the recent meeting on 12th June. The Embleton Parish boundary map has been submitted to NCC for approval as the NP area. Once this is approved the NP working party may apply for funding to begin writing the plan. The next meeting is scheduled for 17th July at the Parish Church Rooms at which the consultant responsible for devising the NP's for Beadnell, Bamburgh and Seahouses is scheduled to present.
- 477. Creighton Place Development.** The footpath between Whinstone View and Creighton Place has yet to be completed. Chairman to chase up with Cussins and contact Cllr Pattison to chase with NCC if no action is taken. This is of particular importance now that six of the houses are occupied.
- 478. Quarry Development Update.** A meeting with David Feige (NCC), Cllr Fyffe, Cllr Pattinson and the Chairman took place on 26th June to discuss and agree details the Community Asset Transfer (CAT). The CAT should be completed over the summer months. In summary:
- Management plan funding. The £25k funding available for the management of the site between 2015-2015 will be transferred over to EPC on completion of the CAT. The management plan will also be the responsibility of EPC to implement.
 - Fencing & spoil. A new fencing boundary on the site dividing the Quarry and the Quarry House site is the responsibility of the new owner to put in place as is the removal of the spoil dump on the site.
 - Pond over flow plans. NCC are still in the process of trying to locate these.
 - Indemnity Insurance. NCC will provide a formal document to give to EPC providing Indemnity cover should any site problems arise following the transfer of the Quarry.

- Waste bins. EPC have requested new waste bins to the site once the new site entrance is established.
 - Percy Hunt. David Feige provided the Chairman with a statement from the Percy Hunt assuring NCC / AONB that the Percy Hunt will not enter the Quarry site.
- 479. Condition of bank between B1339 and Whinstone View.** The poor condition of the bank to the front of Whinstone View was discussed. Councillors considered the options of replacing the wild coverage with grass seed, hedged fence or a dwarf wall with grass seed. Cllr Armstrong agreed to get an approximate quote from Billy Armstrong for the building of a dwarf wall. Cllr Pattison advised that a proportion of her Councillor funds for 2017-18 could be made available to help to subsidise the project. Councillors were requested to give the bank coverage some consideration and feedback to Cllr Pattison to allow her to consult with NCC.
- 480. Meeting Reports**
- None to report.
- 481. Forthcoming Meetings.**
- Parish Chairman Meeting. 1st September tbc.
 - North Northumberland Local Area Council Meeting. 6pm Northumberland Hall. 29th June 2017. Cllr Moody to attend if possible.
 - Annual Town & Parish Council Conference. 5th October. Chairman to attend. Location tbc.
- 482. Embleton Joint Burial Committee (EJBC).** Ongoing. Cemetery House is open to offers with a closing date of 31st July. A further 6 months of insurance for the house has been taken at an unoccupied rate of £285. Next EJBC meeting is 17th July in Creighton Hall.
- 483. Caravan at Dunstan Steads – Statement for NCC.** NCC Enforcement Officer Liz O'Brien has contacted local resident Monica Cornall following a meeting with the legal team at NCC. NCC do not have photos of the caravan on the site prior to 2016 therefore restricting the removal of the caravan until 2019. A written witness statement has been requested for NCC to declare the dates from which the caravan has been present at the site. The Councillors all agreed to supply NCC with a statement. Chairman to action.
- 484. Request for waste bin at Embleton Primary School.** Embleton School have requested that the PC considers putting a litter bin outside the school, half way along the fenced area at the front of the school on the main road. There is currently a lot of rubbish thrown over the fence into school premises. Cllr Pattison approached NCC and gained approval for a bin and refuse collection but with a standalone bin on the pavement. Cllr Pattison to feedback that this is not feasible on the narrow pavement and alternatives should be considered.
- 485. Emails Received / Correspondence.**
- **Green Dog Walker Campaign - NCC.** In response to William Sutherland's letter and the Green Dog Walker Campaign letter from NCC. Councillors have agreed to post posters in Christon Bank and Embleton in support of the campaign. Clerk to action.
- 486. Financial Matters.**
- Account Balance £25,412.99 26/05/2017
 - Spent & Received since 22/05/17
 - Clerk Wages & Expenses -£313.26 (April 17)
 - Clerk Expense (V Fyffe Training 12th June) -£10.00
 - Air Ambulance -£100.00
 - Alnwick Playhouse -£50.00
 - Community Action North (CAN) -£25.00
 - Bailiffgate Museum -£50.00

- Hospice Care -£100.00
- Citizens Advice Bureau -£25.00
- Whinstone Times -£200.00
- Northumberland Age UK -£100.00
- Northumberland Community Voluntary Association -£25.00
- NALC Annual Subscription -£165.97
- Parish Church Rooms (You're Welcome Scheme) -£208.33
- Creighton Hall (NP Meeting & EPC May Meeting) -£27.50
- Cheques required
 - NCC Refund 2017-18 to EJBC -£86.88
 - Clerk Wages & Expenses -£320.59 (May 17)
 - Clerk Expense (Stamps, envelopes, paper etc.) -£13.57
 - Methodist Church Room Hire -£10.00
 - AS Construction -£6500.00
 - Playpark Association -£1500.00

487. Planning Matters - Update

- 17/01793/FUL. House extension to front and side. 52 Woodsteads, Embleton, Alnwick NE66 3XY. Mr David Saunders
Expiry for comment: 14th June 2017
Post Meeting Note - GRANTED
- 17/01767/CLEXIS. Change of use from one dwelling house to two rental dwelling houses. The Croft East Farm Embleton Main Street Embleton NE66 3XB. Ailsa Macdonald
Expiry for comment: 22nd June 2017
- 17/01924/FUL. Proposed rear single storey lounge extension and front entrance porch. 27 Woodsteads Embleton NE66 3XY. Ian Saunders.
Expiry for comment: 21st June 2017
- 17/01910/VARYCO. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 16/00806/FUL in order to change the roof materials and allow the fixing of a thermal tube array to the west roof elevation. North Farm Embleton Main Street Embleton NE66 3DX. Mr Richard Manners
Expiry for comment: 22nd June 2017
- 17/01997/FUL. Resubmission of application 17/00294/FUL. Proposed upgrade of external fabric of dwelling with addition of extra thermal insulation, brick external leaf, new roof covering and new double glazed windows and doors. 46 Greyfield Estate Embleton NE66 3XU. Mr Darren Todd
Expiry for comment: 26th June 2017

488. Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

- Tour of Britain – Village involvement
- Lamp Post Replacement & Lamp Post Furniture

489. Time, Date and Venue of next meeting

Proposed that the meeting should be held on Monday 26th June 2017 at 7:00pm in Christon Bank Methodist Church Meeting Room