

Minutes for the Meeting of Embleton Parish Council

Monday 28th September 2015 at 7.30pm; the Church Hall, Christon Bank

Chairman: Terry Howells

Present: Georgina Armstrong, Ray Imeson, David Morgan, Raymond Carss, Adam Moody, Neville Fawcett, Gordon Coxon, John Young

Clerk: Geoff Newcombe

In Attendance: Andy Davies, Cllr Kate Cairns (NCC)

79. Declaration of interests

None

80. Apologies for absence

Richard Manners

81. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the 24th August 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Proposer: David Morgan

Seconder: Neville Fawcett

Unanimous

82. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting

- Traffic calming for Christon Bank; Awaiting information from CB representative on addresses to send letter requesting off pavement parking.

83. County Councillor's report

Pay As You Throw

Northumberland County Council is introducing charges to residents taking rubble, soil and plasterboard to household waste recovery centres from the week beginning 14th September.

Soil, rubble and plasterboard will all be subject to a £2 per bag/sheet charge - with charges of £12 for a load in a standard car/hatchback; £20 in a small trailer/estate car/small van; £40 in a longer trailer and £80 in a transit van. Users of vans, trailers and commercial vehicles will also need a permit. The specific types of waste that the charges refer to include ceramic pipes; bricks and breeze blocks; concrete and paving slabs; gravel, stone, sand and soil; rubble hard core and tarmac; plasterboard; and tiles and slates.

Payments will be by credit or debit or pre-paid payment card only – and visitors to the sites should agree the charge and pay before depositing their waste.

There is still no charge for taking garden waste and other DIY items such as sink units and bathroom suites to waste recovery centres. However, there is already an annual limit of DIY waste of 6 cubic yards per household.

Core Strategy

Subject to cabinet approval on 29th Sept consultation will begin on 14th Oct for 6 weeks until 25th Nov 2015. Jo-Anne Garrick

Drop in sessions:

Alnwick – Sat 31st Oct – St James Church

Amble – Mon 26th Oct – Development Trust

Wooler – Wed 11th Nov – Cheviot Centre

Seahouses – Wed 18th Nov – Sports and Community Centre

Belford – Thurs 19th Nov – Bell view

Refugee Crisis

Yvette Cooper has written to the Leader of Council regarding a response to the refugee crisis. There will be an immediate assessment of how many refugees to whom communities would be able to give sanctuary.

84. Consultation on Options for the Alnwick Schools Partnership

EPC submission sent off in post to 15 recipients including NCC Children's Services, NCC cabinet, MP & Diocese.

Copy of EPC submission to be sent to the Northumberland Gazette.

85. Meeting Reports

- play park inspection training forum – 9 September 2015 No report
- Planning meeting – 15 September 2015 – Georgina Armstrong reported that Parish Councils will now be able to comment on Pre-Application consultations and be able to participate in S106 funds.
- Area North Committee Report - 14 September 2015 No report
- Northumberland Town & PC conference – Terry Howell reported that there were 106 delegates. 28 departments from NCC were represented. The neighbourhood planning initiative will go ahead. Raising the Game – NCC budget will be reduced. Choppington has the largest precept which is determined by a parishioners committee who consider the budget. Tynedale PC participates in a 12 council forum which justifies bringing in guest speakers on various topics.
- AONB Chairman's Meeting – Terry Howells reported that the AONB will be looking at the issue of overhead cables. They have also produced colour maps of types of house in Embleton i.e. holiday lets, residential lettings, Owner/Occupied etc. 32% were holiday homes and 68% residential.

86. Overnight parking at Dunstan Steads

Little that PC can do to prevent or control the situation; to keep under review. AONB can supply "no parking" notices.

87. Licence to operate ice cream van at Dunstan steads

A request to the operator to not park in the turning circle was heeded; situation resolved.

88. Parish Clerk

- Resignation – Accepted; member's preference was to recruit a new clerk solely for Embleton PC; not shared. Terry Howells and Gordon Coxon will meet Craster PC and Kevin Bartlett NCC liaison officer to take forward.

Prosper: Gordon Cox

Secunder: Adam Moody

Unanimous

- FOI/Publication/Data Protection Policies - FOI enquiry responded within statutory time; data protection policy was proposed and accepted and registration with the ICO was not considered necessary.

Prosper: Georgina Armstrong

Seconder: David Morgan

Unanimous

Expenses claim form and procedure for members was accepted.

Prosper: Terry Howells

Seconder: Adam Moody

Unanimous

89. E-Mails Received

List Circulated

90. Maintenance Issues

- Play Park Wall Repair; The wall needs several stones re-cementing into place and other areas generally tidying up. Cost to PC would be materials only, approximately £150.00.

Prosper: Neville Fawcett

Seconder: David Morgan

Unanimous

- Bin repair/replacement near Embleton Village Shop – Clerk to visit shop and obtain quote for suitable replacement bin.

Prosper: Neville Fawcett

Seconder: David Morgan

Unanimous

- Stone bus shelter; Discussions are progressing. Stone for last NCC shelter cost over £2500 whilst ours is free. It looks as if contractor will make substantial contribution to building costs. If they won't pay it all how much is PC prepared to pay? – Clerk to request representative from Homes for Northumberland to attend next PC meeting.

91. Financial Matters

Audit of EPC finances for 2014/15 accepted by external auditor (BDO).

a) Current Account Balance - £7,600.57 @ 26/08/2015

b) Spent & Received since 28/08/15

Creighton Hall - £12.50

Clerk Wages & Expenses - £247.09

HMRC PAYE - £51.80

c) Clerk/HMRC wages & expenses (Aug) - £187.47

d) Cheques required

Church Hall - £10.00

Clerk - £150.67

HMRC - £36.80

BDO (External Auditor) – £120.00

Parish Church Rooms (WC Availability) – £140.00

92. Planning Matters

- 15/03026/FUL - Proposed detached garage; 2 Horsley Place Christon Bank Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3FB; Comments by 06/10/15. – No Comment.
- 15/01651/FUL - Installation of 2 no. above ground bulk LPG tanks on 3m x 3m concrete base set within a 6.5m x 6.5m compound; GRANTED

- c) 15/02599/FUL - An extension to the side of the property to create a kitchen/dining room. Internal layout changes to create a bedroom and small office. (as amended 11/08/15); GRANTED

93. Correspondence

- Review of Public Conveniences – “You’re welcome Scheme” Grant for the Parish Church Rooms – Terry Howells to enquire if funding available.

94. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Risk Assessment, Chair/Vice-Chair Job Description

95. Time, Date and Venue of next meeting

Proposed that the meeting should be held on 26th October 2015 at 7:30pm in Creighton Hall, Embleton.