

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held this evening at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Hunter (Chairman) (DH), Bradshaw (KB), Hall (SJH), Humphrys (JH), Norris (JN), County Councillor Robbie Moore (RM) and Mrs Taylor (Parish Clerk) (ET).

In attendance: In attendance for the closed meeting was Paul Jones (Head of Local Services at NCC) and County Councillor Glen Sanderson (NCC Cabinet Member for Local Services). In attendance for the Annual Parish meeting were 2 members of the public.

Closed Meeting Minutes		ACTION
<p>Paul Jones (Head of Local Services at NCC), County Councillor Glen Sanderson (NCC Cabinet Member for Local Services) re Alnmouth Station Parking</p> <p>Paul Jones and Glen Sanderson met again with the PC to further discuss the concerns and suggestions about the station parking with a view to starting to make plans for short-term and long-term options to try to resolve the parking problems and consequential affects on local residents.</p>		
Annual Parish Meeting Minutes		ACTION
1.	<p>Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms by all Councillors</p> <p>These were all duly signed.</p>	
2.	<p>Cllr Doug Hunter - Chairman's Report 2017/18.</p> <p>Lesbury Parish Council can only achieve it's aims with the support of a great number of volunteers alongside professional guidance. Firstly, my thanks to Parish Council Clerk Liz Taylor who guides and supports us through the process ensuring we are compliant and operate within our agreed aims. All of the committee members have my thanks for their time and contribution in helping to address issues and improve our community.</p> <p>Councillors Robbie Moore & Gordon Castle provide their knowledge and expertise on a range of subjects as well as assistance in addressing specific issues and directly help improve services and facilities. This has included capital investment in traffic management systems as well as contributing towards new play equipment at Pondfield Play Area. We've also benefitted from representations at monthly meetings from a host of other professionals including local authority officers and agencies such as the Environment Agency and Northumbrian Water amongst others.</p> <p>We're always keen to hear from local residents and I'm pleased that regular attendance and questions from residents at monthly Parish Council meetings demonstrates the purpose of Parish Council and its aim of addressing a variety of concerns and ideas of ways to find constructive and effective solutions.</p> <p>As a community we're indebted to a significant number of volunteers who undertake a wider variety of roles and tasks which contribute to the quality of life across our village. I'd particularly like to thank the Northumberland in Bloom volunteers and the Lesbury Dementia Action Group who undertake a huge amount of work with helping to improve the lives of people and help make our village a beautiful place to live.</p> <p>A major undertaking we've embarked upon is creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan. This is a significant piece of work which has been led by local resident Pam Allen in a voluntary capacity of which we are very appreciative. Producing the Neighbourhood Development Plan will be helped by additional financial resources which we have secured providing professional advice and consultancy.</p> <p>I am very optimistic that we can continue to maintain and improve Lesbury Parish. The significant contributions of so many residents demonstrates the breadth of opinion and the aspirational ideas to inform/ shape what we can achieve in the forthcoming year.</p>	

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9.	<p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>a) NCC – Northumberland Local Plan – noted</p> <p>b) NCC –Surface Dressing– noted works to Longhoughton/Denwick Road in July.</p> <p>c) NCC – Neighbourhood Planning Engagement Workshop – 10/5/18 - noted</p>	
10.	<p>Parish Financial Matters</p> <p>a) Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2017/18 – ET confirmed the internal audit was complete. The PC approved i) the 2017/18 Annual Governance Statement and ii) the Annual Accounts Statement for 2017/18 as prepared by ET and internally audited by John Wright. The accounts to now be sent to PKF LittleJohn. Proposed DH and 2nd KB. It was noted that the PC had £1,043.02 from the DAG A4A grant which it could allocate to suitable projects. ET to ring-fence. ET also flagged that £5,360.92 of VAT refund from HMRC was still outstanding (this was largely from the Village Hall toilet refurbishment).</p> <p>b) CREDIT – NCC (Precept) £8,000 – noted</p> <p>c) John Wright (Internal Audit) - £40 – agreed</p> <p>d) Playdale Playgrounds Ltd (Pond Field Swings) - £2,500 - agreed. ET advised this money would be reimbursed to the PC by NCC re RM’s County Member’s Funding.</p> <p>e) CBS (Stationery) - £103.16 – agreed</p> <p>f) Simon Rippon (Repair Pond Field Fence) - £40 - agreed</p>	
11.	<p>NDP Update</p> <p>The NDP meetings about development took place on 15, 17 and 19 May. The general consensus was that any development over the next 15 years should be on a small scale and preferably less than 50 dwellings, plus the 25 dwellings currently being built. The general view was that to encourage young families into the area and the provision of housing support for the elderly was a priority. Many people were concerned about having development near their own homes, but recognised the importance of having more houses and the need to draw up settlement boundaries very quickly. The majority of people attending the meetings thought that one particular site was suitable for small scale development and a second site could also be considered. The settlement site, type and number of houses will be included in the full plan which will be consulted on once the single issue focus meetings have been completed.</p> <p>Sir John Hall offered funds to draw up a plan to landscape the Parish. JH and Pam Allen to identify a landscape architect to do this work.</p>	
12.	<p>Northumbria in Bloom Update</p> <p>The PC wished to extend their thanks to the NIB team for keeping the village looking neat and tidy. DH and JH to liaise with a view to looking at a grant for an overall landscape review of the village as part of the NDP which could also incorporate the ambition for information boards.</p>	
13.	<p>Speedwatch Update/SpeedSign</p> <p>RM advised he was hoping to be able to report very soon on a date for volunteer training with Northumbria Police.</p>	RM/DK
14.	<p>Pond Field Update</p> <p>ET confirmed the new swings had been installed on 26 April 2018 and were being well-used. The broken fence had been repaired by Simon Rippon. The playground will have its annual inspection by RoSPA in July.</p>	
15.	<p>Any Other Matters for Discussion</p> <p>A resident reported a hole on Curly Lane – RM to report to NCC.</p>	RM
16.	<p>NEXT MEETING: Please note the June PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 July 2018 - Lesbury Village Hall at 7.30pm. The July PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 July - Lesbury Village Hall at 7.30pm.</p>	ALL

The meeting concluded at 8.55pm.

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