

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

Present: Cllrs Knowles (Vice-Chairman) (DK), Bradshaw (KB), Cossins (PC), Hall (SJH), Humphrys (JH), County Councillor Robbie Moore (RM) and Mrs Taylor (Parish Clerk) (ET).

In attendance: David Ferguson re item 5a) and approx. 15 members of the public were in attendance.

Monthly Parish Council Meeting Minutes	ACTION
<p>Public Questions:</p> <p>ALCC: Andrew Hodgson and Mark Brunton from Alnmouth & Lesbury Cricket Club (ALCC) attending in follow-up to a letter sent to the PC advising that they were keen to work with the PC and NDP steering group to expand and develop their facilities if financial funds became available. If the population is increasing then ALCC will look for new members and advised there would be a need to improve, increase and develop the sporting facilities in the village. With this in mind, ALCC held discussions with the football club, ladies hockey club in Alnwick, croquet club, tennis clubs to determine where improved leisure facilities and function rooms in the area could be sited. With the potential of investment through new houses being developed (106 money), if there were money available, they would be keen to sit with firstly the PC, and other clubs to discuss what may be available and options to develop long term facilities and improve existing facilities. It was agreed Andrew Hodgson and Mark Brunton would liaise with JH and the NDP Group to add their views on sporting provision into the NDP. It was also agreed that a separate Sports Steering Group would be established (proposed KN, 2nd JH) to review the assets of the village and what sporting facilities are needed/required and review what is achievable. Andrew Hodgson, Mark Brunton, SJH, DH and RM to be on this Group along with other interested parties being invited eg Hipsburn School. RM also agreed to push the need for local S106 funding.</p> <p>Lesbury Post Office Car Park: Jill advised that the car park by Lesbury Post Office is often full at 6am in the morning because local residents are parking overnight. This means that the car park cannot be used staff dealing with early morning newspapers or by visitors to their shop. ET confirmed the PC rent the car park from Northumberland Estates and that it is for the use of patrons of the Post Office, Village Hall and Church. It was agreed it was a problem if this was not possible and the PC would do its best to help resolve the problem. RM advised a byelaw could be passed stipulating how the land was to be used and JH would follow up with a note in the Newsletter advising people of the purpose of the car park. RM would check with NCC legal services.</p> <p>River Aln: Billy McKnight reported that the flood relief channels on the footbridge over the River Aln (by the Wynd) were blocked. KB advised this had already been flagged with James Hitching at NCC at a meeting in January/February 2018 to examine flooding of the footpath further up the river. ET to follow this up with NCC flooding officer.</p> <p>NDP: John Fancy flagged up the comments in the latest newsletter about preserving the village green spaces in the village and queried how that fitted into the recent pre-app for housing development. JH advised that the comments in the newsletter were a summary of those expressed by residents responding to the recent consultation. JH advised the NDP Group were currently putting in markers for green spaces and boundaries and that they were aware of the possibility of development until the NDP can be completed. The pre app has been submitted by Northumberland Estates and the Estates and NCC are discussing these proposals and will be informed if a formal planning application is to be submitted. The PC has submitted an objection to the pre app and consider any formal planning application if it is submitted, but the NDP needs to become a legal document before it can influence planning applications. The NDP will go to the public as a draft document at the end of November. It will then go to NCC and an external consultant who will ensure it fits in with the local and core plans. If it is approved it will then go to referendum in the village with the whole process anticipated to be completed by March 2019. The, PC can't stop the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">JH DH RM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JH RM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ET</p>

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	<p>owner of land from developing it but the NDP can influence NCC planning by setting out what the village wants and accepts in terms of development. RM added that once the public have voted in a referendum on the NDP it goes back to NCC and is formally made a piece of planning policy. All planning applications are referenced against planning policy, the NDP, the NCC local plan and national policy planning framework. SJH also commented that he was of the opinion the pre-app for 150 houses was too big a development and would make the village too urban, there was no need for a by-pass and new shops, but that you can't stop development and you need to try and plan to make it work for the village. For example, it should be possible to reduce the housing numbers to give a nice scheme with tree planting to protect the existing houses from the new houses and then look at what S106 funding you can get out of it to add to the village amenities and facilities. The village can't say no to development but can say what it wants.</p> <p>Train Station/Residential Parking: Tony Harmieson was unhappy that residential parking hadn't been introduced. RM explained that NCC had wanted to introduce this to work alongside the 72 hour limit and parking charging but that. 65% (exact figure to be confirmed) of residents need to agree to the residents parking scheme for it to be implemented. The majority had voted against the residents parking and so it can't be implemented. However, to try to address this, NCC were to single yellow line the problem areas on Curly Lane and South View to enforce no parking between 9am-4pm which will enable residents to park there after 4pm in the evening, to try to reduce the impact. Tony Harmieson also flagged up that a double yellow line was required outside the coal yard and about signage at the coal yard. RM to liaise in order to review this suggestion of double yellow lines and the signage issue. Tony Harmieson said he'd have preferred a £3 parking charge to have been introduced at the station but was advised this had been considered too steep at the consultation and had been reduced to £1.50 per day after listening to concerns that a high charge would be more likely push cars onto on-street parking and also make it unaffordable to commuters. RM advised NCC would review the whole scheme after 1 year to see if they had got it right and at that stage residents would be consulted again. RM reminded all residents in attendance that he holds a Members Surgery from 6pm until 7.30pm before every Parish Council meeting and all are welcome to attend.</p>	
1.	Apologies: Cllrs Hunter (Chairman) (DH), Norris (JN), Vass (AV) and County Councillor Gordon Castle (GC)	
2.	Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 24 July 2018 (June meeting) were signed as a true record.	
3.	Declarations of Interest: None	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>Old Lesbury Bridge Sewerage Problems: KB and JH had met with the EA and Northumbria Water. Legal discussions with relevant households over the misconnections are ongoing but the EA is in the process of fitting a tank to capture effluent and to direct it to the main sewerage system, which will resolve the problem. .</p> <p>Flooding Issue on Public RoW by River AIn: RM to contact JH and KB to arrange a date for a meeting with Elizabeth Sinnamon (NCC Planning) and NCC SUDS officer.</p> <p>Hipsburn Steadings Traffic Management Scheme: ET enquired with RM as to progress and timescales. RM advised awaiting NCC funding.</p> <p>Bus Shelters Lighting: No further updates other than Northern Powergrid to resolve. It was flagged that as the nights are getting dark this causes a hazard to local residents.</p> <p>Curly Lane Street Lighting: No further updates other than it needs Northern Powergrid to resolve. It was flagged that as the nights are getting dark this causes a hazard to local residents.</p> <p>South View VMS Sign: As DH was absent – no progress update on the property whose tree foliage is growing over the solar panel on the VMS sign on South View.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">RM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DH</p>

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	<p>Hipsburn Village Green Parking: As the residents parking permit scheme proposal had been rejected, then this now needs to be reviewed as part of the wider parking solution. PC to get clarification from the complainants about who is parking on the green, residents or rail commuters.</p> <p>Dropped Kerb Bottom of Curly Lane: RM confirmed works to commence imminently. This includes repairs to the footpath that is the subject of a complaint (see 7j). As AV was absent, no update on the contact with the 2 cars persistently parked at a dangerous point on Curly Lane partially blocking the pavement.</p> <p>Aln Valley Rail Path/Cycle Track: As AV was absent, no further updates.</p> <p>All other matters arising were in hand and being dealt with or listed on the agenda.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AV</p>
5.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>a. Parish Council Vacancy Application: David Ferguson was in attendance and it was agreed he would liaise with PC to establish the level of electronic communication required of a counsellor before confirming whether he wishes to apply for the position.</p> <p>b. Alnmouth Train Station Parking: Discussed under public questions and it was noted that NCC were to implement not only the 72 hour limit but also a £1.50 parking charge and single yellow lines to enable residents to park on-street in the evenings but to free up the roads from commuter parking to enable safe access for buses and emergency vehicles. It was also noted that residents' parking scheme had been rejected by the majority of residents and would therefore not be implemented. RM stressed that this was a trial for 1 year and that after this time the success of the scheme would be reviewed and residents and the PC would be consulted again.</p> <p>c. Lindisfarne Homes – NWL Access Road: KB advised he had been in touch with Lindisfarne Homes and had confirmation this was an access road to be used only by Northumbrian Water and was to be used for no other purpose. RM advised he had requested NCC enforcement officer to look into this to ensure all above board.</p> <p>d. Aln Valley Railway – Greenway between Lionheart Station and Alnmouth Station: AV not present so no further updates other than the PC were, in principle, in favour of the project and looked forward to receiving full scheme details for further comment. David Ferguson requested more detail on the scheme and was directed to Aln Valley Railway.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PC</p>
6.	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. Northumberland Estates – proposed development land north of Lesbury – discussed under public questions. The PC had submitted an objection to this pre-application as follows: the PC and NDP Steering Group is not against development which is appropriate and sustainable. The PC objected to the development proposed as introducing 150 new homes into a village of 185 homes will significantly change the nature of the village. Additionally, the proposed by-pass would undermine established commercial activity in the village of Lesbury. The PC's objections are supported by guidance provided in the National Planning Policy Framework 2018, The Northumberland Local Plan and the consultation work, audits and focus group feedback of the Lesbury Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.</p> <p>b. 18/02652/FUL – Extension/garage conversion. Rose Cottage, Longhoughton Road, Lesbury, NE66 3AT – no objections.</p> <p>c. 18/02686/FUL – Single storey orangery – Old Forge, Hipsburn, Northumberland, NE66 3PY – no objections.</p>	
7.	<p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>a. NCC – LTP 2019-2020: The PC agreed it's 3 priorities would be:</p> <p>i. A request to alter the accessibility of the footbridge over the River Aln at the end of Steppey Lane joining the villages of Hipsburn and Lesbury together.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. A request for a review of accessibility in the village for elderly, disabled residents including a review of footpaths and the need for dropped kerbs in particular to install a dropped kerb at the end of Steppey Lane where it meets the B1338. iii. To extend the 30mph zone on the A1068 from Lesbury roundabout west past Deep Dene to the 18 Arches. b. NCC 5th Annual Town & PC Conference - 11/10/18 - JH, AV and KB attending c. NCC Joint NCC and Town & Parish Councils Meeting - 18/10/18 - JH attending d. NCC – Local Area Meeting – 20/9/18 – KB advised he attended. e. Newcastle Airport Consultation – noted for PC to respond to individually. f. Request for help re parking at Post Office Car Park – covered in public questions. g. Request for bench opposite grit bin on footpath at bottom of Steppey Lane – this was agreed. Proposed DK, 2nd PC. ET to order and organise installation. h. Hipsburn Green: Complaint about parking on Hipsburn Green – noted and discussed under item 4. i. Curly Lane: Complaint re inconsiderate parking / footpath condition /dropped kerbs / speeding A1068 – noted and discussed under item 4. Re speeding it was hoped that the VMS sign to be installed on Lesbury Road would help with speeding. It was also hoped that Speedwatch would be up and running again as soon as Northumbria Police can offer training (see item 11). j. Complaint re footpath maintenance “Foxton Round Walk” – it as agreed the PC would ask Paul Taylor to add the walk along the River Aln from Lesbury towards Foxton/Alnmouth on his maintenance schedule and to invoice the PC accordingly. This would enable to PC to be more in control of keeping the footpaths open and ready for use by residents. Proposed KB, 2nd DK. k. Complaint Footpath/Hedge at Bilton – RM to visit complainant to discuss further. DH to ask homeowners of offending hedges to have them cut back so that the footpath is useable for pedestrians again. l. Request for Horse Rider Friendly Footpaths – this was to be noted by the NDP. 	<p>ET</p> <p>JH/AV/KB JH</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ET</p> <p>ET</p> <p>DH</p> <p>JH</p>
8.	<p>Parish Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Half Yearly Accounts 2018-19 - noted b. Aurora Digital Print (Newsletter) - £125 - agreed c. Penny Royale (Lesbury Works) - £7.90 - agreed d. Northumberland Estates (The Wynd Picnic Area Annual Rent) - £10 - agreed e. Parish Clerk (Wages) - £1,220.49 - agreed f. HMRC (PAYE) - £38.40 - agreed g. Hipsburn Primary School (Room Hire for Meeting) - £25 – invoice not yet received and so payment not made. h. Aurora Digital Print (Newsletter) - £125 - agreed i. Penny Royale (Lesbury Works) - £63.10 - agreed j. Northumberland Estates (Annual Rent Memorial Garden) - £30 - agreed k. Northumberland Estates (Annual Rent Pond Field) - £75 - agreed 	
9.	<p>Northumbria in Bloom Update</p> <p>Results from the NIB are due tomorrow.</p>	
10.	<p>NDP Update</p> <p>JH reported that the settlement boundaries had been drawn up and green spaces and protected areas were being finalised. SJH enquired if the draft plan would be brought to the PC for approval. JH advised she had thought that having members of the PC on the NDP was enough to ensure the PC was in support of the plan and that the PC regularly received minutes and feedback on progress and that if members weren't in agreement she had hoped that debate would have been held along the way but that the draft plan would be brought to the PC for discussion.</p>	

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11.	Speedwatch Update/SpeedSign RM reported he was continuing to pursue Northumbria Police for Speedwatch training.	RM
12.	Pond Field Update ET had circulated the quote from Playdale to repair the bearing on the sweeping sea saw and also a cost to fix the rotting balance beam – which came in at £1,400. Playdale were unable to fix the sound posts. It was agreed that Paul Taylor would carry out a temporary fix to the balance beam by filling in the splits with external wood filler to stop further water penetration and delay the need for expensive repair. ET to get Playdale to re-quote just to fix the sweeping sea saw. RoSPA advice re the sound posts was to stop any further strimmer damage. ET to notify NCC grass cutting.	ET
13.	Any Other Matters for Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JH advised that sadly past Parish Councillor and Chairman Tom Wilson had passed away. It was agreed to recognise Tom's hard work and support of the PC and local community in the next newsletter.• DK reported that The Coppice road sign had gone missing – RM to report to NCC.	JH RM
14.	NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 23 October 2018 - 7.30pm- Lesbury Village Hall	ALL

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm.

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