

Lesbury Parish Council

**Lesbury Village Hall
Tuesday 23 October 2018**

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), Norris (JN), Vass (AV), County Councillors Gordon Castle (GC) and Robbie Moore (RM) and Mrs Taylor (Parish Clerk) (ET).

In attendance: Mark Church and Andrew Hodgson for item 4 (Parish Council Vacancies) and approx. 12 members of the public were in attendance.

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<p>Public Questions: John Malloy enquired if the PC had any further information on the N'land Estates pre-app for the proposed development behind Lealands. ET confirmed the PC had objected to this application. JH advised she and Pam Allen had been invited to a meeting by NCC with N'land Estates to discuss the pre-application and had been advised that NCC planning would recommend the Committee rejects the application as it stood as it was too large, was not in line with the thinking of the developing NDP and did not meet the development needs of the parish. At this meeting NCC advised they had received an application from N'land Estates in 2015 for a housing development by Curly Lane, which the PC did not know about as NCC are not legally obliged to inform the PC as a Stakeholder about pre-apps. NCC had turned down this application because it was too big. N'land Estates had at the time said a smaller development would not generate sufficient income and therefore they had not proceeded with this application. GC advised the applicant can insist the application goes to Committee but that this was not in the best interest of the applicant as it was likely to be rejected if recommended for rejection by the planning officers.</p>	

At 7.40pm the meeting was adjourned for a private session. At the discretion of the Vice-Chair, Pam Allen as Chair of the NDP Working Group, was invited to remain. A request to defer the discussion about the NDP until the next PC was considered. The PC decided a lengthy delay was not needed and that it could be discussed at a Special Meeting within the next 10 working days. Concerns were expressed about the way in which this delay to the NDP process had arisen.

At 7.55pm the public were invited back into the PC meeting and normal proceedings resumed. DK advised a Special Meeting of the PC, at which the public were welcome to attend, would be held within the next 10 working days to give the PC time to read and digest the draft NDP. At that Special Meeting, the PC would vote on whether to adopt and agree in principle the draft NDP. This would enable work on the document to continue so that it was ready for the next phase which was NCC and public consultation. ET confirmed when a time and date had been set for the Special Meeting, a notice would be placed on the website and in the PC noticeboards. KB agreed to contact a member of the public who wanted the date to be widely distributed. JH advised that NDP Champions could also be notified of the date.

1.	<p>Apologies: Cllr Hunter (Chairman) (DH)</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 25 September 2018 were signed as a true record.</p>	
3.	<p>Declarations of Interest: None</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes Parish Council Vacancy Application: ET advised that David Ferguson had withdrawn his application for the position of Parish Councillor but that two new applications had been received from Mark Church and Andrew Hodgson. JH proposed to co-op Mark Church (MC) and this was 2nd by JN. DK proposed to co-opt Andrew Hodgson (AH) and this was 2nd by KB. MC and AH were welcomed onto the PC - the PC now has a full compliment of 10 Parish Councillors.</p>	

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	<p>past Deep Dene and that there would hopefully be an update at the November meeting. GC and RM also confirmed vegetation would be removed off the footpath and the hedge cut back.</p> <p>Bench: ET confirmed a new bench had been purchased and was awaiting installation opposite grit bin on footpath at bottom of Steppey Lane.</p> <p>Complaint Footpath/Hedge at Bilton: RM confirmed NCC were reviewing this at the same time as the Deep Dene footpath.</p> <p>Missing Coppice road sign: RM confirmed this had been reported to NCC.</p> <p>All other matters arising were in hand and being dealt with or listed on the agenda.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GC/RM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ET</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RM</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>a. S106 Money for Alnmouth Train Station parking – it was noted the PC had sent a strong request that NCC to consider an allocation of S106 money towards the long-term solution for station parking with any developments given planning permission in and around the Alnwick area eg the missed opportunity for S106 from the 270 housing development at Windy Edge, Alnwick.</p> <p>b. Foxton Glade Access Road - ET confirmed that the footpath along the River Aln from Lesbury towards Foxton/Alnmouth had been cleared as much as possible. The last part would take a considerable number of hours to clear the overgrown vegetation and so, temporarily, the footpath at that point ran along the edge of the farmer's field. The PC agreed to Paul Taylor clearing the whole of the footpath and to bill the PC accordingly. This would then to be added to the annual maintenance schedule, which would have to increase accordingly. The PC noted from feedback to the NDP that maintaining footpaths in the parish was important and this would enable to PC to be more in control of keeping the footpaths open and ready for use by residents.</p> <p>c. Blocked Flood Relief – River Aln/Lesbury Footbridge - It was confirmed that N'land Estates had cleared away the foliage next to the bridge. However, NCC were yet to report back about concern that had been raised about the blocked arches. ET to follow-up. KB and AV were concerned and felt the issue needed addressing. AV suggested that instead of wooden slats, which could cause obstruction, sheep wire could be installed which would have the same effect of keeping out dogs etc. to protect the residents' chickens but which wouldn't compromise the flood defences. AV agreed to speak with the resident. ET to write to the resident to advise AV would be visiting to discuss.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GC/RM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ET</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ET</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AV</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. 18/02491/FUL – New access onto Highway – Brockgate Lodge, Lesbury, NE66 3PJ – no objections.</p> <p>b. 18/03646/FUL – 1 x dwelling – Wooden Farm, Lesbury, NE66 2TW – no objections</p> <p>c. 18/03557/FELTPO – tree works at 3 Hipsburn Steadings, NE66 3QP – no objections</p> <p>d. 18/03658/RGM – re application 17/03535/OUT – Land North of Meadowlands – application just received – to be circulated round all PC. Deadline for comments 7/11/18.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>a. Nigel Towers – Pre-planning Enquiry – Land North of Lesbury – see above as discussed in public questions. DH responded to Mr Towers.</p> <p>b. CAN – AGM – 6/11/18 – 1pm - Westfield Park, Longhoughton - noted</p> <p>c. NCC – Changes to Refuse Collections – no impact for Lesbury/Hipsburn</p> <p>d. AONB – Annual Forum – 11/10/18 – 2pm - Ellingham Hall - noted</p> <p>e. Friends of Alnmouth Station - a note of thanks for support and update to the PC of the Gold Award for NIB 2018 - noted</p>	

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	<p>f. Martin Stephenson – Parking on Square at Hipsburn Green – as discussed in item 4 above.</p> <p>g. NALC – VMS Maintenance Scheme – as discussed in item 4 above, GC/RM to help NALC pursue.</p>	
8.	<p>Parish Financial Matters</p> <p>a. Notice of Conclusion of External Audit by PKF</p> <p>b. PKF (External Audit) - £360.00 - agreed</p> <p>c. Hipsburn Primary School (Room Hire for Meeting) - £25 – agreed</p> <p>d. Penny Royale (Lesbury Works) - £28.44 – agreed</p> <p>e. Ludman Planning (NDP Consultant) - £3,618 - agreed</p>	
9.	<p>Sports Steering Group Update</p> <p>A first meeting had been held and AH advised that DH was progressing organising for a consultant to speak with the local sports clubs, school to assess the needs and feedback to the PC and NDP.</p>	
10.	<p>Northumbria in Bloom Update</p> <p>John Malloy had emailed a report to advise that Lesbury achieved another Silver Gilt for the village, although were marked as gold for two of the categories - Horticultural Achievement and Community Participation and silver for Environmental Responsibility. The Special Awards were Gold for The Coach Inn and Alnmouth Station, Silver Gilt for Thomas Davison's garden, and Silver for St Mary's Church and for Orchard Terrace. The PC thanked all involved in NIB – another successful year.</p>	
11.	<p>NDP Update</p> <p>JH reported that the settlement boundaries had been drawn up tightly around the village but to include the 39 houses that had already been granted planning permission. Rural exceptions can be used if the PC want community-led housing developed. GC flagged the case of North Sunderland and JH confirmed they were aware of the situation there where the PC went outside the boundary for 100 units in perpetuity in what was classed as a rural exemption site and this was accepted by NCC planning. Regulations had changed since that time. A social landlord is signed up to carry out the development at North Sunderland.</p>	
12.	<p>Speedwatch Update/SpeedSign</p> <p>RM reported he was continuing to pursue Northumbria Police for Speedwatch training.</p>	RM
13.	<p>Pond Field Update</p> <p>ET had circulated the quote from Playdale just to fix the sweeping sea saw, which came in at £1,016.49. The PC agreed for ET to progress with repair. Proposed AV, 2nd JH.</p>	ET
14.	<p>Any Other Matters for Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GC advised that GC and RM would be attending an LTP meeting at NCC where the priority schemes would be reviewed and some schemes awarded funding for progression. 	
15.	<p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>Special Meeting - date and time to be confirmed</p> <p>Monthly Meeting - Tuesday 27 October - 7.30pm- Lesbury Village Hall</p>	ALL ALL

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm.

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