

Lesbury Parish Council

**Meeting
Tuesday 27 February 2024**

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

Present: Cllrs Norris (JN) (Chair), Humphrys (Vice Chair) (JH), Hodgson (AH), Tulip (PT) and County Cllr Martin Swinbank (MS).

In attendance: Elizabeth Taylor (Clerk) (ET) and 5 members of the public.

Monthly Parish Council Meeting Minutes	ACTION
<p>Public Questions: Coal Yard Closure: ET had contacted Network Rail who confirmed The Arch Co were the current Tenants. The Arch Co confirmed the land was still legally let, even though the coal yard had vacated it. Billy McKnight requested it be investigated if the land could be used as a car park. JH advised this had previously been looked into but discounted due to road safety issues; the access/egress from the road was poor and there was no pedestrian access under the railway bridge to the station itself which meant pedestrians needed to then cross a difficult 4-way junction. MS to follow-up with NCC to enquire if that decision still stood or if it was now possible. NCC Grass Cutting: Billy McKnight flagged that the NCC grass cutters had damaged the finger post on the Hipsburn roundabout and also the flagpole on Hipsburn Green. MS to report to NCC. Billy McKnight also asked if the roundabout grass could not be cut at all in May to help with wildlife such as bees and butterflies. ET confirmed this request had been made and agreed with NCC in March 2023, on the understanding that this will have to be assessed and will be rescinded if it poses a health and safety risk as sightlines must be maintained at all times for road users.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>MS</p>
1. Apologies: Cllrs Church (MC), Knowles (DK), Hall (JuH), Martin (AM), & County Cllr Gordon Castle (GC)	
4. Minutes: 23 January 2024 minutes were signed as a true record.	
5. Declarations of Interest: none	
<p>6. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes Lesbury Tennis Club: MC not in attendance - to be postponed to March. NCC Service Level Agreement: MS had suggested this request be submitted to Cllr Isabel Hunter, Chair of the Town & Parish Council Meeting. JN to liaise with the Chairs of Longhoughton PC and Alnmouth PC to progress. Village Hall Lease/Public Liability Responsibility: JH advised progress was slow but the Village Hall Committee were considering 2 options: register as a Committee Limited by Guarantee, or to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which would mean dissolving as an organisation and starting again. JH to update the PC when there is any new news. Cyclepath to Alnmouth: AM not in attendance - to be postponed to February. H&S Hazard - School Bus, South View: MS confirmed this issue and potential risk had been flagged with NCC. Faulty VMS Sign on South View: ET had reported the sign to Swarco. Call out costs of £470 and approximate labour costs of £188 had been quoted and agreed. The Engineer was due onsite at the beginning of March. Speedwatch: Kevin Franklin reported speedwatch sessions were to be undertaken imminently outside the school and on the A1068. PT requested Bilton as a future location.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>JN</p> <p>AM</p>
<p>7. Matters Arising a) 18/04528/OUT – Land North of Alnmouth Station It was noted that no financial support was required by Hillside residents to commission a planning consultant to write an objection statement for the Planning Committee against the planning application. This had been completely funded by GoFundMe. The PC agreed to commission Jenny</p>	

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	<p>Ludman, planning consultant to write the PC's objection statement for the Planning Committee to defend the PC's NDP against the planning application. The cost for this would be circa £600. It was agreed the NDP had been written in good faith and that it was important to uphold the democratic process. The PC therefore needed to put forward representation against the planning application and it was sensible to employ a professional to help with this. Proposed JH, 2nd AH. All agreed. JH to contact Jenny Ludman to instruct her accordingly.</p> <p>Kevin Franklin advised that the Hillside residents would contact NCC to enquire if, on the basis that this application was going to strategic planning committee because it was deemed that there was a strategic need for car parking, NCC would consider compulsory/enforced purchase of land to do so negating the need to build additional houses to raise s106 funds.</p> <p>b) Lesbury Village Hall – Planning/Listed Building Consent Application JH advised that the village hall needs to apply for planning permission/listed building consent to do some repointing work to the building. If an application is made by the PC, then the cost is reduced by 50%. As the PC is the Tenant on the Lease, this was agreed by all. JH to progress.</p> <p>c) Coach Inn Cart Planter: JuH had enquired if the PC might consider paying for the cart at the entrance to the Coach Inn to be planted up. It was agreed that as it was a commercial business, it was up to the Landlord or Tenant to cover this cost and keep the area looking attractive for their customers.</p>	
8.	<p>County Councillors Gordon Castle and Martin Swinbank – NCC Update NCC Local Transport Plan: MS advised the draft LTP was published and included works to take place in our parish as follows: improve the bus stop on Hipsburn Roundabout going out to Warkworth; carriageway repairs to A1068; and improve the footpath on Lesbury Main Street.</p> <p>Steppey Lane Footbridge: MS advised the planning application would be submitted in March with works planned for the next financial year (2024/25).</p> <p>Curly Lane Parking: MS confirmed this complaint was being considered as part of a wider review of parking at Alnmouth Train Station. It's been 3 months since the new parking charges had been implemented on the Network Rail car park. NCC had been monitoring the impact of that. MS to follow-up.</p> <p>North N'land Local Area Committee: MS flagged this meeting was due to be held on 28/3/24 at 6pm at Lindisfarne, Alnwick.</p>	MS
9.	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/00441/FUL – Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new 2 storey dwelling - Badachro, Steppey Lane, Lesbury, NE66 3PU – this application was still being reviewed by the Planning Sub-Committee, but the PC would be objecting as, although some adjustments had been made, the key features that were of concern in the previous application remained (23/1506 FUL). The proposal is for a house that is too large for the site, too high, uses material that are not in keeping with the surroundings, which means it does not follow the expectations set out in- the NDP. • 24/00449/FUL – Demolition of existing summerhouse and playhouse within garden and construction of garden outbuildings comprising gym, shower/WC, garden room and garden store - Caldly, 5 Croftlands, Lesbury, NE66 3QW - this application was still being reviewed by the Planning Sub-Committee, but the PC would be making an objection as the proposed plan was out of proportion with the site and the building it is replacing. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/00178/FUL – Demolition of existing rear conservatory and construction of two storey rear extension – 1 Alnside Court, Lesbury, NE66 3PD – no objections. • 24/00281/FUL – Installation of solar panels, air source heat pump, new conservatory roof, new kitchen window/door opening and garden gate - Croft Green, Riverside, Lesbury, NE66 3SG – no objections. 	
10.	<p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>a) NCC Town & Parish Council Conference - 14/3/24, 5pm-8pm, NCC - noted</p> <p>b) N'land Coast National Landscape (AONB) - next Meeting 27/2/24 and Dark Skies Workshop 8/3/24 - noted</p> <p>c) Peter Johnson, PCSO Neighbourhood Northern, Northumbria Police - PC meeting dates were passed on for a possible future visit.</p> <p>d) NCC Household DIY Waste Changes - noted</p> <p>e) NALC – Kings Garden Party 2024 and ENews Feb 2024 - noted</p> <p>f) NCC Thriving Together February 2024 – noted</p> <p>g) NCC – Definitive Map Modification Order (No10) 2022 PF No 28 (Parish of Lesbury) – confirmation that a public footpath has been formally marked on the map between Alnbrig and Brockgate Lodge (ie A1068) to Lealands Estate Road - noted.</p>	
11.	<p>Parish Financial Matters</p> <p>a) Annual Grant - St Mary's Church - £500 - agreed</p> <p>b) Clerk (Feb Wages) - £418.03 - agreed</p> <p>c) HMRC (Feb PAYE) - £97.00 - agreed</p> <p>d) CBS World (Stationery) - £109.96 - agreed</p>	
12.	<p>Pond Field Play Area</p> <p>MC/AM not in attendance. Update on review of play area postponed to March.</p>	AM/MC
13.	<p>Any Other Matters for Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed Asset check to take place in Spring. 	
14.	<p>NEXT MEETING: Next meeting is 7.30pm – Tuesday 26 March 2024 – Lesbury Village Hall</p>	ALL

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

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