

# Lesbury Parish Council

Meeting  
Tuesday 23 April 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), Knowles (DK), Hodgson (AH), Tulip (PT) and County Cllr Martin Swinbank (MS).

**In attendance:** Elizabeth Taylor (Clerk) (ET)

<b>Monthly Parish Council Meeting Minutes</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Public Questions:</b> There were no public questions.		
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Church (MC), Hall (JuH), Martin (AM) & County Cllr Gordon Castle (GC)	
4.	<b>Minutes:</b> 26 March 2024 minutes were signed as a true record.	
5.	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> none	
6.	<p><b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Coal Yard Closure:</b> MS had received no update from NCC Strategic Transport Officer as to whether the land could be used as a car park. It was likely this would not be progressed until the report on train station parking was complete.</p> <p><b>Lesbury Tennis Club:</b> MC not present and so no update.</p> <p><b>NCC Service Level Agreement:</b> JN confirmed Cllr Isabel Hunter, Chair of the Town &amp; Parish Council Meeting was happy to receive the request. It had been suggested that more PCs should be approached to support the request other than just Lesbury, Longhoughton and Alnmouth. JN to contact Chairs of Amble, Warkworth, Felton, Embleton, Beadnell, Lucker and Newton by the Sea.</p> <p><b>Cyclepath to Alnmouth:</b> AM not present so no update.</p> <p><b>Curly Lane Parking:</b> MS confirmed NCC Officers were still gathering evidence and would produce a report on parking in and around the station. MS to follow-up on timelines when the report will be available.</p> <p><b>Newsletter:</b> The next edition of the newsletter is ready and will be distributed to all households very soon. Thanks to our new editor Lesley Moss and the volunteers who carry out delivery. AH requested an appeal for new Parish Councillors to be included in the newsletter – the Parish Council currently has 2 vacancies and PT is stepping down in May leaving a third vacancy.</p> <p><b>Alnwick Banking Hub:</b> MS confirmed that following the decision by Lloyds and Halifax to close their Alnwick branches from January 2025, Cash Access UK are progressing plans for a Banking Hub in Alnwick. Cash Access UK is a not-for-profit company providing banking hubs for 9 of the largest UK Banks. The banks pay Cash Access UK to provide this service. For Alnwick, Cash Access UK are committed to providing a hub in Alnwick town centre to be open within a year and hopefully sooner. It will be open 9am-5pm, 5 days per week and be fully accessible to DDA standards. The Post Office will provide a counter service within the hub – typically 2 counters and 2 members of staff. The counter service will offer cash / cheque deposit and withdrawal, ability to pay bills etc. The cash / coin limits are set by the individual bank in conjunction with the Post Office. There will be a cash machine provided. There will also be a private consulting room occupied by community banking staff. Each bank will have 1 day or a ½ day per week, decided by the proportion of local customers each bank retains. There will be a seated waiting area for customers wishing to see an advisor from their bank. Appointments and drop-in session arrangements will be up to each individual bank. The location has not yet been identified although the former Barclays, Lloyds and Halifax buildings will be considered. The only bank currently committed to Alnwick is Lloyds.</p> <p><b>PC Online Banking:</b> JH was progressing moving the PC banking online.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MC</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JN AM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ET</b></p>

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7.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>a) 18/04528/OUT – Land North of Alnmouth Station:</b> It was noted Jenny Ludman, planning consultant had submitted to NCC the PC's objection statement to defend the PC's NDP against this planning application.</p> <p><b>b) Faulty VMS Sign on South View:</b> ET reported as follows: an engineer visited on 31/2/24 and found the sign in good working order and swapped out the charge controller. The battery was unable to be replaced on this visit but the engineer re-visited on 9/4/24, replaced the battery and confirmed again that the sign was in good working order. On 10/4/24 ET advised the sign was still not working correctly. An engineer visited again on 11/4/24 and reported that the fuses had been pulled out of the sign. These were reset and reported the sign was left working. On 19/4/24 ET requested clarification on how the fuses could have been pulled out/accessible to anyone other than an engineer. On 22/4/24 ET reported that the sign was still not working correctly.</p>	
8.	<p><b>County Councillors Gordon Castle and Martin Swinbank – NCC Update</b></p> <p><b>Volunteers Open Day:</b> MS advised a Volunteers Open Day would be held in Northumberland Hall on 27/4/24 from 10am-2pm.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24/01057/FUL – New single storey extension to rear of building to house new and enlarged ladies facilities - Alnmouth Golf Club, Foxton Drive, Alnmouth, NE66 3BE – no objections</li> </ul>	
10.	<p><b>Correspondence Received</b></p> <p>a) Mary Hollins – Lesbury Footbridge - MS advised NCC are still aiming for a start of September 2024 for construction. JH confirmed the new residents of the adjacent property had been contacted about the planned works and had granted access over their land to NCC. AH confirmed that N'land Estates had also now been contacted about the proposed works.</p> <p>b) Complaint re School Hedge – It was noted the cutting of the school hedge caused a problem each year. AH to contact the school to request this is something they take responsibility for and take control of each year.</p> <p>c) Bailiffgate Museum – Grant Thank You Letter - noted</p> <p>d) NCC Thriving Together Newsletter #2 March and April 2024 - noted</p> <p>e) NALC ENews – April 2024 - noted</p> <p>f) Adderstone with Lucker PC – Alnwick Bank Closures – supported.</p> <p>g) Alnmouth Parish Council – Coastal Erosion and Access to the Shore - noted</p> <p>h) N'land Coast National Landscape Partnership – Minutes 27/2/24 - noted</p>	<b>AH</b>
11.	<p><b>Parish Financial Matters</b></p> <p>i) Northumberland County Council (Precept) - £8,500 CREDIT - noted</p> <p>j) Northumberland Accountants (Payroll) - £48 - agreed</p> <p>k) Ludman Planning Ltd (18/04528/OUT Objection Letter) - £520 - agreed</p> <p>l) Clerk (Feb Wages inc back-dated NALC Pay Award) - £800.13 - agreed</p> <p>m) HMRC (Feb PAYE inc back-dated PAYE) - £192.60 - agreed</p> <p>n) Penny Royale (Lesbury Works) - £104 - agreed</p> <p>o) NALC (Annual Subs) - £257.67 - agreed</p>	
12.	<p><b>Pond Field Play Area</b></p> <p>MC/Am not present so no update available on the Playdale Engineer visit. ET advised RoSPA would carry out the Annual Inspection in June 2024.</p>	<b>AM/MC</b>
13.	<p><b>Any Other Matters for Discussion - None</b></p>	
14.	<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Annual Parish, Annual Parish Council &amp; Monthly Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm – Tuesday 28 May 2024 – Lesbury Village Hall</p>	<b>ALL</b>

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_