

ALNMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 7pm Hindmarsh Hall, Northumberland Street, Alnmouth, NE66 2RS.

Members of the public and press are invited to attend.

AGENDA

195/23 Apologies

196/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To consider approval or amendment of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th November 2023.

197/23 Declarations of Interest

198/23 Public Participation

In accordance with Section 3.5 of the Alnmouth Parish Council Standing Orders and the Policy on Public Participation in Parish Council Meetings, members of the public present may address the Council at this point on the agenda. The period of time designated for this item shall not exceed 15 minutes in total and a member of the public shall not speak for more than 4 minutes unless otherwise directed by the Chair. The Council reserves the right to respond or debate any issue on a later date.

199/23 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications/Discharge of Conditions

23/04314/DISCON Discharge of Conditions 6 (Vehicular Access/Cycle Parking), 8 (Surface Water Drainage), 13 (Surface Water Scheme), 14 (SuDS Maintenance), 15 (Bat and Bird Boxes) and 16 (Confirmation of Fibre Broadband) on approved application 22/03555/VARYCO Land West Of Schooner Hotel Northumberland Street. (Working Group Report circulated in advance).

b) Update on Planning Decisions (for information only)

**23/03711/FUL 5 Northumberland Street Alnmouth Alnwick Northumberland Demolition of small outbuilding (outbuilding 5) to west of 5 Northumberland Street, Alnmouth
Permission Granted by NCC.**

200/23 Rescue Boathouse

Update on progress – discussion with Historic England and obtaining quotations.

201/23 County Council Matters

To receive any updates/report from County Council Representatives.

202/23 Training

Update and requests.

203/23 Shepherd's Hill – NCC Plans for Lay-by

Update on NCC Consultation with residents (available from Parish Clerk or Post Office).

204/23 Fred Bettess Fund

Update on idea for digital archive.

205/23 Street Lights in Alnmouth

Consideration of improvements to street lighting in Alnmouth (report circulated in advance)

206/23 Finance

- a. To APPROVE invoices and expense claims received prior to, or during the meeting (see summary circulated prior to the meeting)
- b. To RECEIVE the monthly finance report (circulated before the meeting)
- c. Update on VAT
- d. Decision on backdating to April 2023 of nationally agreed increase (agreed in November) to Clerk's salary pursuant local authority pay scales as per contract of employment.
- e. Update on payment for winter servicing of public toilets and decision on whether APC to continue to pay for the winter servicing.
- f. Review of draft budget for 2024-25 with a view to setting the precept.

207/23 Reports from Working Groups**a. Christmas Lights**

Update.

b. Village Maintenance

Repairs to Bus Shelter floor.
Play Park RoSPA checklists.

c. Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

Update.

d. Arts Festival

Update

e. Climate Change

Request by Zero Hour to ask councils to join the 168 parish & town councils across the UK to support the Climate and Ecology Bill.

208/23 Bike Racks in Alnmouth

NCC Report circulated in advance.

209/23 Church Hill - Repairs to Sea Wall

To consider further action in light of AONB's unsuccessful funding bid (report circulated in advance).

210/23 Correspondence

- i) Complaint concerning restricted access to the Beach at Alnmouth following the recent storms and responses from Northumberland Estates, NCC, AONB and the Burgage Holders.
- ii) Request by Hindmarsh Hall Committee to remove APC tables from the Hall.

211/23 Large Boathouse Lease

To decide on the final draft of the lease (circulated in advance) of the Boathouse to Alnmouth Community Rowing.

212/23 AONB/National Landscapes Conservation Area Character Appraisals

Consultation with APC.

213/23 APC Meeting Dates for financial year 2024-25

To agree - 9th April 2024 (and Annual Parish Meeting); 14th May 2024 (and Annual General Meeting); 11th June 2024; 9th July 2024; 13th August 2024; 10th September 2024; 8th October 2024; 12th November 2024; 10th December 2024; 14th January 2025; 11th February 2025; 11th March 2025.

214/23 Any Other Business for Information**215/23 Confidential Matters**

A motion to exclude the public will be proposed due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed (quotations for work).

Date & Time of Next Meeting: - 12th December 2023 at 7pm, The Hindmarsh Hall, Northumberland Street, NE66 2RS. **Future Meeting Dates** 9th January 2024, 13th February 2024, 12th March 2024.