

ALNMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
The Hindmarsh Hall, Northumberland Street, Alnmouth
Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 14th March 2023 – 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Susanne Gair (Chair), David Denton, Josie McDonough, Simon Rushton, George Ternent, Simon Walford.

In Attendance: Deb Still (Clerk) County Cllr Martin Swinbank and 1 member of the public.

The Meeting opened at 7pm.

31/23 Apologies	Cllrs Ian Armstrong, Anne van't Hoff, Shelley Straughan and County Cllr Castle.
32/23 Minutes of the Meeting of 13th December.	It was RESOLVED and AGREED that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting (proposed by Cllr McDonough and seconded by Cllr Walford).
33/23 Declarations of Interest	Cllr Walford declared a pecuniary or other interest in respect of item 38/23 due to his wife being the treasurer of St John the Baptist, one of the applicants for a s. 137 grant.
34/23 Public Participation	There were no comments from the member of the public.
35/23 Electric Vehicle Charging Points	They have been installed but are not yet operational. One complaint from a resident has been received due to the reduction in parking spaces for non electric vehicles in the village and the Chair has replied to the resident.
36/23 Planning Matters	a) Planning Applications i) 22/02572/FUL 5 The Wynd Alnmouth Northumberland NE66 2RB. Proposed single storey Kitchen and Sauna extension with balcony over and associated works, namely formation of external access stair, revised ground levels, extended lawn/patio areas and fencing to east boundary. (Amended plans received 22.02.2023). It was AGREED that no comment was required. ii) 23/00732/FUL The Schooner Hotel 8 Northumberland Street Alnmouth Northumberland NE66 2RS. Retrospective - Proposed full timber decking outdoor seating area with timber frame outbuilding / shed. Decking to service outdoor seating for customers and building to serve as an out door store and service area. APC APPROVED an OBJECTION to this application as an Enforcement Notice had already been issued with the decking to be dismantled by the end of February 2023. The Enforcement Notice states clearly that "planning permission should not be given ..." iii) 19/04986/FUL Former Pump House Bridge End Alnmouth Northumberland NE66 3NF. Discharge of Conditions Condition 5 (Surface Water Drainage), 6 (Construction Method Statement), 7 (Boundaries), 8 (Landscape Management Plan), 9 (Pollution Prevention Plan), 10 (Materials) and 11 (Door and Window Materials) on approved application

	APC AGREES a NEUTRAL comment and a request that the Main Contractor ensures that clean and easy access to the Bridge Viewing Platform will be protected at all times and that contractor vehicle parking and deliveries will not impede traffic flows over the Duchess Bridge. b) Update on Planning Decisions i) 22/02939/FUL 9A Northumberland Street Alnmouth Northumberland NE66 2RS Summerhouse & Chimney. Decision: Granted. ii) 22/04299/FUL Falsterbo Foxton Drive Alnmouth Northumberland. Side extension and remodelling of existing dwelling, including application of white glass cladding to external elevations (including garage elevations). Decision: Granted. iii) 21/03496/FUL Westlea Bed and Breakfast 29 Riverside Road Alnmouth NE66 2SD. Proposed new detached dwelling. The application was withdrawn from the North Northumberland Area Council's agenda after the applicant made minor changes to the site plans and it is uncertain whether it is on next month's agenda. c) Other updates or applications received since drafting the agenda (for information only). None.
37/23 County Council Matters	To receive any updates/report from County Council Representatives. The following was reported: i) In view of APC and local concerns, County Cllr Swinbank has been discussing the traffic calming measure near Hipsburn Primary School with NCC officers. In particular whether it requires a tactile surface on the pavement for those with visual impairments and whether it safely meets requirements for a traffic calming measure. It was noted that it has been hit again recently with a large chunk being taken out of the kerb. ii) Shepherds Hill – County Cllr Swinbank is consulting with NCC officers and utility providers about the feasibility of providing additional parking for the village at Shepherd's Hill. Utility cables and pipes may have to be diverted which would cost around £300k (compared to the £190k estimated in 2016/17). iii) There is an NCC Climate Change Collaboration Event at Alnwick Garden on 30th March 2023. iv) The Local Transport Plans has been published in draft. v) The car park at High Buston has been cleared of the fly tipped rubbish. vi) County Cllr Swinbank raised the issue of potential sites for the installation of bike racks in the village. Councillors will make enquiries.
38/23	Grant Applications Received for s.137 LGA 1972 monies It was NOTED that grants have already given for 2022-23 totalling £638.35 to Hipsburn Primary School and Alnwick & District Food Bank. The total maximum sum available for APC to grant from the PC funds (set by statute) is £2722.07. Applications were received from the following: 1. Alnmouth & Lesbury Cricket Club 2. Alnmouth WI and the Hindmarsh Hall 3. Lights, Camera, Alnmouth 4. Alnmouth Parochial Church Council - (maintenance of churchyard at

	Foxton and exceptional storm damage). It was AGREED and APPROVED to fund each of the applications in the sum of £500 and to make an additional grant of £500 to the Great North Air Ambulance Service (proposed by Cllr Denton and seconded by Cllr McDonough).
39/23	Policies & Procedures The review of Standing Orders was deferred.
40/23 Finance	a) It was RESOLVED and AGREED that the following payments be approved:

Payee	Reason	Total Gross	Fund	PAID or TO BE PAID
Deb Still	Clerk's Salary 1st to 28th March 2023 (net of tax, NI) plus 2.5 hours for AAF February 2023	£ 368.13	APC	31.3.23
Deb Still	Clerk's expenses (email, website, accts software, mileage)	£ 88.50	APC	16.3.23
PPD	INV 18007 for March Newsletter	£ 113.00	APC	16.3.23
HHall	Invoice 29.11.22 for hire of Hindmarsh Hall APC meeting Nov 22	£ 26.00	APC	16.3.23
HHall	Invoice 29.11.22 for hire of Hindmarsh Hall Xmas Lights Workshop & coffee morning	£ 117.00	Xmas L	16.3.23
HHall	Invoice Deposit for Hire of Hindmarsh Hall	£ 150.00	AAF	16.3.23
C Branningan	Expenses for AAF Website Domain	£ 14.39	AAF	16.3.23
R Gair	Wordpress Licence for AAF website	£ 71.86	AAF	16.3.23
G Ternent	Rent for garage for mower 1.4.22 - 31.3.23	£ 104.00	APC	16.3.23
	Retrospective Approvals & To NOTE Amended Payments			
D Ecclestone	Expenses Inv for Signs & Sticker 2 x high viz jackets 27.11.22	£12.90	Xmas L	16.2.23

	b) The finance report for March 2023 was RECEIVED. c) It was AGREED and APPROVED to transfer the sum of £54.45 from the APC Hindmarsh Hall (General Fund) to the APC Community Fund and to close the Hindmarsh Hall (General Fund). d) The Asset Register for 23-24 was further REVIEWED. Amendments will be made and recirculated for the next meeting.
41/23	Wedding at Pease's Park i) Councillors were not aware of any clashes for events for the proposed date for setting up the marquee which it was AGREED would be the morning of Friday 16th August with dismantling on the morning of 18th August. ii) Final requirements were AGREED and the applicants will be notified.
42/23	Northumbria in Bloom APC had no projects to put forward.
44/23 Reports from Working Groups	a) Christmas Lights. There will be a fund raising quiz in May. b) Village Maintenance Cllr Denton has solved the issue of the damaged bus shelter. c) Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch There will be a quiz on the first Thursday of each month to raise funds and the Christmas Lunch will now take place on 14th January 2024. e) Alnmouth Arts Festival There will be some free and some costed events that will be booked via Eventbrite. Planning is progressing well.

45/23 Training	Any Other Business for Information Only i) The red dog waste bin next to the Duchess Bridge has been closed as the lid and insert were missing. NCC would like it replaced with a dual purpose litter/dog waste bin. The Clerk will make enquiries and bring quotes to the next meeting. ii) The tenant of the allotment at Pan Leazes has complained about local people dumping rubbish at the site and some sort of 'den' being constructed. APC AGREED this was a private matter in which they could not intervene. The Clerk will write to the tenant. iii) Coronation weekend. Cllr Gair has made enquiries and found that the WI has applied for an NCC grant for a Sunday Picnic in the Park and may want to borrow APC's marquee. APC could also lend the Tug of War rope and appropriate bunting if required.
46/23	Confidential Matter A motion to exclude the public was APPROVED due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.
	The Meeting closed at 8.55pm. Date & Time of Next Meeting: 11th April 2023 at 7.15pm in the large meeting room, Hindmarsh Hall, Northumberland Street. The Annual Parish Meeting, also on 11th April at Hindmarsh Hall, will start at 7.00pm. Upcoming Meeting Dates 9th May 2023 (and Annual General Meeting) 13th June 2023 11th July 2023 8th August 2023 12th September 2023 10th October 2023 14th November 2023 12th December 2023 9th January 2024 13th February 2024 12th March 2024