

# ALNMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes

#### Parish Council Meeting

The Hindmarsh Hall, Northumberland Street, Alnmouth Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
2024 – 7pm

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

**In Attendance:** Deb Still (Clerk), County Cllr Martin Swinbank, nine members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7pm

#### **14/24 Apologies**

Cllrs Ian Armstrong, Josie McDonough, Shelley Straughan and County Cllr Castle.

#### **15/24 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2024 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

#### **16/24 Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **17/24 Public Participation**

Members of the public attended and commented on planning issues.

#### **18/24 Planning Matters**

##### **a) Applications/Appeals**

##### **i) 14/03089/FUL Red Lion, Northumberland Street, Alnmouth**

Variation of condition 5 (noise) pursuant to original planning permission.

APC AGREED to submit a response that encourages the applicant to submit an amended unambiguous Noise Management Plan.

##### **ii) 24/00129/FUL Red Lion, Northumberland Street, Alnmouth**

Retrospective planning approval for construction of pizza oven and open shelter to the rear beer garden.

APC AGREED a NEUTRAL stance subject to the Applicants fully complying with Conditions 3 & 4 attached to 14/03088/FUL (ie cycle parking and 5 car parking spaces).

##### **iii) 24/00380/FUL 28 Northumberland Street, Alnmouth**

Conversion of (part) ground floor residential space to Retail (Shop).

APC AGREED they have no comment to make.

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**iv) 24/00369/LBC The Orange House 3 Lovaine Terrace, Alnmouth**  
Listed Building consent to regularise installation of windows and rooflights.  
APC AGREED they have no comment to make.

**b) Update on Planning Decisions (for information only)**

**i) 23/04021/FUL** Old School House refurbishment and extension of existing dwelling house. Condition attached states “development hereby approved shall only be used as ancillary accommodation in connection with the use of the main property as a single private dwelling house and shall at no time be converted to a self-contained unit.”

**Permission Granted by NCC with the above condition.**

**ii) 23/04314/DISCON Land West Of Schooner Hotel Northumberland Street.**  
Discharge of Condition 6 (Vehicular Access/Cycle Parking) on approved application 22/03555/VARYCO Discharge of Conditions 6 (Vehicular Access), 8 (Surface Water Drainage), 9 (Cycle Parking), 13 (Surface Water Scheme), 14 (SuDS Maintenance), 15 (Bat and Bird Boxes)

**Permission Partly Granted by NCC.**

**iii) 23/03720/LBC 7 Lovaine Terrace, Alnmouth.** Listed Building Consent for construction of small porch extension to rear etc.

**Permission Granted by NCC.**

**c) Planning Enforcement**

**23/00908/NONMAT Non Material Amendment** - (consistent type/size of 4 front elevation roof lights; amendment to 2nd floor glazed roof to front elevation) on approved application 19/04744/FUL 6 Riverside Road Alnmouth.

NCC has not received a retrospective Planning Permission Application to date.  
Clerk to write again to NCC.

**d) Other updates or applications received since drafting the agenda (for information only)**

None.

**19/24 County Council Matters**

County Cllr Swinbank is awaiting an update on the parking at the junction of the A1068 with the High Buston road which has been moved into the next financial year. County Cllr Swinbank is raising issues with Network Rail about the water erosion under the rail bridge where works have been carried out.

**20/24 National Landscape Partnership**

**i) Questions for the next meeting of the National Landscape Partnership (previously known as the AONB) that will take place on Tuesday 27.02.24.** No questions to raise aside from the issue of the Church Hill wall that has been raised already.

**ii) Highways and Public Realm in the National Landscape – feedback from Cllr Rushton and any comments on the draft report.** Cllr Rushton attended this session where issues around signage, decluttering and dark skies were discussed.

**21/24 The Town and Parish Council Spring Conference**

It will take place on Thursday 14th March 2024 at County Hall with space for two delegates.

Deadline for booking is 8th March.

**22/24 Shepherds Hill Consultation**

The draft letter was AGREED for the Clerk to send to NCC.

**23/24 Fred & Gladys Bettess Fund**

Update – this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

**24/24 Gov.uk Domain for APC**

It was AGREED that the Clerk obtain quotes from the list of approved domain providers for the Council to further consider.

**25/24 King's Garden Party 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

Three potential nominees from the community were AGREED to be nominated as guests at the Garden Party to recognise excellent contributions in their field, and in public service, voluntary or community work. The Chair to confirm with the nominees and the Clerk to send details to the Northumberland Association of Local Councils.

**26/24 Finance**

a. It was RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:

| Account                    | Date        | Description            | Reference                            | Amount<br>(incl VAT) | VAT    |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| <b>APC</b>                 |             |                        |                                      |                      |        |
| APC - CURRENT              | 04 Feb 2024 | Xero UK Ltd            | Inv 18087100 Direct Debit            | 36.00                | 6.00   |
| APC - CURRENT              | 12 Feb 2024 | Hindmarsh Hall         | Inv HH-2023-71 Jan APC Meeting       | 24.00                | 0.00   |
| APC - CURRENT              | 14 Feb 2024 | PPD Printgroup Ltd     | Inv 19684 Feb 24 Newsletter          | 113.00               | 0.00   |
| APC - CURRENT              | 14 Feb 2024 | IONOS                  | Inv203040379073 5.2-5.3.24           | 14.00                | 2.80   |
| APC - CURRENT              | 14 Feb 2024 | Rapid Secure           | Inv 242215 10.1.24 Security Call Out | 336.00               | 56.00  |
| APC - CURRENT              | 14 Feb 2024 | Viking                 | Inv 3606422 12.1.24                  | 26.64                | 4.44   |
| APC - CURRENT              | 14 Feb 2024 | Deb Still              | Clerk's Feb Expenses                 | 30.50                | 0.00   |
| APC - CURRENT              | 14 Feb 2024 | PPD Printgroup Ltd     | Inv 19600 for January Newsletter     | 113.00               | 0.00   |
| APC - CURRENT              | 10 Jan 2024 | Playdale Playgrounds L | Inv XX for repair items Feb 2024     | 975.10               | 162.51 |
| APC - CURRENT              | 29 Feb 2024 | Deb Still              | Salary Feb 2024                      | 673.40               | 0.00   |
| <b>Arts Festival</b>       |             |                        |                                      |                      |        |
| <b>Total Arts Festival</b> | 14 Feb 2024 | Hindmarsh Hall         | Inv HH-2023-31A amended              | 21.00                | 0.00   |

b. The finance report for January 2024 was RECEIVED.

c. The Clerk has submitted the first VAT return. Credits and Debits to the various funds were AGREED as per the report circulated.

d. It was AGREED to vire £200 from the Community Fund to the Christmas Lights Fund for 2024-25 with immediate effect.

Signed ..... Dated 12th March 2024

## **27/24 Reports from Working Groups**

### **a. Christmas Lights**

Cllr Denton will explore options for hiring a Cherry Picker with operator to install the Christmas Lights in 2024.

### **b. Village Maintenance**

Repairs to bus shelter floor and playpark – Cllr Denton is sourcing materials.  
Dr Joy's Garden proposal from volunteers – three volunteers have come forward, including Cllr Denton, and will meet to progress. Cllr Denton is looking at resurfacing options.

### **c. Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch**

Update deferred to next meeting.

### **d. Arts Festival**

It was AGREED in principle that AAF be separated from APC with AAF forming a Community Interest Company to run and manage the Alnmouth Arts Festival. Options to be explored and brought to a future meeting for agreement.

### **e. Climate Change**

No update.

## **28/24 Any Other Business for Information**

### **a. Volcano Night**

A request has been made for APC to take over the running of the Volcano Night from the Boat Club. The Clerk to check with the Council's insurers. There is an entrance fee which APC would have to pay VAT on and bucket donations that would not be liable for VAT. Donations to date have been mainly to the RNLI.

b. The Wedding planned for Peases Park in 2024 has been postponed.

## **29/24 Confidential Matters**

This matter was deferred to the next meeting as no quotes have been received.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm

**Date & Time of Next Meeting:** - 12th March 2024 at 7pm, The Hindmarsh Hall, Northumberland Street, NE66 2RS.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

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.

Signed ..... Dated 12th March 2024