

ALNMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Parish Council Meeting
The Hindmarsh Hall, Northumberland Street, Alnmouth Tuesday 11th
June 2024

Present: Cllrs Susanne Gair, David Denton, Simon Rushton, Shelley Straughan, George Ternent, Simon Walford, John Wilson.

In Attendance: Deb Still (Clerk), County Cllrs Martin Swinbank and County Cllr Wendy Pattison.

The Meeting opened at 7pm

89/24 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ian Armstrong, Josie McDonough, Shaun Whyte and County Cllr Gordon Castle.

90/24 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was RESOLVED that:

- the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 14th May 2024 be accepted as a true record of the meeting AND
- the Minutes of the ordinary monthly business meeting of 14th May be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

91/24 Declarations of Interest

None.

92/24 Public Participation

None

93/24 Cooption of Shaun Whyte as a new councillor

The Receipt of Acceptance of Office was deferred to the next meeting.

94/24 Planning Matters

a) Applications/Appeals

i) 24/01586/AGTRES – High Buston - Notification of Prior Approval for change of use from agricultural building to create 5 dwellings with associated external private and shared outdoor space.

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APC AGREED to submit a neutral response, supporting the concerns of High Buston residents regarding the proposed development and urging the Planning Authority to ensure it meets Class Q criteria. APC also requests confirmation on whether the development work exceeds regulatory limits. APC NOTED the lack of initial consultation between the developer and residents but welcomes the planned consultation meeting.

b) Update on Planning Decisions

i) 24/01079/FUL Pan Leazes House Northumberland Street Alnmouth

Construction of sunroom extension and external terrace

NCC Decision: Permission Granted

ii) 24/00436/FUL Seaberry House Garden Terrace Alnmouth Alnwick

Rear single-storey extension, wood burning stove etc.

This agenda item was noted as a duplicate on the agenda (24/01079/FUL) and was corrected as pertaining to Seaberry House.

NCC Decision: Permission Granted

c) Any other planning issues.

None.

95/24 County Council Matters

a) Public Toilets update – the refurbishment is due to be completed this financial year and Portaloo's will be provided during the works. NCC will consult with the Burgage Holders concerning siting of the Portaloo's.

b) High Buston Car Park – bollards will be erected to prevent parking near the junction and there will be a sign for the new car park following discussion with Northumberland Coast National Landscape Partnership (formerly AONB).

c) Coastal Erosion – County Cllr Swinbank confirmed that any local measures need to be taken in consultation with the Flooding and Coastal Erosion Management Team at NCC and may require planning and other permissions and licences. County Cllrs Swinbank and Castle propose a village-wide community approach taking account of strategic regional and national shoreline management plans. To this end there will be a meeting of the North Northumberland Local Area Committee in Alnmouth focussed on this specific matter. This may take place in September (next meeting is 26th September) and will have officers present to outline the issues. Residents, business owners and other local groups and stakeholders will be invited to ask questions and give their views.

96/24 Shepherds Hill Parking

NCC has agreed that an additional meeting take place where residents of Shepherds Hill can attend and give their opinions to APC and to NCC officers about parking at Shepherds Hill. NCC has confirmed that Double Yellow Lines along the road will not be considered (although a slight extension of the lines can be made to address safety concerns). The choice is between:

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- an NCC proposed lay by reducing the number of cars able to park and protecting underground utilities and services OR
- maintaining the status quo of parking on the grass verge/road.

The meeting will be at 6pm on 8th October 2024, subject to NCC availability.

97/24 Alnmouth Street Lighting

Cllr Rushton reported that NCC and the Northumberland Coast National Landscape Partnership are interested in working with APC to improve the appearance of the main streetlamps (14 along Northumberland Street) and reduce the impact on the dark skies environment by reducing the height and the light emitted. NCC has stated that APC would need to find the funding for the works. APC will discuss further with NCC and explore funding options for a refurbishment programme.

In the meantime, APC will request that NCC replace any failing lanterns in Northumberland Street with heritage style brackets and lanterns rather than fixing new LED units.

98/24 Volcano Night

The insurer has confirmed that they will insure the event. Councillor Wilson to lead and the Clerk to complete draft paperwork for agreement. It will take place around the end August/beginning September.

99/24 Traffic Working Group

Cllr Wilson proposed a new working group. Although it was decided that a working group was not necessary, APC would encourage residents to report issues to NCC, the police (vehicles causing an obstruction can be reported on the non-emergency 101 number) and to their APC councillors.

100/24 Finance

a) It was RESOLVED that the following payments be approved

APC			incl VAT	VAT
14 Jun 2024	SLCC	SLCC Membership for Clerk 24-25	112.00	0.00
05 Jun 2024	Xero UK Ltd	Xero INV-19504024 June 2024	36.00	6.00
11 Jun 2024	Gallaghers	Insurance plus tax plus Admin Inv 534212806	1,319.97	0.00
14 Jun 2024	Deb Still	Clerk's June Expenses	36.75	0.00
14 Jun 2024	PPD Printgroup Ltd	20266 Inv for June Newsletter	226.00	0.00
14 Jun 2024	Hindmarsh Hall	APC June Meeting 23-146	30.00	0.00
14 Jun 2024	PPD Printgroup Ltd	Inv 20194 for May Newsletter	113.00	0.00
14 Jun 2024	G Ternent	Petrol for Mower	28.10	0.00
21 Jun 2024	IONOS	website and email direct debit June 2024	16.80	2.80
30 Jun 2024	Deb Still	Net Salary for APC June 2024	489.00	0.00
Xmas Lights				
14 Jun 2024	Hindmarsh Hall	Hire of Hall for Xmas Lights Quiz 2023-140 24.5.24	64.00	0.00

b) The monthly finance report was RECEIVED.

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c) The Insurance Quotation was AGREED as above.

101/24 Reports from Working Groups

a. Christmas Lights

The Christmas Lights fundraising quiz was very successful and raised a sum (net of VAT) of nearly £573.

b. Village Maintenance

The broken bench on Peases Lane is not an APC bench. Cllr Denton is trying to source a strimmer to hire. The Clerk will locate the last bench survey with a view to updating it with a current inspection.

Another person has volunteered to be on Dr Joy's Garden working party and will be contacted. A total of five people, including Cllr Denton have volunteered to help maintain the garden.

c. Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

It was AGREED that the next Christmas Lunch would be a ticketed event that is paid for by attendees. APC will need to pay VAT on the tickets sold.

d. Climate Change

See Coastal Erosion discussed at item 95/24/c.

102/24 Correspondence

i) Request for a memorial bench in Alnmouth and review of permission given last year where no bench has been installed.

The Clerk to make another attempt to contact the party from 2023. New request deferred to the next meeting.

ii) Litter left on Alnmouth Beach

Considerable amounts of litter are being left on the Beach following outdoor parties. Residents have collected broken glass, cans, etc. The Police have confirmed they will continue to give the area attention whilst on patrol when able to so. Complaints of anti-social behaviour etc can be made to the Police.

iii) Parking on the pavement on Marine Road

Complaints have been received. Vehicles causing an obstruction can be reported to the police on the non-emergency number (101).

iv) **Scattering Ashes** – a family wanting to scatter ashes on the beach were referred to Northumberland Estates, owners of the Beach.

v) **Application for cooption to the Council** – a new enquirer was informed that APC currently has its full complement of 10 councillors.

vi) **Northumberland Coast National Landscape Partnership (formerly AONB) Governance Review and agenda for next meeting.** No comments on the review.

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103/24 Confidential Matters

No quotations were received for the proposed minor works and the matter was deferred.

The Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Date & Time of Next Meeting: - 9th July 2024 at 7pm, The Hindmarsh Hall, Northumberland Street, NE66 2RS.

Future Meeting Dates

13th August 2024; 10th September 2024; 8th October 2024; 12th November 2024; 10th December 2024; 14th January 2025; 11th February 2025; 11th March 2025.

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