

ALNMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Parish Council Meeting
The Hindmarsh Hall, Northumberland Street, Alnmouth Tuesday 9th
July 2024

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

In Attendance: Deb Still (Clerk) & County Cllr Martin Swinbank.

The Meeting opened at 7pm

104/24 Apologies

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

Cllr Gair proposed a Vote of Thanks for Cllr Shelley Straughan's long service on the Council and commitment to the village and hopes that she will considering returning to the Council at some point in the future.

105/24 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the APC meeting of 14th June be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

106/24 Declarations of Interest

None.

107/24 Public Participation

None.

108/24 Cooption of Shaun Whyte as a new councillor

Cllr Whyte's Acceptance of Office was RECEIVED.

109/24 Planning Matters

a) Applications/Appeals

i)24/01801/FUL Flat 2 Mariners House 6 Marine Road Alnmouth

Proposed Inset Balcony and rooflights

APC AGREED a neutral comment with observations about the potential threat to the dark skies and the wish for the applicant to consult with the owners of the other flats in the building.

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ii) 24/02142/LBC Aln House 17 Northumberland Street Alnmouth

Listed Building Consent for engineering operations for below ground stabilisation following building collapse on site.

APC AGREED to make no comment.

iii) 24/02037/DISCON 31 Northumberland Street Alnmouth

Discharge of Condition 6 (Specification of Double Glazing Units) on approved application 23/01011/LBC.

APC AGREED to make no comment.

iv) 24/00734/FUL&24/00735 LBC The Schooner Hotel 8 Northumberland Street Alnmouth.

APC AGREED to make a neutral comment and request that Northumberland County Council:

- enforce the removal of the unauthorized decking AND
- impose a condition on this application (if successful) that the work be commenced within three months and be completed within six months.

v) 24/01910/FELTPO Midwood Lodge Cottage, Shepherds Hill Alnmouth

Tree Preservation Order application: Fell T3 Sycamore and T7 Monterey Pine

APC AGREED to make no comment.

b) Update on Planning Decisions

i) 24/01338/FUL Aln House 17 Northumberland St

Rebuild of collapsed wall

NCC Decision: Permission Granted

ii) 1. 24/01459/FUL 6 High Buston Main Street High Buston

Front extension

NCC Decision: Permission Granted

c) Any other planning issues.

None.

110/24 Shepherds Hill Parking

No update. APC is waiting to hear from NCC regarding the meeting.

111/24 Alnmouth Street Lighting

APC is waiting to hear from NCC.

112/24 Census Data and Holiday Lets/Second Homes Alnmouth

Cllr Whyte reported on his analysis of the 2021 census data. It shows that the data for the percentage of holiday lets/second homes in Alnmouth is 39% (20% in 2001 and 35% in 2011).

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In 2022, Housing Market Analysts “Arc4” conducted a survey showing the parish had about 220 permanently occupied dwellings out of a total of 515. The NCC figure for occupied dwellings is similar. A check of the Alnmouth 40 parish post codes finds 515 dwellings. This makes the holiday home figure about 295 ie 57% of the total residences.

113/24 County Council Matters

County Cllr Swinbank has requested that the NCC footpath officer meets APC councillors for a site visit when the Lovers Walk design has been finalised. The bollards have been installed at the informal car parking space at High Buston and signage will be installed when Network Rail has completed their works.

114/24 Volcano Night

APC AGREED the contents of the Event Notification and Event Safety Plan to be sent to NCC.

115/24 Resignation of Councillor

APC NOTED the resignation of Councillor Straughan (Vote of Thanks at Item 104/24).

116/24 NCC Local Transport Plan Priorities for Alnmouth for 2025-26

A first consideration was made and the Clerk will produce a draft for the next meeting (possibilities are Foxton Road (new footpath and upgrade to old footpath on cemetery side) and Riverside Road improvements. Council must submit to NCC by 27th September 2024.

117/24 Polling District and Polling Places statutory review

It was NOTED that there is no change to Alnmouth. No comments to submit.

118/24 Finance

- a. To APPROVE invoices and expense claims received prior to, or during the meeting (see summary circulated in advance).

Date	Payee	Description	Amount incl VAT	VAT
06 Jul 2024	Xero UK Ltd	INV-19867071 Direct Debit July 2024	36.00	6.00
10 Jul 2024	Hobberlaw PLants	Planting for Wynd June 2024	557.59	92.93
10 Jul 2024	Hindmarsh Hall	Inv 2023-159 for July 2024 Meeting	30.00	0.00
10 Jul 2024	PPD Printgroup Ltd	Inv 20472 for July Newsletter	113.00	0.00
10 Jul 2024	Deb Still	Clerk's Expenses	30.50	0.00
10 Jul 2024	Hindmarsh Hall	Inv 2023-90 HHall for Feb 2024	24.00	0.00
10 Jul 2024	Command Print	Information Board Replacement	125.00	25.00
10 Jul 2024	Shaun Whyte	Payment for BH Sponsorship Sign inv 2057609	26.98	0.00
10 Jul 2024	James McLean	Inv BW2403/001 Repairs to Large Boathouse	960.00	160.00
10 Jul 2024	James McLean	Inv 2403.008 Hire of Strimmer 30.6.24	68.00	11.33
10 Jul 2024	D Denton	Inv for Strimming around Village June 2024	180.00	0.00
14 Jul 2024	ICO	Annual Data Protection Fee Direct Debit	35.00	0.00
24 Jul 2024	IONOS	Inv 203042878007 for July 2024 IONOS	16.80	2.80
31 Jul 2024	Deb Still	Clerk's Salary July 2024	489.00	0.00

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- b. The monthly finance report was RECEIVED.
- c. A request has been received from the Hindmarsh Hall Trustees for a grant from APC to fund cataloguing software, a laptop, a hard drive, consumables for £1983 for a new Heritage Group being set up. It was AGREED to offer a grant of £500 towards the project when the Group is ready to begin work on the Project (to be paid from the Bettess Fund pursuant to s.19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

119/24 Reports from Working Groups

a. Christmas Lights

Nothing to report.

b. Village Maintenance

Cllr Denton has strimmed around the village and the volunteer group for Dr Joy's Garden has had their first meeting. Cllr Denton will be repairing one of the benches.

c. Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

Nothing to report.

d. Climate Change

Nothing to report.

120/24 Correspondence

a) Update on memorial benches. Clerk to write to member of the public re deadline for installation of agreed bench. The memorial bench outside the church was damaged by accident and will not be replaced but will be a free space for a new memorial bench in future.

b) Dog waste bin on fence at Playpark – APC will ask this damaged bin to be removed by NCC.

c) APC has been notified that the Alnmouth Arts Festival CIC will be holding a public meeting at 6pm on 6th October 2024 for a discussion about next year's Festival

d) APC AGREED not to write to NCC to request a dedicated motorbike parking area as motorbikes can park in the parking bays and space is limited.

121/24 Confidential Matters

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

The Meeting Closed at 8.35pm.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: - 13th August 2024 at 7pm, The Hindmarsh Hall, Northumberland Street, NE66 2RS.

Future Meeting Dates

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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