

Lesbury Parish Council

Lesbury Village Hall
Tuesday 26 February 2019

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held this evening at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs, Vass (Vice-Chairman), Church (MC), Cossins (PC), Humphrys (JH), Norris (JN), County Councillor Gordon Castle (GC) and Mrs Taylor (Parish Clerk) (ET).

In attendance: Approx. 5 members of the public were in attendance.

Monthly Parish Council Meeting Minutes		ACTION
<p>Public Questions:</p> <p>Broken Fence A1068: Steve Sinclair flagged that the broken fence on the A1068 (opposite the bus stop) had been reported many months ago but was still not fixed. GC to follow up.</p> <p>Footpath Review: Angie Torsch advised that the footpath that comes out on the A1068 over a foot stile needed urgent review as walkers would not be aware that the footpath ends by the busy A1068 just beyond Deep Dene Dip where there is no ongoing footpath. It was noted and agreed that GC for safety reasons to ask NCC Footpaths Officers to review the footpath and find an alternative exit point to reduce the risk or if this was not possible put in place suitable safety measures. AV to confirm this request in writing to GC.</p> <p>30mph Deep Dene: GC also advised that although the PC's request for the 30mph speed limit to be extended beyond Deep Dene to the railway bridge does not fit with NCC's criteria, RM and GC were pursuing it with NCC Highways Officers to see what was possible.</p> <p>Cyclepath: Angie Torsch also flagged the need for a cyclepath between Alnwick and Alnmouth. AV and GC confirmed that works were in progress as money had been found to fund the project but that the work needed to be undertaken concurrently with the laying of the railway line so was taking longer than if it was just a cyclepath being installed.</p> <p>18/04528/OUT Land North of Alnmouth Station: Thomas Wilson enquired what the amendment/additional information was for the Northumberland Estate planning application. ET advised the PC had just received notification from NCC that an amendment to the application had been made. NCC had advised information on the amendment was available on the online planning portal. Thomas Wilson enquired about the proposed car park and whether it was required as following the introduction of charging, the NCC car park now always had spaces. He also enquired who would operate, manage and maintain the car park. JH and AV confirmed the NDP group had picked up on this issue and were going back to Northumberland Estates with the same query.</p> <p>Angie Torsch advised she had responded to the Savilles questionnaire and provided her feedback on the application. The PC advised that her feedback had gone back direct to Northumberland Estates and not NCC Planning and that if she wished her feedback to be noted by the planners and NCC who was making a decision on the application, then she should also either write to NCC or lodge her feedback on the NCC planning portal.</p>		<p>GC</p> <p>AV/GC</p> <p>GC/RM</p> <p>AV/JH</p>
1.	Apologies: Cllrs Knowles (Chairman) (DK), Bradshaw (KB), Hall (SJH), Hodgson (AH), County Councillor Robbie Moore (RM)	
2.	Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 22 January 2019 were amended such that the date read Tuesday 22 January 2019 and not November 2018. Otherwise the minutes were signed as a true record.	
3.	Declarations of Interest: None	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>Lesbury House Woodland Proposal: AV confirmed he had contacted the Forestry Commission as requested to challenge the consultation process but had not yet received a response. It was noted that tree planting had already commenced. AV to contact the Forestry Commission again.</p> <p>Lesbury Post Office Car Park: ET advised how best to install the 3 signs was being considered and that the PO had been kept updated.</p>	<p>AV</p> <p>ET</p>

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	<p>Hipsburn Steadings Traffic Management Scheme: It was noted that works in progress but residents had requested in the meantime that the streetlighting be installed ASAP and also a request for double white central lines to be painted ASAP to prevent vehicles overtaking as they come off the Hipsburn roundabout towards Amble as vehicles turning out of Hipsburn Steadings often find themselves face to face with overtaking speeding vehicles which was a potential accident in waiting. RM had agreed to review with NCC Highways.</p> <p>Curly Lane/Lesbury Road Street: Additional lighting requested on Curly Lane and Hipsburn Roundabout still being pursued by RM.</p> <p>Complaint Footpath/Hedge at Bilton: GC confirmed RM was still liaising with NCC Local Services Team about extending the pavement as it was narrow.</p> <p>Public RoW near Cricket Club: AV advised RM had confirmed the road to the right of the cricket club was owned by Northumbria Water for access to the sewage plant. The cricket club had wanted to see if it were possible to use this road to create a car park closer to the clubhouse. AV to email the PC the map that RM had sent to him and to ask AH to pass the information onto the cricket club so they could pursue accordingly.</p> <p>Footpath Lealands to A1068: Concern about the lack of space on the footpath whilst works are being undertaken had previously been raised together with concern that once completed, the new houses would use the existing footpath as part of their driveway. It was agreed that the PC to continue to monitor the situation and await an update from RM who was to discuss with the PRow Officer.</p> <p>Greenrigg: AV confirmed he had delivered the latest newsletter to residents at Greenrigg but needed a permanent volunteer. Angie Torsch kindly volunteered to deliver the newsletter to Greenrigg residents in future. AV also asked GC and RM to review the poor state of the road to Greenrigg.</p> <p>All other matters arising were in hand and being dealt with or listed on the agenda.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>GC/RM</p>
5.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>a. Parish Council Vacancy: ET confirmed the PC was able to co-opt and that 3 formal applications had been received from Bob Whittaker, Pat Tulip and Peter Dorward. Members of the public and GC were all asked to leave the meeting whilst the PC discussed the applicants. It was decided to appoint Bob Whittaker as he lived in Hipsburn, an area of the PC that was not yet represented by a Parish Councillor. Proposed JH and 2nd MC. The PC wished to welcome Bob Whittaker onto the PC and thank both Peter Dorward and Pat Tulip for their interest in becoming a Parish Councillor and to be encouraged to apply again if another position becomes vacant. Peter Dorward to also liaise with JH to offer help and assistance on the NDP.</p> <p>b. Planning Application Review Procedure: When an application isn't contentious the procedure in place on the Planning Sub-Committee works well. However, when having to circulate a large planning application around 10 Councillors within the statutory 21 days it is difficult. The kind offer from Rev MacKarill to use the Vestry was considered but it was decided against it. It was agreed that Councillors would continue to use the contact sheet and email to facilitate plans being circulated quickly and efficiently.</p> <p>c. Newsletter: It was noted that a new printing company (Shiel Morrison Printers) was being used at half the price of the previous printing costs and with thicker paper and a glossier finish. RM had requested space within the newsletter to update parishioners on NCC news. It was agreed that the newsletter was non-political and that RM to send information to the editor, who would select what to include in the newsletter. JH advised that a new editor would be required soon as she would be stepping down from the role. AV advised he needed a volunteer to deliver the newsletter to Bilton and appealed for volunteers.</p>	

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6.	Planning: a. 19/00519/FUL – 2 STOREY EXTENSION – 1 South View, Hipsburn, NE66 3PZ – just received but no objections. b. 18/04528/OUT re Land North of Alnmouth Station – just received from NCC notification that an amendment to the application had been made, details on the NCC online planning portal. Parish Councillors to review and AV/JH to collate a response, if any, by required deadline of 12 March 2019.	JH/AV
7.	Correspondence Received a. Thank you emails from St Mary's Church, Bailiffgate Museum, Alnwick Playhouse, NALC and CAN - noted b. NCC - Local Plan presentation – 21/2/19 – St James Centre – noted and attended c. Dennis Grant re planning application 18/04221/OUT Land North of The Crest, Alnwick Road – AV to contact Mr Grant re his email to the PC about bat boxes. d. Neville Holden re fencing erected on Lesbury to Foxton PRoW – ET informed the PC that Mr Holden had been in touch about the newly erected fencing and a reply given. e. Robbie Moore – Northumberland Health Watch Survey – noted f. Robbie Moore – Foster Care Northumberland – noted g. Highways England – A1 Alnwick to Ellingham Consultation – 23/3/19 3pm-8pm and 30/3/19 10am-4pm – Willowburn Leisure Centre, Alnwick - noted	AV
8.	Parish Financial Matters a. Cheviot Countryside Contracting (Pondfield Fence Repairs) - £1,251 - agreed	
9.	NDP Update JH reported 158 responses to the NDP consultation which equated to 20% of residents. 99% of which was positive with some suggestions to improve and strengthen the document. Statutory consultees had also responded positively. NDP were now awaiting the outcome of the assessment and information from NCC.	
10.	Speedwatch Update/SpeedSign ET reported that PC Elizabeth Hall 7469 had been in touch re speedgun training. An email to PC Hall with the names of volunteers wishing to be trained to be sent. ET confirmed Bob Dutton, Claire Telfer, Avril Barnes (in response to newsletter appeal) and Dave Knowles had volunteered. ET to contact PC Hall accordingly.	ET
11.	Pond Field Update ET confirmed fence had been repaired and invoice for works received. ET advised that the Playdale quote of £1k to fix the sweeping seasaw/rotabounce, flagged up by RoSPA as needing attention in the future (low risk), was yet to be reviewed.	ET
12.	Any Other Matters for Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transport Plan – GC confirmed that NCC phase 1 funding had been confirmed to review/design making the footbridge over the River Aln from Steppey Lane to Lesbury disabled/pushchair/bicycle friendly. This was welcomed and it was noted RM was progressing this with NCC officers and was also hoping to also invest some of his Members Allowance into the scheme. • NCC Strategic Planning Committee – GC advised that RM had now taken his place on the NCC Strategic Planning Committee and that he would now just sit (also with RM) on the NCC Local Area Planning Committee. • JN raised concern about parking on footpaths on Curly Lane. An appeal to be issued in the next newsletter although noted it may not be residents parking on the footpaths. 	RM/GC JH
13.	NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 26 March 2019 - 7.30pm - Lesbury Village Hall.	ALL

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm.

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