

Lesbury Parish Council

**Lesbury Village Hall
Tuesday 26 March 2019**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held this evening at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Knowles (Chairman) (DK), Church (MC), Humphrys (JH), Norris (JN), Whittaker (BW), County Councillor Robbie Moore (RM) and Mrs Taylor (Parish Clerk) (ET).

In attendance: County Councillor Glen Sanderson and Paul Jones, Executive Director, NCC for the closed meeting at 7pm and then 7 members of the public were in attendance for the public meeting at 7.30pm.

<p>7pm Closed Meeting – Alnmouth Train Station Parking County Councillor Glen Sanderson and Paul Jones, Executive Director, NCC attended for an update from the PC on the changes made at Alnmouth train station, the impact and affect and any wider implications for Curly Lane and South View and surrounding areas. Paul Jones advised that the County Enforcement Officers (CEO) were attending approx. 5 times per week inc weekends to monitor the 72 hour time restriction and purchase of parking tickets on the NCC owned car park. Approx 37-40 RP notices are being issued per month but the car ark now has constant spaces available so people wishing to park at the station to catch a train can now do so. The CEOs now report approx. mid-week 11 minimum available up to 50 maximum spaces available at weekends. Network Rail are still investigating introducing charging and NCC are having an ongoing dialogue. CEOs note that the main users of the car park are daily commuters and that they don't perceive any significant displacement in and around the surrounding streets. However, NCC wanted to check if that was a correct understanding of the situation and to discuss with the PC if there had been any displacement problems. The PC flagged that there were often cars parked nose to tail along Curly Lane, blocking the pavement. It was noted however, that if the cars move off the pavement then the road would be impossible to pass in places. NCC agreed to review this. Parking right up to the tight bend at the top of Curly Lane was also flagged as a problem. It was also flagged that cars were now starting to park in Hipsburn Square and park all the way down South View to the roundabout on occasions. Here egress and access off the roundabout was flagged as a potential hazard. It was noted however that the parking on Curly Lane was more obstructive and was causing more problems. In addition, the junction from the station into Curly Lane and then on to South View was causing congestion and could be hazardous prior to the arrival and departure times of main line trains. The PC also requested that consideration be given to longer stay parking and NCC confirmed they will be looking into long-term parking options of 1 week. The PC also requested some very short-stay parking spaces for people dropping off/picking up so as not to cause a bottle neck in the car park when trains are due in. Finally, the PC requested that the car park be better maintained eg gritted when icy and kept tidy and this was noted. It was agreed NCC would review all comments made and Paul Jones and Glen Sanderson would meet with the PC for another closed meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 24 September for a further update. NCC then advised that when the 12 month temporary period was concluded, NCC would do a full review to review the success of the scheme and decide on the best way forward.</p>	ACTION
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<p>Public Questions: 18/04528/OUT Land North of Alnmouth Station: 4 residents were in attendance and enquired as to updates. JH advised that the PC had put in an objection and that all comments on the application can be seen on the NCC website under the planning application number. JH reported that at a meeting attended with NCC Planning Team, the PC had been advised that Northumberland Estates had been asked to provide a significant amount of further information to NCC and the Statutory Consultees about their intentions, how the development will work in practice, etc. and that NCC won't make a determination</p>	ACTION

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	<p>position to be advertised. ET to notify the unsuccessful 2 applicants from last month of the new vacancy.</p> <p>b) Fixed Asset Check: The PC agreed to carry out an asset check and report any maintenance requirements to the April meeting as follows: JH/BW – benches/seats DK – noticeboards/litter bins/speed gun MC – grit bins AV – dog bins JN – bus shelters</p> <p>c) GDPR Governance: The PC considered the tabled proposed GDPR policy which had been adapted from the policy of Alnwick Town Council, with their permission. The PC agreed to fully review the proposed policy and make a formal decision at the April PC meeting.</p> <p>d) NCC Local Plan Consultation: JH had put together a response on behalf of the PC and this had been submitted, including a comment on wind turbines.</p>	JH/BW DK MC AV JN ALL
6.	<p>County Councillors Robbie Moore & Gordon Castle – NCC Update</p> <p>Complaint Footpath/Hedge at Bilton: RM confirmed this was ongoing and consideration to move the central white line was being reviewed to try to reduce the speed of vehicles further given the narrowness of the footpath.</p> <p>30mph Deep Dene: RM advised that he would circulate the Highways report on amending the speed limit to 30mph. A speed monitoring survey has been in place and whilst vehicles travelling through Deep Dene do adhere to the speed limit, it is acknowledged this is a dangerous stretch of road. The concern of NCC Highways is that if the speed limit is extended up to the railway bridge, the nature of drivers is that when a 30mph speed sign is first observed then the speed is reduced accordingly. Traffic then tends to speed up again subsequently and the concern is with the straight stretch of road leading to the Lesbury roundabout, the temptation for vehicles will be to speed up. However, the suggestion and recommendation of NCC Highways is to install some hazard warning signs and to introduce the speed limit on a 12 month experimental order on a temporary basis. They would keep the speed strips in situ and monitor the impact to test whether traffic is then, as a result, speeding up as it enters the village. If traffic slows down, then the extended 30mph will stay but if there is no impact on speed then the speed limit will return back to 40mph. The hazard warning signs will remain regardless of whether the temporary order is continued or removed. The PC agreed to the experimental order and thank RM/GC for their work and effort.</p> <p>Hipsburn Primary School: RM reported that following a meeting with NCC Highways to try to reduce the speed of the vehicles outside Hipsburn Primary School, further rumble strips will be installed, a new flashing VMS sign installed which will highlight the speed of the traffic and an upgrade of the existing “School” flashing sign to include a 20mph speed limit sign designed by one of the children from the school – to try to reinforce the speed message. The PC agreed, speeding outside the school was a concern – at the last speedwatch out of 40 cars, 11 had been caught speeding – and thanked RM for his work and efforts.</p> <p>Hipsburn Steadings Traffic Management Scheme: RM reported work was to commence imminently. RM to circulate report of what is to be implemented. RM confirmed that NCC would add into the works a coloured red strip in the centre of the road leading off from the Hipsburn roundabout towards Amble to identify no overtaking.</p> <p>Other News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 long-stay parking spaces have been created on the old Alnwick High School site. • The North of Tyne Mayoral Elections are on 2 May 2019. • The cobbles in Alnwick are to be upgraded and Narrowgate pedestrianised. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC enquired about installing “Welcome to Lesbury” village gateways posts on Longhoughton Road and on the road from Foxton to try to reduce the speed of traffic and highlight vehicles are entering a village and to drive carefully. The PC agreed this was a good idea and RM will find out the cost from NCC Highways. It was noted this would be a cost the PC would likely to have to stand. 	RM
7.	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) 18/03889/FUL – Amended Information – Outbuildings and Boundary Fence – Lesbury House, Lesbury. This had been discussed under public questions. f) 19/00477/FUL – Loft conversion & single storey extension – 27 Hipsburn Crescent, Hipsburn, NE66 3QD – no objections. 	
8.	<p>Correspondence Received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) NALC Parish Councillor Training – noted b) Northumberland CVA North of Tyne Combined Authority Event - noted c) David Ferguson – Wind Turbine Consultation – The PC noted AV had been in correspondence with Mr Ferguson following his enquiry on the PC’s response to the point on wind turbines in the NCC Local Plan consultation. d) Trevor Jerdan re Lesbury House Woodland Planting – The PC noted that AV had emailed Mr & Mrs Jerdan in response and copied the reply to the PC. e) Becky & Matt Waring re Deep Dene – ET confirmed a reply had been sent and RM/GC copied in so that they were aware of Mr & Mrs Warings request about trying to restrict the speed of traffic travelling past Deep Dene – see RM Report in item 6. f) Coast Care March Activity Plan - noted g) Friends of Alnmouth Station Funding Request – It was agreed to give a grant of £100 to the Friends of Alnmouth Station for their excellent upkeep of the planting at the station which was a welcome sight for both residents and visitors alike. A note to be included that any future grant requests to be received earlier (by January each year). Proposed DK, 2nd JN. h) NCC North Northumberland Local Area Council – 21/3/19 - noted i) NALC – Elections and Purdah May 2019 – noted j) Collette Pryer – Concern about speeding outside Hipsburn Primary School had been raised. ET to notify Ms Pryer about the report RM had given in item 6 and to advise that the PC were recruiting volunteers to join the PC speedwatch group to be trained up by Northumbria Police to operate the PC speed gun. 	
9.	<p>Parish Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Northumberland Estates (Post Office Car park) £10 - agreed b) Zurich Municipal (Parish Council Insurance) £468.27 - agreed c) Parish Clerk (Quarterly Wages) £1,237.07 - agreed d) Parish Clerk (PAYE) £38.40 - agreed e) Shiel & Morrison Printers (Newsletter) £58 – agreed f) Funding Request Clare MacKarill – A request to fund a place for her on the William II Blyth Tall Ship - it was noted that whilst this was an excellent opportunity, it was not appropriate use of the precept as it was not in the benefit of the local community. Councillors pledged to support the event individually instead. g) Ludman Planning Ltd (NDP) - £2,745 – agreed 	
10.	<p>NDP Update</p> <p>JH reported that an Environmental Impact Assessment was now required which NCC were to assist with but which adds 12 weeks onto the length of the process. This also leads to minor complications with grant funding.</p>	
11.	<p>Speedwatch Update/SpeedSign</p> <p>ET confirmed that Northumbria Police should have been in touch with volunteers by email for them to formally register for speedwatch training. It was noted that due to</p>	

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	other commitments, Bob Dutton has had to withdraw. It was suggested AV could contact the school to see if more volunteers could be recruited.	AV
12.	Pond Field Update DK reported all was in order. 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
13.	Any Other Matters for Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Northumbria in Bloom (NIB) Team reported that a litter pick would take place at 10am on 3 April (volunteers welcome – meet at Village Hall) and a risk assessment had been written and submitted to the PC. A meeting of all volunteers had been held on 7 March to plan projects for the forthcoming year. All 6 of the new planters at the Post Office have been fully planted up and tidy up sessions have taken place through out the village and a volunteer has cut the grass at Lealands Garden. The Spring visit by the NIB judges takes place on 16 April. Following the success of the last one, another Gardeners’ Question Time will be held on 20 June. The NIB team is considering a large planting of crocus bulbs on the left handside of the road as you leave the roundabout on the A1068 to enter the village. If the PC had no objections the NIB team would discuss with NCC. The PC was unanimously in favour – ET to advise John Malloy accordingly. The PC thanked the NIB team for all their work. • DK reported potholes in Curly Lane – RM to report to NCC. • JN advised a neighbour requested the moss be weedkilled on a footpath in Lealands – it was agreed best for JN to ask her neighbour to report this direct to NCC so that a log number can be obtained and full detail and information given to NCC. • Clarity on what had been commissioned to change the Lesbury Footbridge to become disabled/pushchair friendly was sought – RM confirmed design works had been commission and will be carried out in this financial year but a date and funding for works had not been set yet, that he was aware of. 	ET RM
14.	NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 23 April 2019 - 7.30pm- Lesbury Village Hall.	ALL

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

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