

Lesbury Parish Council

Virtual Meeting
Tuesday 23 March 2021

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

Present: Cllrs Knowles (Chairman) (DK), Norris (Vice Chair) (JN), Bradshaw (KB), Church (MC), Hall (JuH), Hodgson (AH), Humphrys (JH), Martin (AM), Whittaker (BW) and Mrs Taylor (Parish Clerk) (ET).

In Attendance: Reuben Carr.

Monthly Parish Meeting Minutes	ACTION
<p>Public Questions: There were no public questions.</p>	
<p>1. Apologies: Cllr Tulip (PT) and County Councillor Gordon Castle (GC).</p>	
<p>2. Minutes: The minutes of 23 February 2021 were agreed and will be signed as a true record next time there is a physical PC meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Declarations of Interest: None</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes Public Right of Way – ET confirmed the PC response had been submitted to John McErlane, NCC confirming the PC is in full support of the proposed modification to demark it a public footpath and that the PC is aware that this route has been used ever since the Lealands housing estate was built giving access from Lealands to the A1068. Northumberland Estates Planning Application Land North of Alnmouth Station – ET confirmed NCC had been contacted to advise it was unacceptable to make residents wait 2 years for a decision on a planning application and to ask NCC to bring the application to a conclusion noting the weight of the Lesbury NDP. Rob Murfin, NCC Head of Planning had replied to advise NCC is awaiting the outcome of the local plan which once known, NCC will move to a quick decision. Pondfield Gate – ET confirmed this had been fixed and an invoice received from Cheviot Countryside Contracting (see item 9g) below). Lealands Garden – ET confirmed the PC response to the request for the removal of the conifer in the top right of the Lealands Garden had been conveyed to John Malloy: the PC had no objection if the Lesbury in Bloom team recommended its removal, noting that as it was an AONB planning consent will be required together with permission from Northumberland Estates. If works were to proceed no costs or liabilities are to be attributed to the PC, tree stump be removed and ground reinstated. Coach Inn, Lesbury: JuH advised the brewery were actively looking for a Tenant and it was not earmarked to be sold. Stepping Stones Reinstatement: AH had contacted GC who had forwarded the request to NCC for further investigation.</p>	
<p>5. Matters Arising a) NCC – Parish Elections Nomination Pack & Papers: ET confirmed this had been circulated to all the PC. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should visit the NCC’s website which has useful resources and information which applicants may find helpful: https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/elections Go to the section called “2021 Police and Crime Commissioner, County and Parish Elections” where there is a useful guide on the nomination process and general information on being a Parish Councillor. There is also a video which explains how to complete the Parish nomination papers. The Electoral Commission website is also a useful resource for further information: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/ Any queries about completing nomination papers or to request a hard copy of the pack, applicants should contact the NCC Elections Office: Elections Office, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF. Tel: 01670 624811. Nomination papers should be checked by NCC before submitting. Completed papers can be checked and submitted from 9am on 29</p>	<p>ALL</p>

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	<p>March 2021 until 4pm on 8 April 2021. Completed papers have to be handed in in-person (they cannot be emailed or posted). The NCC offices on Greenwell Lane, Alnwick are open 9am-4pm. There are 10 seats in total for Lesbury Parish Council. The most recent copy of the electoral register should be used to fill in the elector number and polling district details for your proposer and seconder. Your proposer and seconder must live in the same ward as you. ET has a copy of the current version. Successful applicants must also ensure they submit the required documentation eg candidates spending return within 28 calendar days of the declaration of result to meet legal requirements.</p> <p>b) Date of Annual Parish Meeting: It was agreed the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings should still be held in May and by Zoom, if necessary.</p> <p>c) Update on electrification of sewerage pump at Foxton Glade: KB confirmed that works are currently being undertaken to upgrade the electricity supply from one to three phase for the sewerage pump. Works are expected to be completed very soon and were confirmed to KB as being safe.</p>	
6.	<p>County Councillor Gordon Castle – NCC Update GC had submitted his apologies and had no further updates as the purdah period was commencing very soon.</p>	
7.	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) 21/00582/VARYCO – variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of application 18/03889/FUL – pitch of roof of equipment store changed to match roof pitch of adjacent building and use of slate – Lesbury House, Lesbury, NE66 3PT – an objection was submitted on grounds that it impedes the visual amenity of residents in Alside Court and because the PC can see no valid rationale to increase the height and size of the structure given the stated purpose which is to store machinery.</p> <p>b) 21/00524/FUL – Single storey extension to provide dining room and bedroom with ensuite - 1 The Square, Lesbury, NE66 3PW – an objection had been submitted as the materials suggested for the extension are not in keeping with the historic square, which is part of Lesbury’s conservation area.</p> <p>c) 21/00547/FUL – garden studio/office - Bridge End, Lesbury, NE66 3AU – the PC were unable to determine this application as there was no proper site plan. Clarity was also requested whether the office will match the extension or new garage.</p>	
8.	<p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>a) NCC AONB – Lesbury Conservation Area Character Appraisal Review - noted</p> <p>b) Thank You – Bailiffgate Museum, Hipsburn School, GNAA, CAN, CAB, NALC and St Mary’s Church - noted</p> <p>c) Graham Player re Coronation Meadows – JuH advised this request had come from a neighbour with the suggestion of the land behind the Townfoot development. The PC noted the opportunity but doesn’t own any land and the area in question is owned by Northumberland Estates and would therefore be their decision.</p> <p>d) NALC Update 9 March and 11 March - noted</p> <p>e) NCC Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter March 2021 – noted</p> <p>f) Boundary Movement – Lesbury Old Bridge – a query had been received about a possible boundary movement – this had been referred to contact NCC Planning team direct as it was a planning/enforcement issue.</p> <p>g) Lesbury Post Office – Jill Le Marquand had written to ask if the PC would fund the cost to replace the existing tables and chairs outside the Post Office, which were well used by local residents. AH suggested the PC could fund the purchase of eco-friendly and maintenance free benches/tables from a company the Cricket Club had recently used, which had proven to be very good. AH to to send the details to Jill so she can review and select something for PC approval. MC asked that it have a</p>	

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	<p>plaque so residents know the tables/chairs were donated by the PC and can be used by anyone. Jill had also requested the existing litter bin be moved as the smell from dog poo bags was awful and also requested the possibility of a dog bin being installed in the Post Office car park. AH suggested the PC purchase/install the dog bin and see if this then stopped dog owners from using the litter bin for dog waste thereby eliminating the smell and the need to move the bin. If the smell continued to be a problem, ET to then organise with NCC for the bin to be moved to the other side of the entrance to the Post Office. Proposed JH, 2nd AM.</p>	ET
9.	<p>Parish Financial Matters a) Northumberland Estates (Post Office Car Park annual rent) - £25 - agreed b) Penny Royale (Lesbury works) - £54.38 - agreed c) Parish Clerk (Wages) - £1,232.53 - agreed d) HMRC (PAYE) - £41.70 - agreed e) Clerk (Stamps) - £7.92 – agreed f) Shiel & Morrison (Newsletter) - £62 – agreed g) Cheviot Countryside Contracting (repairs to Pondfield Gate) - £631.94 – agreed h) B P Taylor (Annual Landscaping Maintenance) - £1,050 - agreed</p>	
10.	<p>Pond Field Play Area: DK confirmed all ok and BW/AM confirmed satisfaction with gate repair works.</p>	
11.	<p>Any Other Matters for Discussion: Lesbury Broadband Project: the current take up was at 87% - Sylvia Pringle was liaising with OpenReach to see if the scheme could be joined with Alnmouth, which had received more than the number of pledges required, to see if the scheme could go ahead for Lesbury. JuH advised some residents were still unsure about the procedure and that having pledged their voucher to the scheme, would received an email from Department for Digital Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) and Gov.uk asking them to verify their voucher pledge to Openreach. JuH to put together some words and an example of the email residents should expect to receive from DCMS. BW to include in the newsletter and AM to include on social media. Defibrillator Training: JH advised there The Stephen Carey Trust would be organising defibrillator training at Lesbury Village Hall in the summer. More details to follow. Post Office Noticeboard: AH to see if the Perspex in the noticeboard can be replaced. Lealands Garden: AH had been approached by a resident to have the deadwood removed from the large tree in the Lealands Garden. AH to contact NCC to enquire if they are able to carry out an initial check. Hipsburn School Traffic Management Scheme: MC asked that an update be included in the next newsletter.</p>	<p>JuH/BW/ AM</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH/ET</p> <p>BW</p>
12.	<p>NEXT MEETING: Next Meeting 7.30pm - Tuesday 27 April 2021 – via Zoom</p>	ALL

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

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