

# BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 13 May 2014 - Beadnell W.I. Hall**

**Present:** Councillors G Martindale (Chair) (GM), C Williamson (Vice-Chair) (CW), D Baker (DB), C Brunt (CB), J Hall (JH), B Patterson (BP), L Gray (Clerk) (LG)

**In Attendance:** County Councillor John Woodman

**Apologies:** Sgt Andy Pullen

**Members of the Public: 7**

Reference		Action By
41/15	<b>Chair's Report for 2014-2015</b> GM presented his annual report which included the continued value of the Parish web site; the County Council's Planning Review 2014-2015; continued tidying of the cemetery, new bulb planting, tree pruning and plans for a new walled compound for topsoil; playground and on-going negotiations with NCC re Asset transfer to the Parish; dog fouling campaign; replacement of Memorial seats. Special thanks were given to The Craster Arms who donated a seat to replace one that had been damaged on Harbour Road and to the Beadnell Volunteers for their continued fundraising events enabling the replacement of the picnic benches on the Bull Ring, new planters built and erected at the entrances of the village which will enhance the look of the village as well as several other projects; Heritage Trail and the design of two information boards; Lime Kilns and completion of the restoration works by the National Trust; Public Rights of Way walked; AONB's planned removal of Sea Buckthorn; Police attendance at meetings; the Parish's continued involvement in the Neighbourhood Plan with thanks being given to John Woodman for his support throughout the year.	
42/15	<b>Election of Chair for 2015-2016</b> Councillor G Martindale (GM) was proposed by JH and seconded by DB. GM duly accepted as Chair.	
43/15	<b>Election of Vice Chair for 2015-2016</b> Councillor C Williamson was proposed by JH and seconded by DB. CW duly accepted as Vice Chair.	
44/15	<b>Apologies for absence</b> – Sgt Andy Pullen	
45/15	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> were agreed and signed	GM
46/15	<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> None	
47/15	<b>Matters Arising from 11 March 2015</b> a) Planning Review – NCC at their meeting on 1 April 2015 approved the recommended changes to the planning system in which parish councils and members of the public lose their trigger rights to refer a planning application to the Planning Committee and NCC Planning meetings will be held at 2pm instead of 6pm. A 6 month review of the new system would take place to ensure the changes are working. Parish Councils still had the facility to request a 'call-in' by the County Councillor. b) Ditchburn Windfarm – The Parish Council continues to send representatives to the meetings. The final positions for the turbines have been reached, but access to and from the site is still to be finalised. The PNE are working to respond to feedback from residents regarding their concerns. Second round exhibition dates of 1, 2 and 3 June have been proposed. c) Review of Public Convenience – results of the meeting with the NCC clarified that services will continue as they are with no changes.	
48/15	<b>Police Report:</b> Sgt A Pullen apologised for his absence but sent a report to advise that: a) There was one common assault at the Craster Arms on Saturday 21 March – the offender was cautioned. b) There was a break-in at the Lime Kilns between 25 and 30 March – there are no suspects at this time. c) Damage was caused to a vehicle on Longstone Crescent between 18 and 19 April. Scratches to paintwork along passenger side of vehicle – not detected.	
49/15	<b>Report by County Councillor J Woodman</b>	

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	a) NCC Planning Review was adopted by full Council on 1 April 2015 and came into immediate effect. The structure of the planning committees had been reviewed. There was to be 3 committees, one for Strategic Planning, one for Planning and Rights of Way and one for Planning and Performance. The planning committee meetings would be held at County Hall, in exceptional circumstances meetings may be held in the locality. b) Alnwick Partnership – further meetings are to be arranged for 4 and 9 June to discuss the outcome and recommendations of the review. There have been mixed reactions from the public regarding the proposed move to a two tiered system. Concerns have been raised about the knock on effect this would have on the Seahouses schools. c) Arts & Leisure Activities Northumberland are to be established as a voluntary function to enable independent fundraising and protect them from council cut backs.	
50/15	<b>Playground</b> – Work had been completed on the footpath and a general tidy up of the playground area has been made. The litter bin is to be moved from the middle of the playground to the entrance.	GM
51/15	<b>North Northumberland Coastal Area Neighbourhood Plan</b> – The Community Consultation phase and supporting evidence phase is now complete and consultations with local organisations have started. The steering group have collated enough information and evidence to start work on formulating policies. Most of the questionnaires returned agreed with the vision of the Neighbourhood Plan but felt that more investment was needed to encourage non-tourist business development thus creating more employment opportunities other than seasonal work. The protection of the villages from the impact of any new developments in terms of size and style was also a concern.	GM JH CW
52/15	<b>Beadnell Community Volunteers</b> – the volunteers have been working on the build and erection of the planters for the entrances to the village; these will be planted up in the next few weeks as well as the planting of replacement daffodil bulbs for the cemetery and surrounding village green areas.	
53/15	<b>Seats</b> a) Permission was granted to Save Beadnell Association and the family of the late Glyn Wilde to purchase and erect a seat on the vacant plinth near 62 Harbour Road. b) More information to be sought from the WI regarding the situ of the memorial bench they have requested to replace.	LG GM
54/15	<b>Planning:</b> a) 15/00302/FUL – 9 The Wynding Beadnell – Proposed open porch to front (east) of property (as amended 13/02/15) – Permission granted by NCC b) 15/00384/FUL – 1 Longbeach Drive Beadnell Northumberland – Proposed single storey living room extension with balcony over (as amended 23/02/15) – Permission granted by NCC c). 15/00743/FUL – Old School House Meadow Lane Beadnell Northumberland – Resubmission of application 15/00143/FUL – Two storey extension to the north side of the existing two storey dwelling to provide on the ground floor a garage and on the first floor additional bedroom and bathroom accommodation, single storey extension to the west side to form an entrance lobby and associated internal alterations (as amended 17/02/15) – Permission granted by NCC d) 15/00706/FUL – 22 Harbour Road – Extension and alterations to create first floor to dwelling, single storey extension to rear, two storey side extension and balcony to 1 <sup>st</sup> floor – application withdrawn at the Applicants request. e) 14/01529/FUL - Link House – Demolition of an existing dwelling and outbuilding and construction of a new two storey dwelling. Appeal made to Secretary of State against decision of NCC on the grounds of Appeal against refusal e) 14/00569/FUL - 45 Harbour Road – retrospective dormer window roof extension to east elevation – permission was refused in 2014. No appeal was made by the Applicant within the 6 months guide lines. NCC's Enforcement Officer was now dealing with this application.	
55/15	<b>Cemetery:</b> a) Burial of Thomas Clements on 23 March 2015 b) Sale of plot 60 to Mr & Mrs C Brunt c) A refund of £628.42 has been received from NCC in respect of the parish cemetery double charges levied through both the parish precept and the County Council tax charge for years 2010-2014/15. Payments for the following two financial years will be made in March 2016 and March 2017, after which the double charge	LG

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	will be reassessed. It was agreed that these refunds should be ring fenced for the proposed improvements to the cemetery.	
56/15	<b>Financial Report for 2014-2015 - Accepted</b>	
57/15	<b>Finance:</b> Financial report as at 30 April 2015 was accepted a). BDO LLP Audit agreed and signed for year ending March 2015 b) Renewal of Insurance through AON agreed <u>Receipts:</u> £300.00 Thomas Clements plot 30 £300.00 Purchase of plot 60 by Mr & Mrs C Brunt £125.68 Refund from NCC for double Cemetery charging £1.48 National Grid £1346.40 Beadnell Community Volunteers – funds raised for four picnic tables £3500.00 First half of Precept £502.73 NCC re Cemetery reimbursement <u>Payments made since last meeting:</u> £144.00 Oliver Kavanagh for placement of Memorial Seats £1615.68 Marmax for four picnic tables <u>Cheques to be signed:</u> £421.50 Clerks Salary £60.21 Clerks Expenses £51.95 Storage Boxes and Stationery £60.00 WI Hall £867.72 Jewson – timber for six village planters £40.00 Northumberland Theatre Company - donation £40.00 Northumbrian CAB - donation £40.00 Great North Air Ambulance – donation <u>Petty Cash: (paid since last meeting)</u> £15.90 Stationery £13.50 Refreshments for meeting with Northumberland Estates £25.00 Litter Picker	GM/LG
58/15	<b>Correspondence: (in Councillors Pack)</b> a) Clerks & Councils Direct b) BCV Letter re dates for community activities on the Bull Ring village green c) LCR Spring 2015 Magazine d) CAN News Spring Issue 2015 e) Rural Housing Alliance – Affordable Rural Housing: A practical guide for parish councils f) Grace – Northumberland Rape Crisis Services	
59/15	<b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 8 July 2015 6.30pm WI Hall Beadnell</b>	
60/15	<b>Any Other Business:</b> a) Some daffodils have been planted outside the cemetery, guidance will be given to the Beadnell Community Volunteers where the rest of the bulbs need to be planted. b) An application has been made to the Woodland Trust for consideration under their ‘free trees’ scheme for a selection of new saplings for the village. c) There has been a complaint by a few residents that the new planters at the entrance to the village at the Bull Ring are obstructing the view onto the main road which could become a safety issue especially once the planters are in full bloom. This would be investigated. d) A letter of complaint has been received from a member of the public regarding village green 56 – Benthall. The Parish Council are not the administrators for the village greens and the letter will be forwarded to the appropriate officer at NCC to deal with. e) A request for litter bins on Harbour Road was made as there are none along this stretch of the village.	DB  GM  CW
61/15	<b>Public Question Time:</b> a) It was confirmed that residents can still write to NCC regarding objections or agreements on planning applications	

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