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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 09 September 2015 - Beadnell W.I. Hall

Present: Councillors G Martindale (Chair) (GM), C Williamson (Vice-Chair) (CW), D Baker (DB), J Hall (JH), J Lumby (JL) and B Patterson (BP)

In Attendance: for item 85/15 PC Alan Morton

Members of the Public: 7

Reference		Action By
81/15	Apologies for absence – County Councillor J Woodman and L Gray	
82/15	Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed with an addition to minute 79/15 c) A member of the public had reported that Japanese Knot Weed was growing at the corner of The Wynding and the B1340. It has since been confirmed by NCC that they are treating the area for Japanese Knot Weed and have a five year plan to weedkill twice per year for five years.	
83/15	Declaration of Interest: None	
84/15	<p>Matters Arising from 08 July 2015:</p> <p>a) Planning Review (minute ref 47/15(a) – NCC have clarified that the 21 day call-in period is flexible and that the Head of Planning and the Chairs of the Planning Committees do see the full response from the Parish Council and validated planning applications are now being received by the Parish more quickly.</p> <p>b) Ditchburn Windfarm (minute ref 101/14; 47/15(b)) – the Community Liaison Group meeting due to be held on 21 July was postponed by the energy company while they consider the emerging policy announcements and clarify a number of key policy changes affecting renewable energy in England.</p> <p>c) Parish Councillor vacancy (minute ref 66/15) – no applications had been received. Enquiries were to be made to see if an advertisement could be placed in the Village News.</p> <p>d) Interactive Speed Signs in Beadnell (minute ref 70/15) – the issue of installing these at Swinhoe was still being investigated along with other options available.</p> <p>e) Dumping of garden waste in the AONB (minute ref 72/15) – the AONB’s Environmental Enforcement Officer is to arrange for letters to be delivered to the houses in the Wamses, Dunes Court, Benthall and Harbour Road advising that enforcement action will be undertaken in response to the fly tipping of garden waste.</p>	ALL
85/15	Police Report: PC Alan Morton reported on five crimes that had taken place in the area. Two involved criminal damage to cars; two were burglaries from farms and one an assault. People had been arrested in connection with four of these crimes.	
86/15	<p>North Northumberland Coastal Area Neighbourhood Plan:</p> <p>The sub groups were working on producing draft policies taking into consideration the comments received from the public consultation. Funding had been applied for to appoint a Planning Consultant to assist in writing the Plan. A public meeting was to be held before Christmas to consult on the draft Plan.</p> <p>The Parish Council has been informed that Northumberland Estates are preparing to seek pre-planning advice to develop part of the area of land known as Kennedy’s Field. This approach has been generated via the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group who over the past year has carried out public consultations to establish the views of the community and businesses. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact Northumberland Estates requesting to be involved in the pre-planning application stage to try and ensure that any proposed development is appropriate, proportionate and in accordance with the spirit of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan policies.</p>	GM/JH/CW GM/CW
87/15	Report By Councillor John Woodman – Apologies were received from JW. An issue in writing was received from JW about parking on the access road to Beadnell Bay caravan site and overnight parking on the grassed area beside the car park. It was reported that the grassed area belonged to NCC and there was a sign stating that overnight camping was not allowed. Enforcement was therefore the responsibility of NCC. It was also understood that yellow lines in the area were being progressed by NCC as part of the Longbeach/St Ebbas Way development. These matters would be raised with JW.	GM/JW

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88/15	Conservation Area in Beadnell: It was agreed to investigate the possibility of applying for conservation area status for part of Beadnell village.	JH
89/15	Public Rights of Way: Notification had been received from NCC of modification orders to public footpath No. 15, Bridleway No. 17 and Restrictive Byway No.40.	
90/15	Local Transport Plan 2016/17: It was agreed that the top three highways and transport priority issues for inclusion in NCC's Local Transport Plan were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Additional measures to emphasise 30mph speed limit through Swinhoe settlement b) Safety changes to land in front of the Seabreeze & Fish & Chip shops to prevent vehicles using area as a short cut and for undertaking vehicles. c) Extension of footpath on the B1340 from Shepherds Cottage to connect with footpath in Swinhoe settlement. 	LG
91/15	Fences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bull Ring – the fence around this village green is in need of repair. Discussion took place about retaining this fence. It was agreed to obtain estimates for repairs and to ask residents at the next consultation event whether the fence should be kept. b) Playground – the broken fence between the footpath and the playground had been repaired to make the area safe. 	GM/CW/JH
92/15	Cemetery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cemetery fees were reviewed and an increase of 20% was agreed. b) A request had been received to place an additional stone at the base of an existing headstone for someone who was not laid to rest in the cemetery. It was considered to be important and necessary that stones placed on graves should indicate who is buried in the plot to prevent any future misunderstanding. It was agreed to suggest to the family that they place a memorial by way of a bench, planter or tree in accordance with the Seating Policy c) Burial of Mrs Margaret Forster on 28th August 2015 	DB/LG
93/15	Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Budget proposals for 2016/17 from Councillors to be brought to the November meeting in preparation for setting the precept. b) Receipts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £694.30 VAT refund £35.00 Michael Patterson memorial stone £79.99 raised funds from BCV for cream dispenser and coffee thermos £200.00 Mrs Perkinson for seat insurance £35.00 Thomas Clements headstone £11.16 Northern Powergrid £200.00 Glyn Wylde seat insurance £200.00 Dorothy Brennan seat insurance c) Payments made since last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £300.00 Stableyard Landscapes £156.00 BDO Auditors £71.70 Litter pickers d) Cheques signed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £421.50 Clerk's salary £73.35 Clerk's expenses £70.00 Hire of WI Hall £485.00 Stableyard Landscapes e) Financial report as at 31 August 2015 was accepted 	ALL
94/15	Planning Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 15/01739/FUL – The Snug 5 East Farm Steading Swinhoe– proposal to replace existing wood frame doors and windows with UPVC doors and windows – permission granted by NCC b) 15/01653/FUL – 54 Longstone Close Beadnell – construction of single storey extension to side of bungalow – permission granted by NCC c) 15/01988/FUL – Land north of Shepherds Cottage – resubmission of mobile home with new wooden cabin style mobile home for holiday let permission granted by NCC 	

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	<p>d) 15/02370/FUL – 3 Benthall Beadnell – proposed demolition of existing extension and construction of new two storey rear extension – request for a call-in has been granted.</p> <p>e) 15/02823/MAST – Village Green Harbour Road Beadnell – Installation of 1 no. 12m high street=works pole supporting 1 no. omni-antena and installation of 1 no. equipment cabinet and 1 no. meter cabinet at ground level.</p> <p>The Parish Council objection to this application was unanimous. The applicant's supporting statement made reference to pre-application consultation with Beadnell Parish Council, ref 15/00784/PREAPP in December 2013. The Parish Council was not consulted at that time or since, but did receive a letter from Daly International dated 24 August informing the Council of their application and proposal. Concerns were raised by members of the public and Councillors. This proposal to erect a 12m high mast at the main entrance to Beadnell, alongside a designated Village Green and in an AONB is unacceptable, poorly researched, at odds with good practice guidance and contrary to Local Saved Policies and planning guidance in the NPPF.</p> <p>f) 15/02575/FUL – 2 Longstone Close Beadnell – Amended Plans for new single storey rear extension.</p> <p>The Parish Council objected to this application because of the effect the proposed extension would have on the residential amenity of the neighbouring properties, in particular the adjoining property, 1 Longstone Crescent. The proposed extension would cause an adverse impact in terms of overbearing, overshadowing and loss of light.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GM/CW/LG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CW/LG</p>
95/15	<p>Coastal Community Team: The AONB had been successful in their bid to the Department of Communities and Local Government for Coast Community Team status covering the areas of Bamburgh, Beadnell and North Sunderland. The Team brings together local businesses, councils and people to coordinate regeneration projects in the area. The Parish Council is represented on this Team by JH. They have £10,000 to spend in the current financial year to develop an economic plan and feasibility studies which will enable the Team to apply to both the Coastal Community Fund and Coastal Revival Fund.</p>	JH
96/15	<p>Parish Assets: A list of assets was received and accepted.</p>	LG
97/15	<p>Correspondence: (put in Councillors pack) Clerks & Councils Direct July 2015 issue CPRE newsletter North East Summer 2015 Home Compost Scheme Leaflet 2015 Northumberland Heritage Open Days 2015 leaflet NCC pay as you throw leaflet</p>	
98/15	<p>Review of Clerk's hours and salary: It was agreed to increase the Clerks wages to £8.61 per hour and increase the hours to 27 per month.</p>	
99/15	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday 11 November 2015 at 6.30pm</p>	
100/15	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Serpent seat at Beadnell Harbour An incident reported by a resident had been completed.b) Replacement of waste bin between Longstone Close and Harbour Road - NCC had removed the dog waste bin which was badly rusted. A temporary wheelie bin was in situ while a replacement combined bin had been ordered.c) Public Conveniences – notification has been received from NCC that the public conveniences at Beadnell are to operate with the existing arrangements ie open through the summer from Easter or beginning of April whichever is sooner and close from October until end of March/Easter.d) Charter Action Plan Satisfaction Survey The council was being asked to state how satisfied it was with NCC consultations. It was felt that the consultation on the Core Strategy was well done and comments made were taken on board but very dissatisfied with the reviews of the planning system and schools where consultation did not follow the consultation period stated in the Charter and views of Parish Councils were not listened to.e) St Oswald's Way Ultra Run 26-27 September 2015	GM

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	<p>Notification had been received of the above run involving 200 runners. It starts at 7am on Holy Island and will pass through Beadnell. Further information can be obtained from stowaldsultra.com .</p> <p>f) Heritage Boards £200 in donations had been received from local businesses. Further requests were being made for funding. The use of stone plinths to reduce the cost was being investigated together with the possibility of putting one of the boards on the wall of the toilets in the car park.</p> <p>g) A location for a litter bin on Harbour Road had been identified between the two memorial benches opposite 64 Harbour Road.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>CW</p>
101/15	<p>Public Question Time: A request was made for an application to be made under the Freedom of Information Act for how many planning applications fewer than 10 dwellings had been refused since the planning review came into force on 1 April 2015. The previous good working relationship the Parish Council had with the planning team had been lost since the planning review and there were ongoing concerns. The Parish Council felt that its way forward was to respond to the six month review of the planning system when this takes place and suggested that any individual could make a request to NCC under the Freedom of Information Act but it was not appropriate at this stage for the Parish Council to make such an application.</p>	

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