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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 11 November 2015 - Beadnell W.I. Hall

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

In Attendance: County Councillor John Woodman)

Members of the Public: 4 – including prospective Councillor Richard Batten

Reference		Action By
102/15	Apologies for absence – None	
103/15	Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed	GM
104/15	Declaration of Interest: None	
105/15	<p>Matters Arising from 8 July 2015:</p> <p>a) Ditchburn Windfarm (minute ref 101/14; 47/15(b); 65/15(b); 84/15(b)) - Brookfield Renewable UK Ltd (formerly PNE Wind UK) no longer intend to submit a planning application for the construction of 9 wind turbines to be erected at West Ditchburn . This decision has been taken following recent policy changes in Planning and market support in the UK and particularly in England.</p> <p>b) Pre Application re Northumberland Estates (minute ref 86/15) – Representatives of the PC were invited by Northumberland Estates to attend a meeting with the Planning Officer on 26 October to discuss a possible major development on Kennedys Field. A letter of response to this meeting was sent on 1 November outlining comments and concerns.</p> <p>c) WI Letter – A letter has been received from Beadnell WI requesting clarification from the PC regarding the possibility of a new hall being built to serve the whole community on Kennedys Field in the planning advice being sought by Northumberland Estates. The PC have acknowledged receipt of this letter and will respond advising that this is in the pre planning stages and that where a major development is proposed it is important and usual for the community to seek some sort of benefit that will improve the lives of the people such as affordable housing, land for allotments, community centre etc. Northumberland Estates have agreed that before they proceed with any proposal they will hold a public meeting in the village so the community can make their views known.</p>	
106/15	<p>Police Report: There were no Police in attendance and no report received</p>	
107/15	<p>Parish Councillor Vacancy – (minute ref 66/15; 84/15(c)) Correspondence was received from Mr Richard Batten stating that he wished to become a Councillor on the Beadnell Parish Council. This proposal was accepted by Councillor Christine Williamson and seconded by Councillor Jen Hall. Mr Batten was co-opted on Beadnell Parish Council and given all relevant documentation to complete and sign.</p>	LG
108/15	<p>North Northumberland Coastal Area Neighbourhood Plan :</p> <p>a) Jenny Ludman has been appointed as a consultant and has been reviewing the documents and draft policies produced, in order to generate a draft plan for community consultation. There will be a further consultation with the local community at the drop in event to be held on 18 November between 2pm-7pm at Seahouses Sports & Community Centre.</p> <p>b) Settlement Boundaries – Parish Councils now have the powers to decide for themselves if they wish to introduce settlement boundaries around the villages as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. There are pros and cons regarding this issue but it was felt that given the shape of the land around the village the points against boundaries outweighed the points for. Also the report by the AONB may provide protection against development in certain areas. The PC have previously steered away from boundaries and again agreed unanimously against them.</p>	GM/CW/JH
109/15	<p>Report By Councillor John Woodman</p> <p>a) There is a Core Strategy drop in session to feed in comments which will be held at the Sports and Community Centre in Seahouses Wednesday 18 November between 2pm-7pm.</p> <p>b) The recently signed combined authority and devolution agreement with government could potentially have a significant and positive impact on what happens in the North East and Tyneside economy. The move will represent a major change to the way in which decisions will be made in the future and more influence over exactly when and how major schemes will be programmed. A Town & Parish event will be organised for further information. There is to be a consultation process details of which can be found on the NCC web site.</p> <p>c) NCC is not preparing a budget this year as it prepared a two year budget last year but council tax will be going up by 1.99% in April 2016.</p> <p>d) The Council have taken the decision to approve the recommendations of the restructuring of the Alnwick School Partnership to a two tier system. With both Embleton and Ellingham deciding to go primary it effectively meant that Seahouses middle school would lose two thirds of its feeder input and would not be able to survive. The opening of the new school will be September 2017 from years 7/8. The new Primary School will relocate to the Seahouses Middle School site.</p> <p>e) The Highways Agency is reviewing sections of the A1 between Ellingham and Berwick. There are several enhancements planned including junction improvements and passing places with works to begin in 2018.</p> <p>f) Winter Transport Information Pack will be available soon regarding gritting etc</p>	

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110/15	<p>Transfer of Play Areas to the Parish Council: A request has been received from NCC for the PC to indicate its preferences for the asset transfer of the play areas in the village. The PC have agreed to:</p> <p>a) Freehold Transfer – the PC takes full ownership and responsibility for the land and all the equipment for both Long Beach and Old School areas. This would incur legal costs for the PC in the region of £700-£800 + VAT for the Old School play area plus additional costs for the Long Beach play area.</p> <p>b) Budget provision would have to be made accordingly for solicitors' costs, grass cutting, weekly and yearly inspections. The Special Expense charge would be transferred to the precept.</p> <p>c) The PC will contract with the NCC for service level agreement weekly inspections and detailed reports to be sent to the Parish Clerk.</p>	GM/CW
111/15	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>a) The three year grass cutting contract is coming due for renewal. Tenders will be sent out next week with details of areas to be quoted for including the Old School play area, the footpath on Harbour Road together with the cemetery. Tenders to be brought to the next PC meeting in January 2016 for discussion and agreement.</p> <p>b) A quote of £2,700 has been received from Fred Kavanagh (Builder) regarding the heap removal and compound build. Mr Mellor has kindly offered access to the site, transportation of materials and provision of water and power at no cost to the PC. An email has been received from Mr & Mrs Mellor to advise that they would not permit any other contractor access across their land for this project. Income received from the purchase of plots and refunds from NCC re double charges will go towards financing the work. The PC accepted the quotation.</p> <p>c) Burial of Ailsa Douglas 12.10.15 plot 382</p> <p>d) Burial of Phyllis Turnbull 16.10.15 plot 651</p> <p>e) Purchase of Plots 26 & 27 by Miss Amanda Scott and Mr & Mrs William Scott</p> <p>f) A request for Volunteers to help plant the remaining daffodil bulbs around the cemetery was made</p> <p>g) Saplings have now been received from the Woodland Trust re our application under their 'free trees' scheme. Any volunteers to help with the planting please speak to DB</p>	GM DB DB
112/15	<p>Review of Seating Policy The Seating Policy has been renamed as the Memorial Policy. Amendments have been made to include the planting of trees as memorials, with a list of suitable trees and style of plaque available. The Memorial Policy was unanimously accepted.</p>	LG
113/15	<p>Finance: Financial report as at 31 October was accepted</p> <p>a) All budget proposals for financial year 2016/17 are to be sent to the Clerk to collate for approval at the next PC meeting in January 2016 when the precept will be agreed</p> <p>b) Receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £40.00 Burial of Margaret Forster – re-opening of plot 28.08.15 £3,500.00 NCC Precept £42.00 Margaret Forster additional inscription on headstone £360.00 Purchase of Plots 26 & 27 by Miss Amanda Scott and Mr & Mrs William Scott £48.00 Burial of Phyllis Turnbull £48.00 Burial of Ailsa Douglas <p>c) Cheques signed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £464.94 Clerks Salary £28.44 Expenses £42.08 Stationery and Dictation Machine £30.00 WI Hall £302.26 NCC – Purchase and installation of litter bin £45.00 Northumbria in Bloom £76.80 Printer Cartridges £10.80 Newey & Eyre – Christmas lights £300.00 Stableyard Landscapes 	LG
114/15	<p>Planning Application: Proposal: Advertisement Consent: 1 no. non-illuminated development board for new holiday home village</p> <p>Location: Land North West of Sandy Lane Court Benthall Beadnell Northumberland</p> <p>Applicant: Mr Nick Dawe</p> <p>Application No: 15/03423/ADE</p> <p>The Parish Council had no objections to this application.</p>	LG
115/15	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) APP/P2935/C/15/3067572 - 45 Harbour Road – Planning Enforcement Appeal by applicant</p> <p>b) 15/01379/FUL – 28 Swinhoe Road Beadnell – proposed construction of detached stone dwelling house by way of demolition – permission granted by NCC</p> <p>c) 14/02886/FUL – 9 Benthall Beadnell – Conversion of garage/storage into a two bedroom dwelling and an additional car parking space to the front of 9 Benthall – permission granted by NCC</p> <p>d) 15/02575/FUL – 2 Longstone Crescent Beadnell – New single storey rear extension (as amended 03/09/15) – permission granted by NCC</p>	
116/15	<p>Northumberland Core Strategy: Pre Submission Draft Consultation The consultation for the final draft of the Local Plan closes on 28 November. There has been a major change to the 'target' for Affordable Homes which may result in the local area getting none in the future.</p>	

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	Concerns were raised that there needs to be a 'Policy' not a target, for at least 30% in the North of the county (35% in Beadnell). Councillors are requested to send all thoughts and comments on this matter to JH to generate a response on behalf of the PC. The roadshow will be visiting Seahouses Sport and Community Centre on 18 November between 2pm-7pm	JH
117/15	Dog Fouling & Dog Control Several issues have been brought to the attention of the PC throughout the summer regarding dog fouling and dogs that are not being kept under control by their owners. The PC requests that written details of all incidents be sent to them by email or post in order for them to gather evidence that can be passed on to the Dog Warden for further action to be taken.	
118/15	Beadnell In Bloom A meeting was held on 10 November with local residents to discuss the possibility of entering Beadnell in to Northumbria in Bloom 2016. The deadline for entries is 1 st December with an entrance fee of £45.00. The judges will visit the village in May for an informal assessment of a pre-agreed route (decided by the Beadnell in Bloom Committee). There is the opportunity for the village to nominate a particular area or building for a 'special award' which would be main focus of the competition. The inspection would then be held in August to decide if an award is won. The PC agreed to pay the £45 entrance fee.	JH
119/15	Correspondence: (put in Councillors pack for circulation) Clerks & Councils Direct – September Issue Glasdon – Local Councils Bins Benches and Signs brochure NALC Annual Report 2014-15 CPRE News Letter Autumn 2015 Clerks & Councils Direct – November Issue Copy of letter sent to NCC by Mr J Rhind re Winter bus timetables and the effects on local Residents	
120/15	Date & Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 13 January 2016 6.30 pm WI Hall Beadnell	
121/15	Any Other Business: a) A Beach litter pick up day has been organised by the Surfers Against Sewerage for Saturday 14 th November 10am at Beadnell Bay. b) The PC has been offered a 16ft fibre glass Cobble for free as a possible planting area for the Bull Ring.	
122/15	Public Question Time: a) A question was raised by a member of the public regarding the direction sign recently installed by the NCC for bridalway number 9, this was confirmed by the PC as a bridalway and it was usual for such public rights of way to be marked. b) The AONB have cancelled the removal of the sea buckthorn date until the new year when a Coastal Warden has been appointed to co-ordinate. JW to speak with the AONB.	

MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING

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