

HAYDON BRIDGE AND HAYDON PARISH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Minutes of the meeting held on December 2018

Present

Mark l'Anson (Chairman), Esmond Faulks, Ian Foster, Eileen Charlton,
Henry Swaddle, Peter Fletcher, Will Rutherford, Kate Minto

18.36 Apologies None

18.37 Declarations of interest None

18.38 Minutes of the meeting held on 28 August 2018

These were accepted as a correct record

18.39 Matters arising not already on the agenda

None

18.40 Parish Plan

Tourism

Haydon Hundred: MI reported from the recent meeting held of the HH sub group. The date for the 2019 HH is 15 June. The route might be changed to take account of deteriorating roads, which would mean only skirting the Northumberland National Park. The priority was to improve social media marketing for the event.

Action: PF to talk to the headmaster at the High School to see if it would be possible to engage some of the pupils in social media support for the event

Village events signs and poster: It was agreed to defer consideration of erecting posts for village events signs at either end of the village until the village entry signs had been installed and the public had got used to them.

Action: PF to draft village events poster for 2019, which could be put up on noticeboards of shops, pubs and holiday accommodation.

Village entry signs: WR reported that following a meeting with himself, EC, EF, PF and the County Council, the location and installation of the signs had been approved by NCC. He and EC were working with Border Stone Quarry in Haltwhistle on getting the signs finalised. Stones had been identified. However, some villagers had raised the issue of having the engraving showing 6 arches (like the old bridge) rather than 5 as in the DT logo.

Decision and action: it was agreed to go with a design of 6 arches. WR to liaise with Borderstone on the final design

WR also reported that the holes for the installation of the stones had now been dug and Fitzimmons had agreed to do the installation for nothing as a charitable activity. The only additional cost would be c.£100 for concrete and any other materials.

EF requested that MI and PF produce updated figures for cost of the signs and installation, grants received and grant shortfall to present to the Parish Council meeting on 20 December.

Action: PF and MI to do updated costing.

Northumberland Day 2019: EC reported that she had not heard back from the GITS about whether they would be organising a street party in Church Street for Northumberland day in 2019. A further issue is that NCC are now charging £500 for a road closure agreement.

Decision: it was agreed that it was not appropriate for the DT to take the lead for future Northumberland Day events.

Village leaflet monies:

Decision: it was agreed that there would be no re-print of the leaflet for 2019 and that we would charge businesses for additional leaflet supplies.

Action: it was agreed that a meeting should be held with local businesses in autumn 2019 to discuss further versions of the village leaflet and use by tourism businesses of other leaflets such as the walks and cycling leaflets

Northumberland Days out leaflet

IF reported that he had actioned Haydon Bridge advert being included in the 2019 leaflet

The Bridge

EC reported that it was business as usual at The Bridge. Anne Spottiswood has been appointed as the new NCC libraries contact for the Haydon Bridge Library.

Communication

Regular page in Haydon News: EC reported that Claire Hunter is doing the regular monthly page in the Haydon News.

Action: PF would do a notice in the Haydon News and Haydon Bridge Matters in the spring asking for volunteers to help with weeding for the village flower beds

18.41 Governance Matters

Annual accounts and reports

Decision: the 2017-8 accounts were approved and PF and MI would submit them to Companies House. PF would also do the submission to the Charity Commission

18.42 Finance and grants

Cheque signatories: MI reported that himself and IF had been added as bank signatories in addition to PF and KM. Arrangements were also being made for IF to have access to online banking.

Insurance: PF had circulated the renewal terms from Hiscox

Decision: It was agreed that the insurance with Hiscox should be renewed. PF to action

Co-op Community Fund Applications: MI reported that grants of £1,162.69 had been received for the phase 1 village planting; and £1361.69 had been received from the Co-op for phase 2 of the village facelift work for the village entry signs. £1000 had

also been received from the Freemasons towards the cost of the phase 2 work. £6068.31 has been received for phase 3 work down at the Riverside.

Action: PF to circulate the grant application to the Co-op for the phase 3 work to the Riverside. PF also to request an update from Rev Benjamin Carter about the plans of the Church in relation to the Churchyard and access to the Riverside

18.43 Website

HS reported that the website was working a little better in terms of being able to put new material on. There had been 790 users in the last 90 days, including a lot from Italy.

HS reported that he was now putting DT minutes on the website.

Action: PF to send HS the 2017-18 annual report and accounts so that these could be loaded onto the website

18.44 Sue Harley's letter

EC reported that 200 copies of the book had been published and that it was now titled Lead Mining at Haydon Bridge. Following the grant for the publication costs from the Shaftoe Educational Foundation the books had been donated by Sue Harley free to The Bridge and profits from sales at £3 a copy would go to the DT.

18.45 Letter from Historic England

PF reported that he had replied to David Farrington to say that the DT was unable to help with funding for the bastle houses at Chesterwood. He also said that he had talked to the owner of the bastle houses who had suggested various low cost solutions to Historic England, all of which had been rejected.

18.46 Any other business

PF reported that Network Rail had sold its commercial Estate Business to Telereal Trillium and Blackstone Property Partners. It was not yet clear what impact, if any this would have in relation to renting The Bridge.

18.47 Next meeting - Wednesday 6 March 2019 at The Bridge