

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON THE  
27<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 2024, AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

**Present :** Cllrs E Faulks (Chair), F Fuller, J Keyte, A Kirsopp, D Robson, A Sharp, T Simmonds, A Suddes and J Thompson; C McGivern (mins.)

- 1. Public participation** – none.
- 2. Apologies** – were received from Cllrs B Howard, K Richardson and D Thornhill.
- 3. Declarations of interest** – none received.
- 4. Minutes of previous meeting** – having been circulated were agreed and signed.
- 5. Report from Northumberland County Council** –
  - Cllr Sharp said that there had been a lot of interest in Haydon Park since it went on the market, and it will be sold.
  - The sweeper had been due to come to HB, but needed a part, so this will work will be carried out in the next couple of weeks.
  - When the work is done on the road at Innerhaugh the mini-roundabout will be sorted out too.
  - Regarding the request for litter bins at New Alston NCC said that they were concerned about the number of bins being asked for by parish councils, which all need to be emptied. The officer will come back to the Clerk shortly.
  - The drains between the lane and property boundaries at Heugh House Lane have not yet been sorted out.
  - Community Chest meetings are due to start again soon, and Cllr Sharp was anxious to get funding for the Community Centre.
  - Some litter picking had been carried out on the A686.
  - Graffiti on the signs at this location will be dealt with soon.
- 6. Highways** –
  - a) Cllr Robson noted that barriers were being replaced at the entrance to the village. However, he said that there was a gap in the barriers near Haydon Spa, with traffic whizzing past. Cllr Keyte said that this had been mentioned at a recent site meeting. He thought it possible that a different kind of fence might be needed at this point. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Roadlink.
  - b) The Clerk reported that permission had now been given for the proposed location of Charlton Way. NCC had informed her that as well as the £200 permission fee, there would be additional costs of £500 for a new sign. This was agreed.
  - c) Cllr Kirsopp said that at school closing time it was mayhem at the Showfield. Cllr Fuller agreed saying that there had almost been 2 crashes earlier in the day. It was agreed that Cllr Sharp would get Neil Snowdon to do a site visit.

- d) Trees on Church Street are overhanging the path. The Clerk will report this to NCC.
- e) The loading bay in front of Claire's convenience store is barely visible. Cllr Sharp will request that this is repainted.
- f) It was noted that since the introduction of parking charges at Haydon Bridge station, very few people are using the car park, and instead they are parking on the street.
- g) In response to a query about water running on cemetery road and appearing to come from Shaftoe Academy, a reply was received saying that the source of the water was from land above the school. The Clerk will write to the Langley Estate.

**7. Lighting – nothing to report.**

**8. Planning applications –**

**24/01968/FUL** – Proposed detached double garage at Belmont House – NO OBJECTIONS.

**24/01924/FUL** – Construction of single storey building on land east of Amble Coaches – NO OBJECTIONS.

**9. Accounts –**

- a) P. Charlton (salary) = £476.96
- b) C. McGivern (salary) = £698.15
- c) C. McGivern (citizen card) = £18.00
- d) A. Batey (cemetery & woodchip) = £670.00
- e) A. Batey (grass cutting) = £1,577.00
- f) Checkbook Accountancy (payroll) = £39.12
- g) CPA Horticulture (woodchip) = £675.89
- h) M Lawson (hanging baskets) = £455.00
- i) Playdale (repairs) £1,370.48

**Internal audit** – The internal audit had been completed and signed off with no issues to report.

**Handyman** – Paul Charlton had handed in his notice. It was agreed that the Chair would write to thank him for all his work around the village.

**10. Correspondence –**

- a) Fly tipping at the eastern end of the old A69 has been reported to NCC.
- b) Trees that had fallen across paths at the riverside picnic area are being dealt with by Mr Batey.
- c) Problems with the footpath between West Mill Hills and Plunderheath have been reported to NCC.
- d) A request for information about who owns particular parcels of land on the North side of the village was received from the EA. The Clerk will reply with the information supplied at the meeting.

## 11. Parish projects –

- a) **Development Trust** – The Chair said that there had been 170 entries to the Haydon Hundred. This was down on previous years as there are now more of these events being held. Around £1,600 was raised and will go to library funds.
- b) **Brigwood right of way application** – Cllr Robson said that he'd received a reply from the EA in which they appeared to accept that the ginnel is not really an acceptable route to the riverside. If the application is approved then hopefully progress can be made with getting a stile. Cllr Robson said that lots of people currently climb over the wall and he has photos to prove this. 32 witness statements have been received.
- c) **Cycleway** – Cllr Keyte said that there had not been much progress on this project. Phil Hartley was trying to get a response from the Straker's agents, but it seemed unlikely that they would approve the proposals. They are also chasing Highways England who had suggested that they might fund their own study.

## 12. Any other business –

- a) Cllr Suddes said that the village was looking very nice at the moment but was let down by the road bridge. If the mesh could be replaced the look of the bridge would be improved. The Clerk will contact NCC.
- b) Cllr Kirsopp said that the tarmac on the footpaths at the cemetery was crumbling. This will be looked at. The gates at the cemetery also need to be painted.
- c) Cllr Thompson said that due to the poor weather the GITS had hosted Northumberland Day in the Community Centre. Pauline Wallis wondered if there might be around £200 available to cover the cost of decoration/raffle prizes etc. Cllr Sharp will take this up.
- d) Cllr Thompson explained that the charity Holly's Hope believed that if a bleed pack had been available nearby Holly's life might have been saved. There will be a quiz at the Havelock to raise funds for the charity, but this will probably not cover the whole cost which is around £500. She asked whether Cllr Sharp would match fund whatever was raised at the Havelock. Cllr Sharp will follow this up.