

**MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7PM ON 28TH OF JUNE
2018, AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Present : Cllrs. J. Bates, I. Burrows, E. Charlton, E. Faulks (Chair), A. Kirsopp, A. Sharp, R. Snowdon, J. Thompson, and D. Thornhill; public; & C. McGivern (Clerk).

1. Public participation –

- a) Mrs Brown asked if the trees between the library and the farm shop could be pruned, as they were obstructing the path. The Handyman will do this.
- b) A member of the public said that bumps on the pavement on the new bridge are rising up again in the heat. This will be reported to NCC.
- c) Cllr Sharp said that he had spoken to the Fire Chief and to Legal Services in response to Mr Brown's questions. There were no contracts in place, or money changing hand with regard to the drill hall. With regard to the sale of the fire station he explained that the sale had not yet completed. Seven offers had been received, the highest being from Bradley Homes. NCC had accepted this offer and viewed them as the "preferred bidder" because they had a proven track record of providing quality homes. Unexpected issues had come up as the process went on, which had led to their offer being reduced. Cllr Snowdon asked whether the planning conditions had been met, and Cllr Sharp said that he had been told that they would be resolved. Cllr Sharp also said that Bradley Homes were not connected to Bradley Hall estate agents.
- d) The PC was congratulated on the traffic calming measures on Ratcliffe Road.
- e) Cllr Sharp said Murray Farm Services had been asked whether the site behind their shop could be used for a bottle bank. Although initially positive about this they now wished to create more parking for their own shop. Cllr Thornhill said that the PCC was in discussions with Murray Farm Services on a project to promote use of the churchyard. The PC wished to promote use of the picnic area. He suggested that Cllr Sharp write to him to involve them at the design stage and hopefully sort this out to everyone's benefit. This was agreed. Cllr Richardson suggested the site behind the Community Centre previously considered for car parking. Cllr Sharp will suggest this as a possible site.

2. **Apologies** - were received from Cllr L. Thompson.

3. **Declarations of interest** – were received from Cllrs J. Bates and D. Thornhill regarding a planning application at Innerhaugh Mews.

4. **Minutes of previous meeting** –having been circulated were agreed & signed.

5. **Report from Northumberland County Council** –

Cllr Kirsopp said that the banner had been removed from Martin's Close. The PC agreed that they were happy with the scheme for North Bank. The Shaftoe School scheme has been approved and Cllr Sharp is waiting for the final costings. It was noted that some people are already starting to park on the north side of Ratcliffe Road, although some people are unhappy about this. A drain has collapsed on Shaftoe Street and this is being investigated. Potholes on the roads to Elrington and Langley also need attention.

6. Highways –

- a) An anonymous letter had been sent to Cllr Fletcher complaining about branches overhanging the path near the Craggs. Cllr Faulks and Thornhill will ask the owners of the property for permission to do some pruning.
- b) Cllr Sharp said that he liked the idea of a post with black finger signs for the village. He cannot use his Member's Allowance for this, but will ask NCC to fund it as part of the Ratcliffe Road scheme. He will also look at whether Community Chest funds could be used.
- c) Cllr Charlton said that when recent road surfacing had been carried out the metal grids covering drains had not been emptied of weeds/soil. They need to be unscrewed and cleaned out.
- d) Cllr Kirsopp said that bushes were overhanging a footpath near the Shaftoe School. Cllr Bates will mention this to the school and their gardener should be able to sort it out.

7. Lighting –

- a) Cllr Charlton said that there were two lights that were on all the time, at the fire station and a light at 12 Strothers Close. The Clerk will report to NCC.

8. Planning applications –

18/01602/FUL – Retrospective removal of part of garden wall to create new entrance/driveway at South Cubstocks - No objections.

18/02047/FUL - Proposed internal alterations to existing dwelling and including conversion of roof space to provide additional floor space. Cruel Syke, North Road - No objections.

18/00042/LBC - Middle Lipwood Farm Installation of wood flooring and plastering - No objections.

18/01632/FUL - Construction of timber garden room Innerhaugh Mews- The Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds -

- a) When the Innerhaugh estate was going to be built a study was done of the surface water and how it would be dealt with. It was intended that the surface water would go into the river. When the river is in flood of course this cannot happen. In the original plans it was made clear that land around the properties had to be used to soak up surface water. Since then a number of property owners

have installed conservatories etc which removes some of this capacity. This is another instance of this additional building which is a dangerous trend in an area liable to flood.

b) This plan is retrospective. This should have been made clear on the website and plans. We also note that several bits of information are missing from the plans. These are no dimensions for width and length. No design and access statement. Drawings of East and West views are labelled wrongly, (ie the wrong way round).

c) The Parish Council feel that there are privacy issues for neighbouring properties as from the height of the building you will be able to see into neighbour's homes.

9. Accounts – as in budget

10. Correspondence – no additional correspondence.

11. Parish projects –

- a) **Development Trust/The Bridge** – The Haydon Hundred had gone well, with excellent weather for the event. Cllr Charlton reported that the cyclists had all used their vouchers in the village. There had been two children's craft events in the library, and there will be a reading challenge over the summer holidays.
- b) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Mr Fletcher had circulated a document following an initial meeting. The draft Local Plan was now available, and will have a 6 week consultation period. As far as Haydon Parish is concerned this document suggests 7 new homes per year for the period covered. The sites suggested are the fire station and 2 fields in the Strawberry Fields area. This does not take into account all of the houses built/planned whilst the Core Strategy was being considered. The parish map has now been registered with NCC, so work can proceed on a Plan if desired. A NP could not challenge the numbers of new properties set out in the Local Plan. What it can do is to designate local green space & determine the type and location of development. The NP would be part of the planning structure in legal terms. The meeting had recommended that the PC proceed with the creation of an NP. The next stage is to apply for funding from Locality, as a planning professional will be needed. After this a public consultation event will be held. The Clerk will contact David English for advice on the funding process. Cllr Charlton reminded those present that someone from the PC would need to lead the response to the Local Plan itself. A draft response should be drawn up and brought to the July meeting for discussion. Cllr Charlton will do this.
- c) **Memorial seat at cemetery** – Cllrs Charlton and Faulks had met with a gentleman who wished to install a memorial seat. The old metal seat will be removed and the new seat installed closer to the perimeter wall. The Clerk will be contacted when the seat is ready and the Handyman will install it.

- d) **Hanging baskets** – Cllr Fletcher said that the hanging baskets had now been delivered. They were more expensive than before, but looked good.
- e) **Parking in village** – Cllr Fletcher said that she been concerned that all of the focus of the parking initiatives seemed to be on Ratcliffe Road, and there was now confusion over where people could park. It was hoped that allowing parking on both sides of Ratcliffe Road would calm traffic by forcing drivers to slow down. NCC had been asked to look at parking on Ratcliffe Road. Shortly after a site visit Cllrs had been told that there were plans to resurface the road. The decision had been taken not to reinstate white lines immediately, and to see how this worked. It was thought that without the white line traffic was staying closer to the pavement, instead of straying into the middle of the road. The PC agreed to wait and see how this worked in practice. Cllr Richardson said that for bus drivers this was a nightmare and Cllr Bates felt nervous about people parking on the bridge. Mr Fletcher said that it was important that the PC communicated about what it was trying to achieve. Articles in the Haydon News or on Facebook would be helpful. Mr Fletcher went on to say that 40-50 parking places might be created if the whole village was looked at. Cllr Sharp said that Haltwhistle had a parking plan and Cllrs had walked around the whole town collecting ideas, which were then submitted to NCC. Cllr Sharp will arrange a meeting.
- f) **Panels for riverside** – The Clerk had circulated drafts of the panels and these were agreed. It was also agreed not to capitalise bird/plant names.
- g) **Bunting** – Cllr Kirsopp complained about the length of time the bunting had been left up. It had been left up for the Haydon Hundred and Northumberland Day and had to be removed when people were available to remove it.
- h) **Lighting the church** – Cllr Thornhill said that this has the support of the community and he hoped to take it forward.
- i) **Riverside path** – Cllr J. Thompson said that the path at the end of Ratcliffe Road will be trimmed to tidy it up.

12. Any other business –

- a) **Flower beds on Ratcliffe Road** – Cllr Faulks asked for volunteers to help tend the beds. It was agreed that he would circulate an email when he intended to do the work and other volunteers could then join him.
- b) **Electric charging points** – This will be considered as part of the parking discussions.
- c) It was noted that a wall had been knocked down behind the Community Centre and access was being blocked to the disabled bungalow. It was thought that NCC had blocked the path as there were fears about the safety of the wall.