

**MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7PM ON 25th OCTOBER 2018, AT
HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Present : Cllrs J. Bates, I. Burrows, E. Charlton, E. Faulks, A. Kirsopp, K. Richardson, A. Sharp, R. Snowdon, and D. Thornhill; C. McGivern (mins.), public & press.

1. Public participation –

- a) Carole Price said that she had recently heard of a community group in Durham who had a building declared a community asset. She wondered if it might be possible to apply for this status for the fire station. Cllr Faulks had explained that the Parish Council had explored this option without success. However the Parish Council agreed that they would not object to a group of local people trying to take this forward.
- b) Carole Price said that in the area where her husband's family's home town a metal sculpture of a soldier has been installed and many people are visiting the area to take pictures. She wondered if it would be possible to have a similar sculpture, but of a border Reiver, for Haydon Bridge.

2. **Apologies** – were received from Cllrs V. Fletcher, J. Thompson and L. Thompson.

3. **Minutes of last meeting** – having been circulated were agreed and signed.

4. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr J. Bates declared an interest in the planning application for Lands End Road Farm.

5. Report from Northumberland County Council –

Cllr Sharp said that the 20mph signs are now in place around the Shaftoe school, as well as roundels on the road. Yellow lines outside the cemetery are still to be removed. Similarly the new sign and road markings are in place at the top of North Bank. The grills covering drains on Ratcliffe Road pavements have still not been cleaned out. As there was no application to the Community Chest for Haydon Bridge, there is still £36,000 in the pot. There will be another opportunity to apply for this in January.

The Clerk had informed Cllr Sharp that the GITS had been charged £250 for a road closure for New Year's Eve. Cllr Sharp asked to have the paperwork forwarded to him, so that he could sort this out. Results from the camera survey should be received in the next week and these will be circulated by email.

6. Highways –

- a) Cllr Faulks had drafted a letter to be published in the Haydon News, to gather some ideas before the public meeting to discuss parking. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Thornhill would redraft the letter, and circulate the new draft.

- b) Cllr Kirsopp said that a 30mph sign near Innerhaugh Mews was obscured by a hedge. The Clerk will report this to NCC.
- c) Cllr Bates said that the road between the bridge at Allenbanks and Ridley Hall was in a very poor state, and there had been an accident there in the last week. Cllr Sharp will add this to his list.
- d) Cllr Snowdon referred to some of the feedback received regarding Ratcliffe Road. He noted that a lot of people seem to think that this is a dangerous road; with reference being made to reversing out of herringbone parking and being able to pass oncoming vehicles comfortably. Drivers already reverse out of herringbone parking on Beaumont Street in Hexham, and Ratcliffe Road is no different. Cllr Snowdon had also measured the distances between parked vehicles in both Church Street and Ratcliffe Road and there was no difference. In light of this he wondered why people did not consider Church Street a dangerous road. Some people have reported that they feel the road has been reclaimed for the village.

6. **Lighting** – nothing to report.

7. **Planning applications** –

18/03572/VARYCO Fire station- OBJECT : The original designs were for traditional sash windows. These were chosen because this site is in the Haydon Bridge Conservation Area. For this reason the Parish Council wishes to see these approved plans adhered to.

18/00718/PREAPP Lands End Farm - OBJECT - For the following reasons - In 1996, when the Parish Council was drawing up the Parish Plan, the County Council's own Conservation Officer said that East Lands End Farm "Was the birthplace of John Martin and [given] the farm's historical importance it should be included in the conservation area." This comment related to not just the cottage where John Martin was born, but the farm buildings too.

Should this development go ahead it would be outside the settlement boundary suggested by Northumberland County Council as part of the new Local Plan.

When the third phase of development at the Showfield was proposed, the Parish Council expressed concerns about building over green space that was acting as vital soakaway during periods of excessive rain. This concern extends to the area around Land End Farm, particularly now that the development has gone ahead at the Showfield.

The pre-application proposes a link into the road at the Showfield site, this would create a circular route through the Showfield, down toward Shaftoe Street, and back along Lands End Road that might attract speeding vehicles.

Access out onto Shaftoe Street would be problematic, as this road already gets blocked by traffic and parked cars. Alternatively, leaving the site via the Showfield would add to the congestion around the Shaftoe Trust Academy.

It is thought that the existing sewage infrastructure in this area could not cope with extra development.

In conclusion, the Parish Council feels that there is no need for further 4 bedroom properties in the village, as many area already standing empty.

Hadrian's Lodge – The PC had received submissions from the current owner and Mr Strawbridge, who was looking at buying the property. Both parties had set out their position and expressed the hope that the PC would withdraw their objection to a change of use. After a vote it was agreed that the PC would not alter their decision to object.

8. Accounts – as in budget.

9. Correspondence –

The Clerk reported that the Christmas Tree Committee had healthy funds and did not need a grant from the PC this year. Details of the lighting up ceremony will be in the Haydon News.

10. Parish projects –

- a) There had been no meeting of the DT. The library has been very busy, with takings over the year of £2,500. This is from book sales, the produce stall, coffees and donations. Cllr Sharp commended the volunteers. The library notice board will be used to display the names of those lost from the village in both wars.
- b) A collection was made for the poppy wreath.
- c) Cllr Charlton said that a date had not yet been set for the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting. The PC will need to advertise a range of people to join the committee. Cllr Sharp promised to help with work on the plan.
- d) Flood group – A new lead person for the flood group had been sought as David Robson wishes to stand down. Cllr Snowdon volunteered to take this on.

11. Any other business –

- a) The Clerk had written to the National Trust requesting an update on progress at Allen Banks. A letter had been received in response and it was hoped that some action might be taken soon.
- b) Cllr Thornhill reported that he had written to Farm Care again regarding the piece of land next to their shop on the riverside.