**MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7PM ON 24th OF JANUARY 2019, AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

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

1. **Public participation –**
2. It was noted that the church clock was accurate.
3. Mrs Brown wondered if the plaques on the war memorial could be cleaned. Cllr Charlton explained that in other parishes it had been found to be better not to draw attention to the brass on the memorial.
4. Mrs Brown asked if anything was going to be done about the pavements on Church Street. Cllr Sharp confirmed that they had been inspected and some work issued. It would not be possible to replace all of the flagstones.
5. The drains at the monument and up North Bank have still not been cleared.
6. **Apologies –** were received from Cllr Fletcher who had also submitted her resignation. It was decided to wait to co-opt someone to fill the existing vacancy until the PC is given permission to co-opt for this place too.
7. **Declarations of interest –** Cllrs Faulks and Thornhill declared an interest in the planning application regarding 3 Station Cottages.
8. **Minutes of the previous meeting –** having been circulated, were agreed and signed with one correction. At point 12 they should have said that NCC and not EA with regard to a tree in the river.
9. **Report from Northumberland County Council –**

The bus stop and timetable are now in place outside the Community Centre. Yellow lines have been removed at the cemetery. Cllr Sharp had circulated an update about the High School. NCC is contributing £6 million to refurbish the school and pupil numbers have increased. A new IEB is in place and there is a new Deputy Head. Cllr Charlton said that Darren Glover sent his apologies as he had planned to attend the meeting himself. Potholes on the Ridley Hall road are due to be repaired. The road near Castle Farm will also be repaired. Roads around Langley will be repaired. The remaining orange street lights will be repaired in the next couple of months. Cllr Sharp thought that the bulbs would be replaced in the heritage street lights. Tim Fish had provided an update about Spa Well. The delay was due to issues with the land owner. Litter problems continue on the Langley road and between Esp Hill and Threepwood. Cllr Charlton said that the Northumberland Day event did not make money for the village and the PC could not continue with it if they were charged for the road closure. The requested extra bus stop at Innerhaugh will be looked at.

1. **Highways –**
2. The Clerk will contact Karbon Homes and ask them to repair a broken seat at Greenwich Gardens.
3. Cllr Sharp said that he could not use his member’s allowance to fund a finger post for the village. He is investigating other sources of funding.
4. The Clerk had received a quote for installing a new bin at the Showfield. This was agreed.
5. Cllr Kirsopp asked if it was possible to get granite strips on the road at the Showfield. Others suggested build outs to narrow the road. Cllr Sharp will investigate.
6. Bellway had instructed a contractor to carry out remedial work to the bankside on Lands End Road.
7. **Lighting –** nothing to report.
8. **Planning applications –**

**18/04520/FUL** :Change of use of two rooms of residential property back to its original retail use. The business is a watch and clock repairers, small gift shop and watch and clock museum. The proposed change of use for the front of the property is for a combined A1 and D1 use at 2 Ratcliffe Road - The Parish Council fully supports this application, on the understanding that as advised the front door opens inwards rather than outwards into the street.

**18/04536/FUL :** Proposed loft conversion: hip to gable roof modification at 8 John Martin Street – no objections.

**18/03622/FUL** : Construction of single storey side extension at 3 Station Cottages – no objections.

1. **Accounts –**

* As in budget.

Victim Support Grant – Victim Support no longer operate in Northumberland. It was agreed to stop grant to Victim Support.

1. **Correspondence –**
2. In their last update the EA had said that they planned another public meeting in the “New Year”. The Clerk is chasing this up to find out what is planned.
3. Cllr Charlton said that flooding had been discussed at a meeting regarding plans to demolish garages at Greenwich Gdns and build new houses. A representative of NCC admitted that they had not realised that flooding was such an issue for Haydon Bridge. The waterway from Peelwell down toward the railway was not on their plans and this would be altered.
4. **Parish projects –**
5. **Development Trust/Bridge** – Cllr Charlton said the stone signs were still being created. There had been a meeting to discuss work at the riverside. Kerry from the Tyne Rivers Trust had come to the meeting and agreed to advise. A tree surgeon will advise on the condition of the trees. Although some clearing would be done, other areas must be left as wildlife habitat and Kerry will advise on this. It is hoped to improve amenity and increase views to the river without destroying habitat. Peter Fletcher will talk to John Wardle about the supply of large stones to stop people driving over the grass. Some trees had recently been lopped at a height of about 15 foot. The Clerk will contact NW to ask if they are responsible.
6. **Any other business –**
7. A planned meeting with David English to discuss the **Neighbourhood Plan** had been postponed as several steps need to be taken before this goes ahead. The group planned to involve the High School and Cllrs Charlton and Snowdon had met with the Head of the High School. The Head plans to speak to students about getting involved. It was felt that the students could help with the public consultation and setting up questionnaires. Cllr Bates has agreed to be project leader for the initial work and then Carol Price will take over after that. Cllr Bates explained that a grant could not be applied for until the public consultation data had been collected. A dummy meeting at the High School was planned, as well as looking at the work produced in Acomb. Cllr Bates said that the plan needed to be very focused and other issues in the village could be addressed in other ways. The Clerk confirmed that £1000 had been set aside.
8. Cllr Burrows said that there were very few dropped kerbs at Strothers Close. Cllr Sharp will look at this.
9. Cllr Thompson said that volunteers taking down Christmas lights people had been appalled by the amount of dog fouling on the old bridge and nearby. Cllr Charlton said that there was a box of poo bags in the library for anyone who wanted some. It was agreed to raise this with the dog warden.
10. Cllr Thompson said that Mr Scanlon had looked at the trees on the riverbank behind Ratcliffe Road. These are between the ginnel beside Mr Jeffs’ house to just before the Havelock. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the EA.
11. Cllr Kirsopp said that the footpath east of the village to the Spa Well is obstructed by branches. The Clerk will contact Roadlink.
12. Cllr Thompson agreed to take over the hanging baskets and she will liaise with Vera Fletcher.
13. Cllr Richardson agreed to assist Cllr Thornhill with the Haydon Bridge Matters Facebook page.