

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON THE
28th OF MARCH 2024, IN HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Present : Cllrs E. Faulks (chair), F. Fuller, B. Howard, A. Kirsopp, K. Richardson, D. Robson, A. Sharp, A. Suddes, J. Thompson and D. Thornhill; C. McGivern (mins.); and members of the public.

1. Public participation –

- a) Mr Robley asked for an update on what was happening at Brigwood. Cllr Robson explained that the PC is making an application for a new right of way.
- b) Adrian, a resident of Ratcliffe Road, said that he had been in touch with Cllr Sharp and Guy Opperman about the road at Parker's Terrace. He said that there was a suggestion that some remedial work might be done, however he was concerned that this would not resolve the problem. He would like to know what is required to bring the road up to the standard that would allow NCC to adopt it. Cllr Sharp suggested that the road needed to be resurfaced, but that NCC would not pay for this. Adrian thought that if this was needed it might be possible for the cost to be shared among the residents. Cllr Faulks said that the PC was sympathetic but that it was up to NCC.
- c) Mr Tallantyne said that he had had his wheelchair damaged by trying to get up and down kerbs. More dropped kerbs were needed. Cllr Sharp will meet with Mr Tallantyne to look at the locations where this is needed. A gate is also needed to allow access to the bus stop from the estate as the current gate requires a wheelchair to cross grass which is impossible in wet conditions. The Clerk will contact Karbon Homes.
- d) Mr Clarke said that he was very unhappy that the PC had spoken to his employer, Westalls, about where he parks his van. Cllr Howard explained that a member of the public had complained about the van blocking the footpath and forcing them onto the road with a buggy. Mr Clarke said that he did not have a problem with moving his van off the pavement if someone could suggest where it could be put. The PC took on board that Mr Clarke was not happy with how this was dealt with.

3. Apologies – were received from Cllrs Keyte and Simmonds.

4. Declarations of interest – none were received.

5. Minutes of previous meeting – having been circulated were agreed and signed.

6. Report from NCC –

Cllr Sharp said that he was still awaiting the date when works would commence on Ratcliffe Road as the Officers are still finalising the Local Transport Plan but he hoped to be able to confirm this shortly. The road has now been adopted at Tyne View Close.

Cllr Sharp had spent quite a bit of time trying to sort out the problem of a damaged wall damage at Station Yard. It would appear that no one actually owns the wall as it is not on anyone's deeds. Cllrs wondered whether the wall could be taken down, to make it safe.

An update had been circulated with regards to Haydon Lodge but a decision on the sale has not been made yet. Cllr Sharp was still receiving complaints about the road behind

the Community Centre and he is going to work with NCC to see if they can provide plainings when the road resurfacing gets carried out during the next few months.

Northern Rail had emailed to say

“I need to advise you that Northern are considering implementing car parking charges at Stocksfield and Haydon Bridge Stations. In both cases the proposed charges would be £2.00 (full day tariff) and £0.50 (up to 2 hours).

Please could I ask you to advise any other parties you think may be interested in this issue. We are welcoming all feedback and would ask this to be sent to the following email : carparkingconsultation@northernrailway.co.uk by 12th April 2024. The planned timescales thereafter are for a review of the feedback to be held from 15th-18th April with confirmation of outcomes on the 19th April. Those car parks remaining in the plan will have advanced notices positioned between the 29th April and the 26th May with the charges coming in to effect on 27th May 2024.”

Both Cllr Sharp and the PC objected to this suggestion, as it was felt that this would lead to more parking problems around Church Street. Cllr Sharp and the Clerk will both contact Northern Rail.

The planning officer who is dealing with the application regarding Langley Brickworks is presently on holiday and Cllr Sharp will provide an update as soon as he can. He is also still working on the Traffic Calming Scheme around Shaftoe Academy but he is awaiting the results of the traffic survey.

A new scheme to fund public transport is to pay for an additional bus from Newcastle to Carlisle at 9.05pm. Cllrs wondered whether this scheme might also help pay for changes to the AD122 bus.

7. Highways –

- a) Cllr Kirsopp said that the drain alongside the war memorial was blocked again. Cllr Sharp will raise this at NCC.
- b) Cllr Robson said that there was a large pothole on Lands End Rd near to Park Style. Cllr Sharp will raise this at NCC.
- c) Cllr Richardson reported that the rubbish had been removed from the car park at Foundry Yard, but the hedge still needed to be dealt with. The Clerk will contact Karbon Homes again.
- d) Cllr Robson said that the white lines at Park Style needed to be redone. The Clerk will report this.

8. Lighting –

- a) Cllr Richardson said that a light was still on on the bridge. The Clerk will report this.

9. Planning applications –

24/00779/FUL - Conversion/Change of use of Agricultural Barn to residential dwelling at land West of High Meadows – The Parish Council objects to this application –

- The site is outside the settlement boundary.

- The site was recently purchased by the applicant as agricultural land and should remain as such.
- It is not a discreet development, but due to the location will be seen for miles around.
- Finally, the application does not support the objectives of the Haydon Bridge Neighbourhood Plan.

24/00709/LBC - Listed Building Consent for proposed internal modifications to form ground floor shower room at West Farm Cottage, Chesterwood – no objections.

10. Accounts – as in budget.

The Clerk said that the PC email account was now very large and she suggested that a monthly subscription be started at around £3 per month to have a larger email account and safeguard the data. This was agreed.

11. Review of Internal Audit and Risk Assessment –

Both documents had been circulated and agreed. The Risk Assessment will be reviewed again when the new bank account is finalised, and the Clerk starts using digital banking.

12. Correspondence –

- A report of anti-social behaviour and glass on the ground and equipment at Langley Gardens play area was received from Tania Wilson – The Clerk had reported this to Karbon Homes who had promised to deal with it and to report it to the Police too.
- Inspector Kate Benson of Northumbria Police had informed the PC that the Police were aware of anti-social behaviour at closing time at the Anchor and would deal with it, but she requested that more people report any issues. This can be done anonymously via Crimestoppers.
- A seat at Geeswood has been damaged and is now being repaired and will be reinstalled shortly.

13. Parish projects –

- Development Trust – The Chair said there had been no meeting so there was nothing to report.

14. Any other business –

- Cllr Howard said that he had been sounding out businesses about the proposal to have the AD122 bus calling at Haydon Bridge. The Railway Inn were in full support and happy to help progress the idea. The people at the Anchor were also very positive and a couple of people in the bar commented that it takes 2 hours to get to the wall on public transport. Cllr Suddes had spoken to Duncan Wise at the National Park Authority and he was also very keen. The AD122 contract is up for review in 2025 so this is a good time to look at the route.
- The Community Police Officer had recently visited the Community Centre and said that they were aware that a lot of people were unhappy with how the Anchor was being run, but they had only received 4 reports of anti-social behaviour. They urged people to report any problems as this can be done anonymously via Crimestoppers.

- c) Cllr Thompson said that Dixon Tubley had asked whether the plant boxes would be put on the bridge again, as he may have spare plants for them and he is happy to help with watering. Cllr Richardson will ask the Scouts about this.
- d) Cllr Kirsopp asked if the PC wanted her to go ahead with hanging baskets and this was agreed.
- e) Cllr Fuller said that there were four people interested in opening a new business in the village offering complimentary therapy.
- f) Cllr Fuller asked about recent tree felling at Brokenheugh, and was informed that the PC had been consulted on this.
- g) A chain and private property sign recently put in place at Brigwood were discussed. It was felt that the only action the PC could take was to continue with its application to get a right of way in this area.