

**MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7PM ON 22ND OF NOVEMBER
2018, AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

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

1. Public participation –

- a) Mrs Brown asked what was happening about the proposed residents' parking bays on Church Street. Cllr Sharp said that this could not go ahead unless all agreed. It was noted that when the PC had met with NCC this had been one of the options on the table.
- b) Cllr Sharp had talked to NCC officers following a report on the latest road surveys. A drop-in session where designs were available for the public to see was the best way to proceed. Officers will meet with the PC first to plan for the public meeting.
- c) Mrs Brown said that the paving on Church Street was treacherous. Mrs Armstrong had had a fall, as had Mrs Parker. Cllr Sharp will arrange discuss this with NCC.
- d) Ms Spark said that Ratcliffe Road was hazardous as there was no crossing for people with mobility issues. NCC have informed the PC that this road no longer qualifies for this type of crossing. Cllr Bates explained that NCC would not be willing to do anything with this road as an emergency measure, any changes would have to wait until after the public meeting in January.
- e) The drain beside the war memorial needs attention again. The Clerk will report this to NCC.

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

3. Declarations of interest – none were received.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – having been circulated, were agreed and signed.

5. Report from Northumberland County Council –

Cllr Sharp said that all the drains should now have been cleaned and he promised to report faulty drains mentioned at the meeting. The grills in the pavement on Ratcliffe Road have also been cleaned out. The bus stop sign outside the Community Centre is not in place yet, but work has begun. In answer to a question from Cllr Bates, Cllr Sharp said that granite strips would go right across the road near the Shaftoe Academy. Double yellow lines outside the cemetery still need to be replaced. Confusing speed signs in this area were also noted. Potholes still need to be dealt with near Ridley Hall. Cllr Sharp will make sure that the road closure for the New Year is sorted out. Cllr Bates reported that the road near Castle Farm was in a terrible state.

6. Highways – nothing to report.

7. **Lighting** – Cllr Charlton said that quite a few orange lights remain. Cllr Sharp had been told that these were all on the system and will be sorted out.

8. Planning applications –

18/03830/LBC - Listed building consent for removal of old Baxi, wall-mounted fire and back boiler and restore inglenook fireplace hidden beneath wall-mounted fire. Installation of free-standing, cast-iron stove and electric boiler at 24 Shaftoe Street - no objections.

18/03849/FUL - Proposed alterations and two storey side extension to existing dwelling at Holmlea, Alexandra Tce. - no objections.

It was agreed to send a **letter to the Planning Department**, (with copies to Guy Opermann and Northumbria Water), raising concerns over the amount of development in the village given the existing problems with drains etc.

9. Accounts – as in budget.

It was agreed that a start-up grant for the Beavers would be paid in December 2018.

Budget for 2019-20 and precept request – The draft budget was agreed and a precept request of £42,000 was agreed. Revised burial fees were also agreed and details will be sent to funeral directors.

10. Correspondence –

a) Details of a definitive map modification order relating to footpaths 68,69 and 70 were received from NCC.

11. Parish Projects –

a) **Development Trust** – Cllr Charlton said that a meeting of the sub-committee was needed prior to a meeting with David English in January. The Clerk will contact Mr English to find out when he is available.

b) A new **wheelie bin for the layby at Esp Hill** had now been delivered and would be installed by the Handyman.

c) **Cemetery** – Mr Grieve has carried out work tidying path edges and the entrance to the cemetery. It was agreed that once Mr Grieve had completed the relevant paperwork he could be given extra hours to get the cemetery in good condition.

12. Any other business –

- a) Cllr Kirsopp wondered whether it would be possible to have a new bin for the Showfield. This was agreed. The Clerk will get a quotation and liaise with NCC.
- b) Cars have been parking on the pavement in front of the library. A lady who walks with a zimmer frame had said that she had been forced to walk on the road because of this.
- c) Cllr Kirsopp asked about the heather bed. Cllr Faulks said that rabbits have eaten many of the new plants and that a team of volunteers was needed to look after this bed. Cllr Bates said that her husband could cut down the tree in the centre of the bed, which is now dead.
- d) Mrs Brown thanked Claire Marshall and Richard Hood for the Tommy sculpture at the east end of the village. Cllr Charlton said that a bag of poppies had been knitted for the railway station. However someone had come to collect them, but nothing had been done at Haydon Bridge station.
- e) A new build on North Bank was discussed. When the plans had been discussed the metal roof had been missed. It was felt that this did not fit in to the surrounds at all.