

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

**Present :** Cllrs E. Faulks, J. Keyte, A. Kirsopp, K. Richardson, D. Robson, A. Sharp, T. Simmonds, A. Suddes, D. Thornhill, and J. Thompson; and C. McGivern (mins.).

- 1. Public participation** – none.
- 2. Apologies** – none were received.
- 3. Declarations of interest** – none were received.
- 4. Minutes of previous meeting** – having been circulated, were agreed and signed with one alteration – it had been agreed that a quote for painting the bus stop at the East end would be sought. It was agreed that Mr Arnup would be approached.
- 5. Vacancy on Parish Council** – following the resignation of Cllr F. Fuller, the vacancy had been advertised and the PC was now in a position to Co-opt. It was agreed that it would be good to have someone to represent Langley. The Clerk will contact Kate Rutherford to advertise this.
- 6. Report from Northumberland County Council** –

Cllr Sharp said that since the last PC meeting 4 planning applications were ongoing. These were – The barn conversion at Peelwell – this had been refused permission; Langley Brickworks – no further application had been received; Marshall’s Yard – this is still ongoing. Burger van at the Anchor Hotel – 24 objections had been received to this application.

- The scheme to install signs on roads around Ridley Bank had been completed.
- Cllr Sharp had met with Cllrs Fuller and Kirsopp to look at plans for the Showfield. Road markings are to be refreshed and at the entrance to Crook Hill Close new road markings will be done to make it clearer who has right of way.
- Ratcliffe Road scheme – plans circulated by Cllr Sharp were discussed. Cllr Howard said that a 10 minute parking bay had been discussed and he wondered if this would be possible on the wide pavement opposite the Co-op. Cllr Thornhill said that the seat at this spot was in use all day. Cllr Sharp will raise this. Officers from NCC had said that there were two problems with the dropped kerb at the end of the old bridge. On the Northern side there wasn’t a sufficient line of sight for pedestrians to cross safely. For this reason one set of dropped kerbs would be removed. The dropped kerbs further along are used in preference to this set. Cllr Sharp provided details of road schemes that are hoped to start in the next financial year.
- At Peelwell a camera survey has been carried out and one is also planned for the drains near the war memorial.
- Tree pruning on Church Street is still to be done. The hedge alongside Vicky Oliver’s property has been cut.
- Patching on the road between Belmont Gardens and the school has been done.
- Damaged bins outside Claire’s shop have been removed and will be replaced shortly.
- Cllr Sharp will be giving the Scouts a grant of £2000. A further contribution of £6000 for the Nurture Project will help to provide a classroom. Cllr Sharp said that he would also give money to the community centre and fund some private road repairs.

- Cllr Sharp is trying to get work done on trees along the Dene Path, which he fears could come down in the next storm.
- He is also working with Tim Fish (Footpaths Officer) on the Spa Well footpath. He said that he had also repeatedly raised the issue of graffiti on a sign on the A686 junction.
- Blocked drains on North Bank have been reported.

**7. Highways –**

- a) Cllr Robson said that there were two large potholes at the entrance to the area where the bottle banks are located.
- b) Cllr Robson said that white lines at Park Style need to be repainted. Cllr Sharp will raise this.

**8. Lighting – nothing to report.**

**9. Planning applications – none received.**

**10. Accounts – as in budget.**

**11. Correspondence –**

- a) Fran Fuller had emailed to request dropped kerbs at the Showfield. Cllr Sharp said that he would get Neil Snowdon to take a look at this.
- b) Fran Fuller had also passed on a request for additional lighting between the Haydonian and the Showfield. Cllr Sharp will look at this. It was agreed that another street light was needed and fund if necessary.

**12. Parish projects –**

- a) **Development Trust** – Cllr Faulks said that there had been no meeting of the DT. He reported that the new form Haydon News is now available on the village website. Anyone can have a copy emailed to them. Peter Fletcher, Ian Forster and others are responsible for this. Money left from the old Haydon News project is being used for project. The new format is 4 A4 sheets with bi-monthly issues, with another issue due out before Christmas. Cllr Thompson said that she and Gary had walked past the library recently and he had commented how smart the memorial plaque to Eileen Charlton had looked.
- b) **Butterfly decline** – Cllr Suddes said that while investigating this topic she had learned that Haydon Bridge was a Bee friendly village. She wondered if people were aware of this. This was done as part of the Nurture Project and she wondered if they would be interested in taking this idea forward too. Seeds had been handed out a village event last year, with a choice of bee or butterfly friendly options. Siobhan Stephenson might be the person to approach. Cllr Kirsopp will discuss this with Fran Fuller, who had raised the idea.

**13. Any other business –**

- a) Cllr Thornhill said that 5 applications for the post of Handyman had been received. After discussion it was agreed to shortlist the two applicants who live in Haydon Bridge for interview. The Clerk will contact all applicants.
- b) Cllr Keyte said that Phil Hartley, and Mike Dominigue Have an appointment with Rodrica Straker to discuss the proposed route of the cycle track between HB and Hexham.
- c) Cllr Thornhill said that Imperator who would be the developers of the East Lands End site have come forward with a new plan. Cllr Suddes said that she had recently attended a meeting with Northumbria Water and had a discussion with Mike Madine, Head of Wastewater Service Planning, Quality and Performance Transformation. He had suggested that if the PC had any issues they wanted to raise re water run off from the Showfield he would be happy to look at them and have an email discussion about this. It was thought that this would be useful before any futher schemes proceed.
- d) Cllr Thompson said that the Christmas trees would be installed on Saturday morning and it would be good to have extra volunteers.
- e) Cllr Suddes said that she had had further correspondence with her contact re the AD122 bus and he was hopeful of getting it to call in HB at the beginning and end of the day next year.
- f) Cllr Suddes said that Cllr Sharp had given money toward the blue plaque scheme, but they have now learned that they will need advertisement consent from NCC – costing £200 per plaque. Amazement was expressed at the cost of this.