

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON 23rd
JANUARY 2025, IN HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

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

1. The Chair welcomed Charlie Morshead onto the Parish Council.

2. Public participation –

a) Amy Farrier explained that she was looking for permission to have a van selling food at the layby at Low Hall. She said that her son had a medical condition that made it difficult for her to seek employment elsewhere. Cllr Sharp said that he had already had a discussion with Amy about this, and there are already vans selling hot food on the A69. He will ask at NCC if this is permissible. Amy explained that the van would sell food from 10am to 7pm and then she will clear up, including removing litter from the layby. She said that it was her intention to complement what was offered at the other businesses in the village, rather than competing. She hoped to offer filled wraps, and not burgers. Cllr Morshead said that Jill's Catering van had used this location in the past. Cllr Sharp said that he thought that NCC needed to give permission and then license the business. The Chair said that had no objections, but she would need to get NCC on side.

3. Apologies – were received from Cllrs B. Howard, K. Richardson and D. Robson.

4. Declarations of interest – none were received.

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

6. Report from Northumberland County Council –

Cllr Sharp said that the Ratcliffe Road scheme will have the red crossing strip added and NCC will look at the loading bay restrictions. The Showfield scheme will be carried out as proposed, but then NCC will have to consult on the suggested restrictions. An information letter will be sent out to neighbours of the Anchor Hotel regarding the keep clear markings to be installed. The PC will see the letter before it is sent out.

Cllr Thornhill said that he had been to see Mr Curry, the Jacksons and Claire Hunter and all welcomed the introduction of keep clear markings and passed on their thanks.

Cllr Sharp said that the fly-tipping at Woodhall had been dealt with. The sign at the Langley junction has also had graffiti cleaned off.

A request has been made to have another look at possible locations for EV chargers in the village. As the PC had already been made aware the planning application for Langley Brickworks has been sent back to the developers.

The bins to go outside Claire's store have not yet been installed. Cllr Sharp said that he had got a nice letter from the Scouts following his donation to them for a new trailer. He was very pleased to see them doing so well. Cllr Sharp had also contributed to the

road resurfacing at Brigwood and this has now been completed. He intends to make a donation to the Community Centre too, but has not yet met with Mary Douthwaite.

Cllr Sharp said he had been made aware of an issue with electric supply and power surges at John Martin Street and Temple Houses. Powergrid have now confirmed that the householders concerned with get compensation, but Cllr Thornhill said that initially they had claimed that they had no knowledge of the problems. They need to be made aware of all the postcodes who suffered problems.

Cllr Sharp is chasing up work regarding road markings at Park Style. Cllr Faulks said that the potholes at the bottle bank have been repaired.

7. Highways –

- a) Cllr Suddes said that the blocked drains on North Bank, above the school have not been dealt with, but she had seen a van in the area and the workman had said it would be done.
- b) Cllr Sharp said that there were problems with drains at Pagecroft too and he is chasing this up.
- c) Cllr Kirsopp asked about the blocked drain in front of the church. A camera survey is needed at this location.
- d) Cllr Morshead said there was a similar issue at West Lands End bank.

8. Lighting – nothing to report.

9. Planning applications –

25/00075/FUL – Installation of air-source heat pump to rear and solar PV panels on front elevation of The Rambler, Brigwood – NO OBJECTIONS.

10. Accounts – as in budget.

11. Parish projects –

- a) **Development Trust** – Cllr Faulks said that the DT had not had a meeting.
- b) **Heritage Plaques** – Cllr Suddes had circulated a report on progress on the Heritage Plaques project. Four plaques were proposed for the first stage and she explained that a fee would have to be paid to NCC for each one. The PC confirmed that they would pay 25% of the cost. As more plaques are planned the Chair suggested that NCC be contacted again to see if it was possible to reduce the price per plaque, he also wondered if another plaque was needed on the Anchor Hotel. Cllr Suddes confirmed that she would be approaching the Smith Trust for help with later phases of the project. She went on to say that eventually the plaques would form part of a village trail leaflet for visitors and local schools.
- c) **District Heating Scheme** – The Clerk had circulated a report regarding the proposal for a heating scheme. Parish Cllrs will meet on the 27th January to hear a

presentation from Peter Fletcher about the proposals. The Chair said the principal downside of the project would be the cost of implementation, which would be in the millions of pounds. Cllr Thornhill said that there was previously a local gasworks providing heating in the village, but this was removed when North Sea gas came in, although this had never been supplied to Haydon Bridge.

12. Any other business –

- a) Cllr Suddes asked about a quote for the painting of the bus shelter at the Eastern end of the village. Mr Arnup had provided a quotation and this had been accepted, but the weather was not suitable for painting at present.
- b) The Chair reported that Northern Rail had provided 5 rail tickets to the gardening group in thanks for all of their work to improve the station.