

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON  
24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025, IN LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present :** Cllrs B. Howard, A. Kirsopp, K. Richardson, D. Robson, A. Sharp, T. Simmonds, A. Suddes, J. Thompson, D. Thornhil (Chair); C. McGivern (mins.); S. Jackson and C.

1. The Chair welcomed Sue Jackson and Caitlin Kendall who will join the PC as Cllrs in May.
2. **Public participation** – none.
3. **Apologies** – were received from Cllrs E. Faulks and J. Keyte.
4. **Declarations of interest** – none were received.
5. **Report from Northumberland County Council –**

Regarding planning matters Cllr Sharp said that the Marshall's Yard application now only had one matter outstanding and this was drainage. There was no development regarding the Langley Brickworks site.

Fly tipped seats had been removed from the car parking area at Foundry Court, but more rubbish had appeared.

Several drains on North Bank need further work and it's possible that they need to be repaired. On John Martin Street there are still concerns about speeding cars. Cllr Sharp said that all had been disappointed to learn of a change to guidance on keep clear markings. However, two letters to residents of John Martin Street and the Showfield were circulated and approved. Residents will be able to respond to the proposals if they wish to.

A damaged sign at Langley has been removed from the site.

Car parking at Anchor Court was discussed again. It was thought that staff might be parking on the road while outgoing staff were still taking up places in the car park, and then not remembering to move them later. It was also noted that picnic tables at the Anchor were taking up parking spaces. The boundary seems to be the edge of the building at this location rather than the kerb.

Cllr Sharp expressed his thanks to the outgoing Cllrs for all the help they have given him over the years.

**6. Highways –**

- a) The Clerk reported that she is submitting a claim for 3 replacement bins on Shaftoe Green. The panel to consider the grant claim will sit in early June.
- b) The Clerk had circulated a quotation of a bus shelter to be sited opposite Innerhaugh. Cllr Sharp hoped to be able to help with the cost of this if he is re-elected.

- c) Fran Fuller had contacted the Clerk to say that tree guards had now been removed near the east end junction with the A69.
- d) Mesh panels have now been on the road bridge through the village.
- e) Cllr Robson said that promised white lines at Park Style have not been painted yet. Cllr Sharp will chase this up.
- f) Cllr Kirsopp had been contacted by a lady who uses a walker on the Showfield. She said that there were no dropped kerbs to allow people to cross the road from the Showfield. Cllr Sharp will look into this.
- g) Cllr Kirsopp also said that there were two Toby's (for accessing water supply) damaged at the Showfield. The Highways Inspector had marked them with cones.

## **7. Lighting –**

- a) Cllr Thompson said that someone living behind the Community Centre had raised the issue of a light shining into their property. Cllr Richardson had taken this up with the Community Association and it has now been resolved.

## **8. Planning applications –**

**25/00811/FUL : Caravan for animal welfare, storage of medicine, hot water to mix milk for un-weaned calves, stay in during lambing time and to stay on site to nurse sick livestock (retrospective) at West View, Haydon Bridge. The Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds -**

- **The site is outside the settlement area of the village and should therefore have protection from development.**
- **The applicant has without permission moved into a caravan onto the site and an enforcement order has been served following two failed applications. The order should be enforced.**
- **The application gives no indication of what livestock are on the site, so it is impossible to assess the need for someone to live there to attend to them.**

The application does not explain how foul water will be dealt with.

**25/01062/ADE Advertisement consent for heritage plaque outlining the history of Oddfellows Hall Shaftoe Street -Support : Haydon Parish Council supports this application which is part of an initiative to create a village trail to promote the history of Haydon Bridge**

**25/01054/ADE Advertisement consent for heritage plaque outlining the history of the Reading Rooms, Church Street. Support : Haydon Parish Council supports this application which is part of an initiative to create a village trail to promote the history of Haydon Bridge**

**25/01063/ADE Advertisement consent for heritage plaque outlining the history of General Havelock Inn 9 Ratcliffe Road. Support : Haydon Parish Council supports this application which is part of an initiative to create a village trail to promote the history of Haydon Bridge.**

**25/01064/ADE** Advertisement consent for heritage plaque outlining the history of the Anchor Hotel, John Martin Street. **Support : Haydon Parish Council supports this application which is part of an initiative to create a village trail to promote the history of Haydon Bridge**

**25/01213/COU** Change of use from school to dwelling house, Haydon Park House North Bank. **Support : The Parish Council supports this application so that the building can be developed and put back into use, rather than fall further into disrepair.**

## **9. Accounts – as in budget.**

The Clerk said that she had been asked to investigate saving accounts and she was now in the process of completing the application form. 4 signatories will sign the form.

## **10. Correspondence –**

- a) The Clerk had circulated a quotation for an outdoor defibrillator and had contacted a firm of electricians to provide a quote for installation. Cllr Kirsopp agreed to meet the electrician on site.
- b) Chris Armstrong had contacted the PC regarding the lack of brown signs and support for businesses in HB. The Clerk read out his email and Cllr Thornhill confirmed that he hoped to meet Chris face to face shortly. The PC had approached Highways England about signs in 2022 and were told that the existing local signs were felt to be sufficient. Guidance on brown signs (revised in 2018) had been circulated and it was noted that the cost would be between £8 and 20 thousand pounds. If one was to be installed at each end of the village the likely cost would be around £30,000. All villages are facing difficulties, with businesses closing but the PC did not accept that HB was in decline. The Clerk confirmed that Chris was interested in taking forward the idea of a business forum, and she would raise this with the Development Trust (DT).

## **11. Parish Projects –**

- a) Development Trust – no meeting. Two PC representatives will be needed on the DT once the full council is in place in May.
- b) Get it Together Society (GITS) – two PC representatives will be needed once the full council is in place in May. Sue Jackson volunteered to fill one place.
- c) Shelter at Langley – Cllr Morshead said that the roof had collapsed on the shelter. He said that the school bus picks up there. Cllr Thornhill said that when it was last discussed it was thought that the shelter had been funded by Mr Bates. The PC is responsible for bus shelters. He said that if the shelter was repaired it would need to be decided who would maintain it in future. A cost of £1,500 to repair it had been suggested. Cllr Morshead will seek another quote and it will be put on the agenda for June.
- d) Cllr Morshead said that the wooden gate to the public footpath behind Langley Village Hall was damaged. The Clerk will report this to the Footpaths Officer.

- e) Cllr Simmonds said that a gate was also broken on the footpath at Esp Hil. The Clerk will report this as before.

## **12. Any other business –**

- a) Cllr Simmonds said that the damaged wall next to St Cuthbert's church was getting worse. She wondered what could be done. Cllr Sharp said that NCC could not use public money for this.
- b) Cllr Robson asked if Cllr Sharp had heard from Alex Bell regarding the Brigwood right of way. Cllr Sharp said that this was unlikely to be heard in the next 12 months.
- c) Cllr Suddes said that the AD122 bus route had now gone out to tender and she had been told that it would be up to the operators whether they wished to bring the bus into HB at the beginning and end of each day.
- d) Cllr Sharp said that he was pleased that lots of children had visited the community garden over Easter. The opening of the Nurture Project had been very well attended, and he said it was an asset to the village.
- e) Cllr Sharp said that he had been told that on three separate days the 685 bus had not turned up. He said that this was not good enough as people had to get to work and hospital appointments. The Clerk will write to Stagecoach again.
- f) Cllr Richardson asked if the PC could invite the Head of the High School to come along to a meeting. The Clerk will write to him.
- g) Cllr Thornhill queried two points on the election expenses form and the Clerk promised to supply the information required.
- h) Cllr Thornhill said that some very significant Cllrs were standing down. He paid particular tribute to Cllr Faulks' 25 years of service, and Cllr Thompson's 24 years. He went on to say that Cllr Robson had left, and then returned to continue his work and Cllr Keyte may have been on the PC for a shorter time, but he had thrown himself into projects like the cycle route. He thanked them all for their dedicated service. As Vice-Chair he said he would write to thank them all personally.