

**MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON THE 26th OF JUNE
AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Present : Cllrs S. Jackson, A. Kirsopp, C. Morshead, K. Richardson, A. Sharp, T. Simmonds, and D. Thornhill (Chair); C. McGivern (mins.)

- 1. Public participation** – none.
- 2. Election of Vice-chair** – Cllr B. Howard was elected.
- 3. Apologies** – were received from Cllrs L. Alderson, B. Howard, C. Kendall, A. Suddes and D. Webster.
- 4. Declarations of interest** – Cllr Morshead declared an interest in the proposals for tree planting on the Langley Estate as a member of the Bates family.
- 5. Minutes of previous meeting** – were agreed
- 6. Report from Northumberland County Council –**
 - Cllr Sharp said that planning application for Marshall’s Yard was not yet finalised. There will be a new application reducing the number of dwellings from 9 to 8.
 - Several people had raised the issue of delivery drivers getting stuck having driven down Temple Houses lane. It was thought that signage such as no through road/no turning was needed. Cllr Kirsopp said that the sign for the football club was in the wrong place and this did not help. It was agreed that the PC would not object to a “no-access – private lane” sign.
 - Work should begin on Ratcliffe Road on the 19th of July. Letters will go out to affected residents on John Martin Street, regarding double yellow lines, in the next week.
 - Cllr Sharp had been told that all the drains on Ratcliffe Road were blocked. Cllr Thornhill confirmed that the open drains in front of 12a/2o Ratcliffe Road and the bus stop were full of soil etc.
 - A resident of Ratcliffe Road reported that workmen had turned up early in the morning and taken up a paving stone, and later refilled with tarmac. They wondered why this had been done and when it would be restored.
 - The sign on the way up to Langley has now been replaced.
 - Cllr Morshead said that on the Langley bends, just before the Castle, vegetation was blocking the line of sight. Cllr Sharp will investigate.
 - Cllr Kirsopp said that on the corner opposite the Haydonian Club there were cones and tape around a gulley that needs to be raised. Cllr Sharp will take a look at this.
 - Cllr Morshead asked if there was any news about the Lands End bank, and was informed that NCC will look at what can be done.

7. Highways –

- a) Cllr Suddes had received confirmation that the AD122 bus will not be rerouted though Haydon Bridge. Cllr Thornhill said that this was disappointing, but an alternative suggestion was that mini-buses providing transport to the High School could supply journeys up to the Wall after the school drop off.
- b) A request for a new waste bin at the entrance to the estate at the west end of the village. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- c) Cllr Richardson said that the bin next to the underpass on Station Road was regularly overflowing. The Clerk will report this.

8. Lighting – nothing to report.

9. Accounts – as in budget.

10. Correspondence -

- a) James Brown had passed on a request for traffic calming measures at the entrance to Hordley Acres. It was agreed that Cllr Sharp would ask the Highways Dept at NCC to have a look on site to see what could be done. The Clerk will also ask Steph Calf to come along to a PC meeting to discuss speed awareness etc.
- b) Joe Morris MP had written to say that he planned to meet with all parish councils and to provide contact information.
- c) The EA had provided further details of planned work at the riverside and the PC agreed a response requesting information about accessibility and “improvements” planned.
- d) Shaftoe Green – a grant bid for 3 replacement bins was unsuccessful as the panel felt that these should be paid for by the PC. This will be discussed at the next meeting as the PC is waiting to hear whether the lease for this site can be extended. The playing field is no longer being used by Shaftoe Academy and therefore they are not paying for the grass to be cut. This is not included in the area that the PC lease. It was noted that at Melkridge a similar area is run as a hay meadow with public access. A farmer cuts it once a year and get the hay in payment.
- e) Cllr Thornhill explained that the DT had been contacted by a company who are interested in getting the designation of a field to the South of Shaftoe Green changed to allow development. This would run against the Neighbourhood Plan as it is outside the settlement area. Initially a representative of the firm wish to meet with Peter Fletcher, on behalf of the DT, and the Chair of the PC, and then at a later date come along to a parish council meeting.
- f) The Langley Estate had contacted the PC with details of tree planting plans. This would be on the bank near Humbleton Cottage. The idea is to increase

the existing area below the cottage and to the West. The PC were grateful to be informed and had no objections.

11. Parish projects –

- a) Development Trust – a report was received from Cllr Suddes.
- More garden volunteers are required for the Nuture Project. Anyone interested should contact Siobhan Stephenson
 - The DT are looking for a contribution to Haydon News from the Parish Council.
 - Volunteers are required for The Bridge, especially for Mondays. This has arisen due to current volunteers' employment hours/days changing.
 - The new website is up and running. Organisations are being encouraged to post blog. Eg The Red Squirrel Group
 - The DT are meeting with Chris Armstrong with regard to an advertisement board being erected near/on The Bridge advertising places to eat in the village.
 - A semi-permanent shelter for the sale of vegetable/plant surplus from the Nuture Project, allotments, gardens is hoped to be erected by end of June at The Bridge. This shelter will be removed in the winter months.
 - The open area at Shaftoe Green has not been mown for some time. Shaftoe School previously paid for the grass cutting as the rent for the area. The school no longer use the area as the field and they wondered if the PC would be willing to take it on.
 - As there are a number of new Councillors the DT would like to take the opportunity rethink how the PC and DT work together. Peter Fletcher would like to a meeting with the Chair and Vice-chair.
- b) Get it Together Society (GITS) – Cllr Jackson has joined the GITS on behalf of the PC.
- c) Shelter at Langley – Cllr Morshead had received a quotation of £750 to repair the shelter with a tin roof. Cllr Sharp offered to donate £200 toward this cost and the PC agreed to give a one-off donation of £550 to pay the balance.
- d) Cllr Kirsopp had met with an electrician at the medical centre and he was happy to install a defibrillator if purchased. The medical centre is happy to have one installed on an external wall if certain conditions are met. Cllr Morshead will email the British Heart Foundation about fundraising.
- e) Spa Well – Cllr Sharp said that NCC will try to get the work done on reinstating the path in this financial year. He will chase this up with them.
- f) Bus shelter opposite Innerhaugh Mews – Possible shelter designs were discussed and the need for shelter from wind and rain from the West. The Clerk will circulate prices based on the measurements of the existing pad. Cllr Sharp will contribute to the cost.
- g) Parish Council email addresses and gov.uk websites – Contact details for parish Cllrs have always been included in the Haydon News in the past. The Clerk explained that it was possible to set up gov.uk domain and email addresses but this

seemed to be very complicated and required a third party to guide parish councils through the process. As the PC is included in the redesigned Haydon Bridge website it was agreed not to proceed with the gov.uk domain etc. Cllr Jackson pointed out that separate gmail accounts could be used instead.

- h) The Parish Council's insurers have requested that councils have a safeguarding policy. Cllr Thornhill had prepared a similar policy with the church and he agreed to draw up a draft document.
- i) Damage to stone BBQ – Cllr Thornhill had reported the criminal damage to the Police. James Brown has repaired one of the BBQs and the PC agreed they were happy with the simplified design.
- j) Bins at the riverside picnic area – James Brown has been offered some surplus paving slabs and he had offered to pave the area under the bins. This was agreed.

12. Any other business –

- a) Cllr Simmonds reported that the trees in the churchyard would have their crowns lifted as they were causing damp in the church.
- b) Cllr Kirsopp said that the bus shelter at the east end of the village had been painted. It had been discovered that the fascia boards were rotten. James Brown will replace them.
- c) Tree marking bypass – Cllr Jackson asked about the plaque on this memorial tree, which has been hidden by vegetation. The Clerk will ask the Handyman to look at this.
- d) Playground funds sub-committee – The Chair reminded Cllrs that the four current members of this sub-committee now wish to stand down. Cllr Alderson has volunteered for this role and further volunteers are needed.