



## **Haydon Parish Council**

16<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Councillor,

We will be meeting at Haydon Bridge Community Centre for the purpose of transacting the following business at 7.30pm on the 26th of February 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Carole McGivern,

Clerk to Haydon Parish Council.

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Nigel Fisher, Civil Contingencies Officer at NCC, and Angela Watt, Programme Delivery Lead, to discuss developing a local Community Emergency Plan for Haydon Bridge and rest centres, their location and use.**
- 2. Public participation.**
- 3. To accept apologies for absence.**
- 4. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.**
- 5. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.**
- 6. Northumberland County Council - Report from Cllr. A. Sharp.**
- 7. Highways –**

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- a) The footpaths officer provided an update on the broken handrail at Geeswood saying “It's likely to be the end of February or early March as the contractor is undertaking other jobs for us elsewhere until around that time. I'll let you know once we have a start date confirmed.”

## **8. Lighting –**

- a) The volunteers who are responsible for the Xmas lights have asked if it is possible to plug into the lights on the old bridge, or have a separate power supply. The Clerk has contacted the Street Lighting Dept. at NCC to ask for their advice but had not received a reply.

## **9. Planning applications –**

**25/04653/FUL** single storey rear extension at Rocksprings crescent – No objections.

**26/00020/FUL** Sun room outbuilding at Hindshield House -

**26/00471/VARYCO** Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) on approved application 23/02856 to allow relocation of first floor window of new bedroom from rear to east with obscure glass and no opening leaves.

Relocation of ground floor external door of new bedroom from east to rear elevation and omission of ground floor window of new bedroom on east elevation. Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) on approved application 23/02856 to allow relocation of first floor window of new bedroom from rear to east with obscure glass and no opening leaves.

Relocation of ground floor external door of new bedroom from east to rear elevation and omission of ground floor window of new bedroom on east elevation.1 Strother Close.

## **10. Accounts – as in the budget.**

**I Review of Parish Council contracts –** Schedule of works.

## **11. Correspondence –**

- a) John Rookes at Hexham Ramblers emailed to say “Hexham Ramblers have been surveying Rights of Way, doing some basic maintenance and reporting problems such as broken stiles. In the last few years we’ve also taken on bigger projects such as replacing steps, repairing stiles and clearing dense vegetation. In 2023 we worked with Phil Hartley to clear steps and apply mesh. We are planning to add Haydon to the parishes we cover and understand from NCC’s Area Countryside Team that there is already some activity. It would be good if we could coordinate with you to avoid duplication and perhaps work together on projects.” See Appendix B.

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- b) Angela, Section 106 Officer at NCC emailed to say that there were still funds for play available in Haydon Bridge and to ask if the PC were considering any suitable projects.
- c) Langley Village Hall Committee emailed to request that the grant for 2026-27 is increased to £2,500. See separately circulated email.
- d) John Robertson had contacted the PC to ask about a memorial plaque for his Mother in the village, perhaps on the bench at the East end of the village.

## **12. Parish Projects –**

- a) Development Trust.
- b) Update on meeting with Haydon Bridge High School – see separately circulated email.
- c) Proposed footpath on verge in front of Langley Gardens – See Appendix A.
- d) There are s106 funds available for play in Haydon Bridge – to discuss repairs at Shaftoe Green.

## **13. Any other business –**

**Date of next meeting is 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2026**

### **Appendix A : Footpath west of the village**

At the PC meeting in January, I raised a discussion point regarding the possibility of a footpath at the west end of the village in the vicinity of the new bus shelter. I said I would explore this in more detail. Please see my points below.

Currently there is no footpath on the right-hand side of Ratcliffe Road heading west out of the village (B6319). The new bus shelter is situated within the grassy area at this point. As seen in photography **A**, the grassed area is already being used as a walkway to and from the two gates leading into Langley Gardens, and it is quite muddy. Within Langley Gardens, the paths do not extend to the gates, which are also very muddy [see photos **B1** and **B2**].

Photo **C** shows where a path might be sited, running between the newly planted village orchard trees to form (eventually) a ‘wooded walkway’.

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## Appendix B

### Hexham Ramblers path maintenance monthly outings

What we do -

Replace faded / broken signs

Clear nettles / brambles etc blocking the path

Record and photo issues eg broken stiles that need to be reported to the Council

Routines

- We meet once a month. I email everyone on the mailing list to ask what days they can

or can't make the next month and then choose the day most people can make. No need to reply if you can't make any days that month

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- Entirely up to you how often you take part. Some people attend most outings, some a

few times a year, some haven't attended for a while. No problem if you plan to attend

and find nearer the time that you can't

- Give it a try! It's not difficult and lots of people enjoy it. No problem if you try it once

and decide its not for you

- The parishes we cover range from Birtley in the north to Allendale in the south and from

Knarsdale in the west to Horsley in the east. We choose an area we haven't walked for a few years and decide a convenient meeting place for that month

- We meet at 1030 and split into two's to walk roughly circular routes of about 4-5 miles.

Usually finished by 2 - 2.30 depending on how much needed doing. New people pair up

with someone experienced for the first few outings

- Items to bring: something to eat & drink, gardening gloves and secateurs if you have

them, mobile phone, pen or pencil. We provide a kit of signs and tools

- People don't have to be members of Ramblers to participate

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