

Minutes Parish meeting held on Thursday 29th February 2024 at Pavilion.

Present –Andrew Bardgett (AB) John Mackey (JM) Barbara Brook (BB) Kirsty Dobson (KD) Sue Aldred (SA) Joan Mitchell (JMC)

1 member of the Public

1. **Apologies** – Kate Morton (KM) Guy Renner-Thompson (GRT)
2. **Declaration of interest** – None
3. **Minutes of 17th January 2024** – Accepted with amendment (Declaration of interest by KM and SA to Planning Application 23/04358/FUL) and signed as correct record – AB and JM
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - **Highways Update/Traffic Calming/Speeding/Wynding/Ingram Road** – AB – Advised amendment to traffic calming and signage now agreed with NCC, AB met with Castle Estates and will confirm further with NCC on safety concerns. Follow up with GRT for the remaining double yellow lines to be completed on The Wynding.
 - **Wheelchair Access to Beach (Beach Access to NE)** – KD/BB – KD advised Hut Roof leaking once again, message left for builder to contact, but no response received, BB to address issue on return from vacation.
 - **Playpark Update** – JM – The first technical inspection of the Playpark was carried out January 18th, report received, and repairs carried out 27th February by contractor. JM to address any issues. JM to inspect again.
 - **Beach Toilet Request** – KM/AB – BPC agreed to challenge the response received from NCC rejecting this proposal. AB will prepare a draft request to suggest meeting to debate/discuss further.
5. **Public Questions** –
 - None
6. **Planning Application(s)** – All councillors agreed to objection of Planning Consultation 24/00221/FUL and 24/00222/LBC, clerk to submit to portal.
7. **Financial Statement** – JMC update on the financial statement, bank statement @ 29/02/24 = Current A/C – £820.75, Saver A/C – £50,781.88 (includes grant £17,619.00)
8. **Parish Email Account** – AB – NALC email received suggesting parish councils move to .GOV emails, further enquiries to be made.
 - **Other Business** –
 - After 19 months, approval now received for the seasonal opening of Glebe Field car park.

- BB advised damaged light on The Green removed and new light and sensor now fitted, BPC agreed to split the cost with the Pavilion.
- New validation checklist to assist future planning applications now complete, AB will circulate for approval.
- BPC grant from Northern Powergrid, JM advised Solar not suitable, further meeting arranged 1st March to discuss battery storage as a solution to create a resilience hub. If feasible will then discuss with Northern Powergrid for approval.
- Suggestion made for online banking, due to Bank closures, clerk to contact bank to discuss.
- Member of public requested a defibrillator training refresher course for village residents, clerk to make enquiries.
- Member of public advised path from Bamburgh to Budle has been damaged after hedge cutting, Clerk to contact GRT for advice.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 4th April 2024 – The Pavilion