

Bamburgh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish meeting held on Monday 3rd July at 7.00pm in the Bamburgh Pavilion.

Present:- D, Miller (DM) B. Brook (BB) Andrew Bardgett (AB), Noel Page (NP)

Apologies – Jude Aldred (JA)

- Declaration of Interest – None reported.
- Minutes of 8th May – DJS reported that there was a slight amendment to the minutes in that there were two references to the Neighbourhood Plan, the first should have been deleted as had been superseded by the second – this was accepted and signed.
- **Financial Statement** – DJS updated on the financial statement. The current account is now in credit of £6454 as the two cheques for £500 and £800 have now cleared and the VAT refund of £2000 has also been received, the invoices for advertising on the website have also been paid. The audit will be signed off and then sent to BDC. The next major spend will be the War Memorial replacement.
- **Issues from Minutes:-**

War Memorial – BB updated on the progress, the sub group consisting of Kevin Doonan (Architect), Michael Orde (Castle Estates), Andrew Bardgett and Barbara Brook met with Rolunastone who had provided a competitive quotation for replacing the war memorial. We have also received two other quotations to do this work and it was felt that we should interview the other two masons to be transparent and ensure we get the level of craftsmanship that is required. Once we have interviewed all of the masons the group can make an informed decision which will then be reported back to the War Memorial Trust. The War Memorial will not be removed for replacement until after Armistice day in November.

Traffic Calming – BB reported on the recent meeting held with Daniel Fraser and Matt Ingham from Northumberland County Council (NCC) in which details of the exhibition were discussed. The Parish Council made it clear to NCC that from the beginning we did not want time restricted parking implemented within the Village, we had asked that any reference to time restricted parking be removed from the plans before the public exhibition but unfortunately we were told this was not possible. From the comments received 60% were for the restricted parking and 40% against, so NCC were in favour of implementation. However the Parish Council made it clear that this was not something they or the residents/businesses wanted. NCC said they would speak to their Manager and come back to us. After meeting with their Manager we were told that the plan would go ahead but **without** the implementation of the time restricted parking, however over the next year the village would be monitored and if necessary time restricted parking may be implemented on the South Side of Front Street. Cameras will also be installed to monitor the traffic flow over the summer months and harvest time to provide information on the installation of the one way system. A resident also quoted that the rumble strips reminded him of upside down potholes.

A member of the public asked about parking down the Wynding as on busy days the traffic congestion can be terrible with people parking on verges and in front of people's drives. The situation will be monitored after the parking plan implementation.

Village Warden – BB reported that Rob Crossland would be our new Warden from 1st July.

- **Neighbourhood Plan** – Margie Wilson attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on the progress of the plan. The plan has advanced to the pre-submission consultation stage and a six week consultation period begins on the 18th July with events in each Parish. The draft plan will be available on 18th July on the Seahouses Development Trust Website, but there will also be hard copies available should anyone need them. There will also be drop in sessions starting on Tuesday 18th July at 6.00pm-8.30pm in Seahouses Sports and Community Centre,

Wednesday 19th July 10.00am -12 noon in Seahouses Methodist Church,

Wednesday 19th July 1.00pm – 3.00pm in Beadnell WI,

Thursday 20th July 10.00am -12 noon Bamburgh Pavilion.

Everyone is invited to present their views at one of these events, it is your chance to influence the final version of the Plan.

MW gave out leaflets to the Councillors to be posted through the doors of the residents and Businesses within the Village.

- **Tour of Britain Cycling Event** – BB gave update this will be going through the Village on Monday 4th September, the cyclists will be moving through the village at approximately 1.00pm with a sprint finish just outside of Seahouses.
- **Bins** – BB reported that Castle Estates have very kindly purchased two bird adapted bins to be placed around the Castle Green. The current manually adapted bins will be then replace two bins in the Car Park.

Matters Arising:-

- BB reported on a complaint received from Mr Charles Wilkie-Smith regarding the positioning of the fairground attraction at the edge of the Village Green, Chris Calvert, Director, Bamburgh Castle will be replying direct to Mr Wilkie Smith.
- BB reported on an email from Chris Calvert regarding the plethora of cones appearing on Radcliffe Road – After much discussion the members concluded that this was not an issue that fell within the responsibilities of the parish council and for that reason it was not something we would act upon. A letter to be sent from the PC to Chris Calvert.
- BB reported on an email from William Armstrong regarding the possibility of running a small clamping business from the private part of the walled garden in Bamburgh, the plan would be to erect two traditional Shepherds huts which could be rented out for short stays, these huts would have top class luxurious fittings. This is a very rough plan at the moment and is only in its very early stages, quotations and costings are being sought to see if the plan is viable in the first instance. William would be happy to answer any questions or

concerns. Judy Cowen asked if the Orchard could not be used as a community orchard, JC to contact William Armstrong.

- Tesco Walk – The Parish Council have been approached by the Great Tesco Walk which is a National Challenge from Lands End to John o’Groats taking place from 5th September 5th October. Walkers will be walking through the Village on 23rd September from 01.00am to 06.00am, they will require toilet facilities and a rest stop. DJS to speak to them to try to sort out a venue given the time of the walkers arriving in the village, the main car park could be a resting place with use of the public toilets.
 - A member of public asked about the field behind the Wynding which has gone up for sale, at the moment the Parish Council are only aware that the field is to be sold without planning permission.
- **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 6.00pm.**

Action	Initials
Community Orchard within the Village – Judy Cowen to progress	JC
War Memorial – DJS to organise a meeting with the, Castle Estates, Architect Kevin Doonan and the Parish council to interview the remaining two monumental masons.	DJS