

Bamburgh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish meeting held on Monday 6th February at 6.00pm in the Bamburgh Pavilion.

Present:- D, Miller (DM) M. Wilson(MW), B. Brook (BB) Andrew Bardgett (AB), N.Page (NP), Cllr John Woodman, PC Andy Harle

Apologies –Jude Aldred,

1. Declaration of Interest – None reported.
2. Minutes of 5th December – Previously circulated, accepted and signed.
3. Cllr Woodman – reported that the original shared space scheme was to improve traffic problems. Northumberland County Council(NCC) to resurface the car park to increase spaces this should create 50+ more spaces, work to be carried out before the Easter break. There is £20,000 from Cllr Woodman's budget to be spent in Bamburgh and he would like the Councillors to think where this money would be best spent. Cllr Woodman did have three ideas
 - Gateways/features to complement the entry into the village
 - Footpath from the carpark in to the Village
 - Paying for funding a new parking scheme in the village.

DM asked if we could understand what NCC would be committing to this as well? NP stated that something to complement the current traffic calming measures would be a good idea as the current ones do not go far enough. AB stated that the current traffic calming measures had had no impact at all to date and were considered by residents as being a complete waste of money. DM stated that what effect the current measures will have are yet to be found. Cllr Woodman did state that it was probably a mistake not to narrow the road more but he did feel that comments should be fed back to NCC.

BB asked if we could confirm exactly what the money could be used for? Cllr Woodman stated that it was put aside for the shared space scheme and he would like to see if being used for this purpose. Cllr Woodman suggested that a meeting be organised with NCC to talk about what the Parish would like to see happen within the Village.

A further meeting to be held with Councillors to discuss the issue.

4. PC Andy Harle reported that since his last report there had been two crimes
 - 2 vehicles had been damaged investigation was ongoing
 - Lead drainage pipes had been stolen from Bamburgh Castle.

Can everyone keep their eyes open and if they see anything suspicious call the Police to report it. Poaching in the general area is also quite prevalent at the moment.

As far as the traffic calming measures, the involvement of residents in the community speed watch could be organised, AB said he was sure that he could get some residents involved in this. PC Andy Harle and AB to progress.

MW did state that it was a disappointment that traffic calming measures had been on the Parish Council Agenda for some months but very few people had attended the meetings, but as soon the work had been undertaken people had taken to social media to complain rather than have any input in the process.

5. **Financial Statement** – Previously circulated, DJS updated on current finances.
6. **Forthcoming Elections in May** – MW has stated she would like to stand down in May. DJS to sort out procedures and report back.
7. **Issues from Minutes:-**

War Memorial – DJS reported that although we had three quotations for repairs to the memorial the week before the report was submitted to the War Memorial Trust for the next round of funding one of the stone masons asked to be excluded from the process as he was retiring, we now need to get another quotation before we can proceed, the next meeting would be in March, the expectation would be that the application for funding would be referred until this time, DJS to report back.

Castle Green Lights – BB asked if everyone was happy to proceed with the installation of the new lights – this was agreed by all. Also agreed that a light up on the path towards the Pavilion would also be a good idea. A guard around the light at the end of the path would also need to be installed to protect the light from reversing vehicles.

Neighbourhood Plan – MW reported that all of the S.E.A's will be completed by the end of March. Public consultation will be now be delayed until April at the earliest, next meeting would be 21st February.

8. **Matters Arising:-**

- Judy Cowen reported that there would be training for using the defibrillator by First Responder Martin Spruce for anyone interested on 8th March at 2.00pm at Bamburgh Pavilion.

9. **Date of Next Meeting – Monday 3rd April 2017**

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| Community Orchard within the Village – Judy Cowen to progress | JC |
| Parking Ingram Road and St Cuthberts Garth – This will be included in the Bamburgh Plan awaiting information from Ben Hamilton Baillie and Margaret Robinson | JA |
| War Memorial – Application for further funding to repair the memorial has been submitted to the War Memorial Trust. | DJS |