

DRAFT -Bamburgh Parish Council

Minutes Parish meeting held on Thursday 1st December 2022 at Victoria Hotel Lounge.

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

Also present, Alison Nation of Beadnell Parish Council and 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies** – Kate Morton (KM) Guy Renner-Thompson (GRT)
2. **Declaration of interest** – None
3. **Minutes of 29th September 2022** – Accepted and signed as correct record – AB and BB
4. **Public Questions** – None
5. **Financial Statement** – JMC update on the financial statement, bank statement @ 01/12/22 = Current A/C – £2,185.76, Saver A/C – £108,440.46.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - **Highways Update/Traffic Calming/Speeding/Wynding/Ingram Road** – AB/BB - BPC awaiting an update to our formal complaint. James Boulton from Castle Estates has advised AB that NCC's planning officer was going to recommend refusal of the Glebe Field seasonal parking application, James Boulton was awaiting a reply from Rob Murfin as there appeared to be some crossed wires.
 - **Wheelchair Access to Beach** – KD/BB – quotation for the weather protection painting for the wheelchair hut was accepted.
 - **Playpark Update**– JM – advised work commenced and is on schedule, soil removal and tidy up groundworks to be completed 12/12/22 when new team will arrive to instal with plan to complete before Christmas. Play Park committee will plan opening/thank you meeting.
 - **Neighbourhood Plan** – AB – Alison Nation from Beadnell suggested it would be worth exploring any revision of the neighbourhood plan deemed necessary, she would also assist, and advised contact with, Iain Robson, Rob Murfin and Christopher Neall would benefit. AB advised that recent correspondence from planning department to be recirculated to councillors for further discussion.
 - **Water Bottle Filler** – KD/GRT – GRT confirmed no further progress.
 - **Jubilee Bell** – AB/KM – AB to arrange a further event and is awaiting quote to instal an 8-bell system, fund to be checked. KM sent following email (in her absence)

"The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bell 2022

Since the idea of an automated bell for the Church in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee first entered my head, it has received such positivity and support from the community. Sometimes you worry that these things will not have a great deal of support but not in this case.

I thought it would be a pretty simple process: I would raise some money, and someone would fit a system to one of the Church bells, how wrong I was! There has been an awful lot of work that has gone in to making this happen and quite a few hurdles I think Andy will agree!

I would personally like to thank Andy Bardgett for the amazing amount of work he has put it to getting the bell up and running, he has been a fountain of knowledge and has put an amazing amount of work into fitting the mechanism and keeping people right, this would not have happened without him and on top of all that he's has to put up with me!

Thanks to Revd Louise Taylor Kenyan for all of her support and for taking the time in her very busy schedule to apply for the faculty and take care of things from that end. Thanks to Oswald Hughes for their excellent work and for honouring their original quote despite the vast increase in cost of materials due to project taking longer because of the delay in the arrival of all the equipment. I would also like to thank Bamburgh Heritage Trust for supporting the project especially Colin Brunt, the treasurer who has had to deal with all the donations, red tape with charities, bank accounts, bill paying and my emails!

Sadly, due to the delays we were unable to have the bell ready for the Jubilee Weekend and even more sadly it was not finished during the reign of The Queen before she sadly passed away in September, however I am pleased that it has happened during the Jubilee Year. Next year is the Coronation of King Charles III so watch this space.

I feel really proud of the project. The enormous generosity from everyone who has donated has been quite overwhelming so I really would like to thank the villagers and friends of Bamburgh, Bamburgh Heritage Trust, Bamburgh Parish Council, The Sir James Knott Trust, St Aidan's Bell Ringers, and the Northumberland County Council Jubilee Fund.

I hope everyone agrees that it has been lovely to walk around the village and hear the bell ringing, I hope everyone has heard it! I very much hope it will be a lovely addition to the village as well as a lasting and fitting tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II."

- **Website Update KM/JM** – councillors held a meeting and agreed to contact all local businesses who are not currently advertising on the BPC website
- **Sadness was expressed at the recent passing of Martin Spruce and a memorial was discussed, a suggestion of planting a tree in Martin's memory would be discussed by AB with Castle Estates.**
- **Other Business** – Agreed to arrange a refresher course on Defibrillator Operation in the new year. A book week 'The Alnwick Story Fest' will run from February 24 - 26 2023, KD will put information on Bamburgh Google page. Chathill railway survey was added by KD to google page asking for feedback from villagers.

Date of next meeting - Thursday 16th February 2023 at 6.30pm – location Victoria Hotel resident's lounge