

**Minutes Parish meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Pavilion.**

**Present** –Andrew Bardgett (AB) John Mackey (JM) Kirsty Dobson (KD) Kate Morton (KM) Sue Aldred (SA) Joan Mitchell (JMC) Guy Renner-Thompson (GRT)

16 public members

1. **Apologies** – none
2. **Declaration of interest** – none
3. **Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025** – Accepted and signed as correct record AB and KM.
4. **Matters Arising:**

**Tribute was paid to Barbara Brook who has recently passed away, Barbara was a dear friend, Councillor and past Chair of Bamburgh Parish Council.**

AB also advised of the recent deaths of Pauline Lees and David Lawson

- **Highways Update/Traffic Calming/Speeding/Wynding/Ingram Road** – AB advised that after the recent re-surfacing on Front Street, there appears to be a rut in road outside The Lord Crewe, GRT advised that this would be addressed when Highways return to carry out the planned traffic calming measures. AB to contact NCC regarding new materials to be used. GRT will again follow up with NCC regarding the delay in the marking of DYL on The Wynding, which was due to be carried out before Easter.
  - **Wheelchair Access to Beach (Beach Access to NE) – KD/BB** – The changed course of Mill stream still an issue and unable to use electric chairs, suggestion that Coast Care may be able to offer advice or assistance, JMC to make contact. KD advised that Ali Brett has offered to help manage the new online booking system, also many thanks to Alex Nixon for his help with the wheelchair maintenance.
  - **Play Park** – JM – After the recent survey inspection by Playscheme, planned repairs are scheduled to be carried out on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April. AB has costed the mesh to be installed on perimeter path at approx. £350.00, this is to be ordered, and AB will contact our village warden to assist with installation.
  - **Northern Powergrid Update** – AB advised that apologies have been received from Northern Powergrid for failing to attend the previous meeting as planned, a request has been made by NP to attend a future meeting. The most recent village power cut in March was caused by a pole on fire, cause unknown, the pole has since been replaced.
5. Mr John Holwell Chathill Railway Action Group (CRAG) addressed the meeting and gave an update on recent talks with NECA and planned contact with Mayor Kim McGuinness. Bamburgh Parish Council was asked and agreed, to support the campaign. CRAG will continue to send newsletters to keep Bamburgh informed of progress.

6. **Public Questions** – Email received regarding the planning application for 5-6 Front Street, GRT was asked if the application could be passed to committee.
  7. **Financial Statement** – JMC update on the financial statement, bank statement y/end @ 31/03/25 = Current A/C – £278.37, Saver A/C – £35,192.41 (includes £8,194.13 lights fund).  
@ 10/04/25 = Current A/C – £2,601.94, Saver A/C – £41,192.41 (includes £8,898.61 lights fund)
  8. **Glororum to Bamburgh Path – AB** – Still a serious issue for pedestrians walking this route where there is no footpath, GRT suggested arranging a further meeting (after elections) with all parties involved, to discuss a plan of action.
- **Other Business –**
  - Residents request for DYL close to both Armstrong House and Islestone Court, AB to send request and photographs to both Richard McKenzie and Paul Jones at NCC.
  - JM advised that he will be sending a project completion report to Northern Powergrid to update the use of the grant provided for the new batteries installed at the Pavilion. Suggestions requested to how best use the remaining £1,489.00. KD to also look at a possible grant for a Sky link subscription.
  - Email from the representative of the St Oswald's Way Management Group, regarding the deterioration and planned replacement of interpretation panels along the Way, requesting support from the Parish Council, further discussion necessary.
  - Also, email received from Northumberland Coast National Landscape Project Officer requesting attendance to a Parish Council meeting to discuss interpretation panels, reply will be sent to arrange.

**Date of next meeting – 6.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at the Pavilion**