

DRAFT -Bamburgh Parish Council

Minutes Parish meeting held on Thursday 26th October 2023 at Pavilion.

Present –Andrew Bardgett (AB) John Mackey (JM) Kirsty Dobson (KD) Kate Morton (KM) Sue Aldred (SA) Joan Mitchell (JMC) Iain Robson AONB (IR)– 2 members of public

1. **Apologies** – Barbara Brook (BB) Guy Renner-Thompson (GRT)
2. **Declaration of interest** – None
3. **Minutes of 14th September 2023** – Accepted and signed as correct record – AB and JM
4. **Public Questions** – Questions received from Bamburgh Resident: 1) Wild Camping 2) Village Parking 3) Overhanging Vegetation
 - 1) Castle Estates agreed at a recent meeting, to re-instate the bollards along The Wynding
 - 2) No further updates to village parking issues or Glebe Field
 - 3) Suggestion by the Chair on the use of the NCC's 'Fix My Street' facility to report overhang vegetation etc.
5. **Financial Statement** – JMC update on the financial statement, bank statement @ 26/10/23 = Current A/C – £2,600.20, Saver A/C – £35,663.37
Clerk awaiting AGAR results completion letter from external auditors.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - **AONB** – The Chair welcomed Iain Robson AONB Manager to the meeting, Iain Robson provided the following information/updates.
 - The AONB now have 7 members of staff, including an apprentice, currently advertising for 1 further part time post.
 - Recent grant application to National Heritage Lottery Funding was unsuccessful, hoping for a further meeting to understand the decision.
 - Highway Design Guide has now been published and is on the website, includes signage clutter etc. however, some changes needed to street lighting and kerbing sections, would like to work with Parish Councils on clutter audits, which would include advise and checklist.
 - Visitor Travel Strategy now on AONB website includes viable car free tourism, the aim to encourage the use of public transport, cycling and walking.
 - England Coastal Path was opened in August, a partnership between AONB team, NCC and Natural England to be set up to manage and maintain the footpath, funding will be allocated to undertake maintenance works.
 - Defra – advised funding projects were available this financial year which could provide BANE wheelchair kit for Bamburgh.
 - Levelling Up Bill – there is to be 2 amendments, the wording will change from “due regard of AONB” to “duty of regard of AONB” this will strengthen AONB management plans and Parish Council will be required to contribute to delivery, there will be engagement and consultation. This will see the biggest change for AONB since 1949, with focus on four areas: Nature, People, Climate, Place.

- **Highways Update/Traffic Calming/Speeding/Wynding/Ingram Road** – AB – further follow up email received from Richard McKenzie advising that missing DYL have been approved to be done “in due course”, additional lines close to Golf Club will be going to consultation, unfortunately the design team for new traffic calming/speeding plans, are still snowed under with work at the moment so the traffic calming proposals are still a way off. BPC intend to follow up on the formal complaint regarding the delay with this plan.
- **Wheelchair Access to Beach (Beach Access to NE) – KD/BB** – KD advised that we are extremely grateful for the kind donation of a chair and hoist from Jonathan’s House Seahouses, we now have four chairs and a hoist. We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the scheme. The hut roof is still leaking the clerk will attempt to contact the builder again. Clerk has arranged with the village warden to remove all weeds and built-up sand from the perimeter of the hut to stop any further water seeping in.
- **Playpark Update**– JM – issue with discolouration beneath wooden area, JM to discuss with Playscheme.
- **Swinhoe Crossroads Petition – AB** – Confirmation of agreed support by all for the petition.
- **Other Business** –
- Cllr Sue Aldred attended the AONB Climate Change Workshop on 12th October, on behalf of BPC.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 29th November 2023 at 6.30pm – location Pavilion