

Minutes Parish meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at Pavilion.

Present –Andrew Bardgett (AB) Kirsty Dobson (KD) Sue Aldred (SA) Nicole Taylorson (NT) Joan Mitchell (JMC)
Guy Renner-Thompson (GRT)
3 public members

- 1. Apologies** – John Mackey (JM) Kate Morton (KM)
- 2. Declaration of interest** – None
- 3. Minutes of 23rd July 2025** – Accepted and signed as record AB and SA.
- 4. Matters Arising:**
 - **Highways Update/Traffic Calming/Speeding/Wynding/Ingram Road** – AB – AB had asked Guy Renner-Thomson to arrange a meeting with NCC representatives following Guy reporting that the traffic calming scheme had not been budgeted for. A meeting has now been arranged for 6pm on 17th September with Cllr Mark Mather, Richard McKenzie and Guy Renner Thompson to discuss updates with the parish council.
 - **Wheelchair Access to Beach (Beach Access to NE)** – KD – The course of the Mill Burn still an issue, National Landscapes have now advised they can not offer any assistance. KD will speak to Castle Estates.
 - **Play Park** – JM – AB and village warden to instal mesh on perimeter path, planned during September.
- 5. Public Questions** – Closure of the Barclays bank hub in Seahouses. Question if BPC have a dark skies policy.
- 6. Financial Statement** – JMC update on the financial statement, bank statement @ 3/09/25 = Current A/C – £177.47, Saver A/C – £37,320.58 (includes £7,964.70 lights fund)
- 7. Lights on The Green** – AB – Further repairs to lights have been necessary due to deterioration at base of a number of posts, awaiting a quotation from fabricator to attach brackets to strengthen. Enquiries to be made with local services regarding future replacement lights.
- 8. Litter/Grit bins** – AB – JMC – Village warden to instal bird guards to litter bins and clasps to grit bins
- 9. Date of next meeting** – 6.00pm on Wednesday 8th October 2025 at the Pavilion

10. Northern Powergrid Representatives:

Representatives advised that the inspection of the system revealed a specific problem in Bamburgh with corrosion of metal ties at the top some poles which they believe may be due to coastal weather or the method of installation 25 years ago, causing poles to catch fire. Areas of Bamburgh are on a spur meaning when a fault occurs, they need to shut down the whole section of line. Engineers are looking at linking the Bamburgh spur into another part of the line so if there is a fault they can feed the village electricity from elsewhere.

They advised the network is in good condition, drones are being used to check insulators, and they plan to fix specific faults over the next two months, which will mean planned short power cuts.

Residents will receive written notice 10 days before any planned power cut.

- **Other Business –**

Barclays bank have announced the closure of the Seahouses hub on 28th November 2025. GRT has voiced his concerns in the press and can only advise concerned residents to contact Barclays.

BPC does not have a dark sky policy but falls under the Northumberland County Council policy.

Volunteers requested for winter grit distribution, JMC to check parish council insurance policy.

Concerned resident advised a light at walled garden appears to be lit overnight, could this be changed to a sensor light. JMC to ask Castle Estates.