

**Minutes Parish meeting held on Wednesday 25th March 2026 at Pavilion.**

**Present** – Kate Morton (KM) John Mackey (JM) Kirsty Dobson (KD) Sue Aldred (SA) Nicole Taylorson (NT) Joan Mitchell (JMC)

No public members attended.

- 1. Apologies** –Guy Renner-Thompson (GRT)
- 2. Declaration of interest** – None
- 3. Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026** – Accepted and signed as record KM and NT

Kate Morton opened the meeting with thanks and much appreciation to Andrew Bardgett for his many years of hard work and dedication as both a Councillor and Chair of Bamburgh Parish Council.

**4. Matters Arising:**

- **Highways Update/Traffic Calming/Speeding/Wynding** – KM - GRT and NCC have confirmed that the planned Traffic Calming measures are with the safety team, JMC to contact NCC to request confirmation of planned materials to be used.
- **Beach Pathway** – KM – KM advised that meetings have been held with Castle Estates to discuss and agree a new pathway to the beach. A further meeting was held with Natural England who advised that the route discussed was not in an SSSI area and gave approval. KM and KD plan to look at examples, contractors and costs, together with a possible sub-committee for grant funding.
- **Wheelchair Access to Beach (Beach Access to NE)** – KD – KD advised that there is currently no safe route to the beach for manual wheelchairs, also the gravel path from the shed is full of holes. KD to speak to Castle Estates to obtain approval for repair and contact GRT for any funding to assist with repair costs.
- **Play Park** – JM – JM advised Playscheme carried out annual safety report and quotation for remedial works agreed Playscheme to arrange. Ongoing checks and rota situation discussed.

**5. Public Questions** – No public questions received.

**6. Financial Statement** – JMC update on the financial statement, bank statement @ 25/03/26 = Current A/C – £360.29, Saver A/C – £37,267.87 (includes £8,019.27 lights fund)

**7. Planning Application – 26/00338/FUL** – The Blacksmiths 6 Ingram Road Bamburgh Northumberland – BPC support this application

**8. Assertion 10 – Website Changes – Policies – JM/NT/JMC** – In regard to assertion 10, the parish council recognises that its website will not be compliant before 31/3/2026 nevertheless the council is presently working with Aubergine (an outside consultant) and compliance is expected to be achieved in the short term. NT and JM finalising the new website planned layout. The following new and updated policies were agreed and adopted:

- Accessibility Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Model Financial Regulations Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Complaints Policy
- IT Policy

**9. The Glororum path – KM** – KM advised that this issue is ongoing, but currently no further updates.

**10. The War Memorial – KM** – The ongoing maintenance of the War Memorial was discussed and quote obtained. JMC to further discuss with the village warden.

**11. Lights on The Green – JMC** – KM confirmed that new brackets are nearly ready and electrician is planning the works after the Easter holidays.

**12. Parish Councillor Vacancy – KM** – KM advised that an application had been received from Ralph Baker-Cresswell, after a unanimous vote it was agreed by all to offer and co-opt Ralph Baker-Cresswell as a new Parish Councillor.

**13. Date of next meeting – 6.00pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 2026 at the Pavilion**

**14. Parish Clerk hours – KM** – It was resolved to approve the Parish Clerk hours and salary as set out in the confidential report (Ref. 03/26 KM/JM) discussed in the private session

**15. Other Business:**

- As part of the risk management policy the Parish Council notice boards need to have locks fitted and keys only held by Clerk and one Councillor. New locks to be fitted to both notice boards, JMC to arrange.
- JMC to contact Northern Powergrid regarding date of planned works.
- JMC to follow up with new head of NCC Local Services regarding erecting roof to village store
- JMC to contact bank regarding pin sentry for Chair
- JMC to add link to Northumbrian Water to website, SA to send link.