

Bamburgh Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Parish meeting held on Tuesday 22nd September at 6.30pm via Zoom Platform

Present – Barbara Brook (BB), Andrew Bardgett (AB), Kirsty Dobson (KD), John Mackey, (JM) Alex Tait (AT) Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson (GRT)

Also, present, Ian Smith (JMPI Media Limited) and 13 members of the public

- 1. Apologies** – Cameron Hinson
- 2. Declaration of interest** – none
- 3. Minutes of 18th August 2020** –

Amendment to Public Questions:- Is the disabled access to the beach any further forward? -Bamburgh Castle Estates remain committed to finding a suitable easier friendly user access to the beach and look forward to working with the PC and other relevant parties in solving the problem.

BB updated on The Old Police House on Front Street Mrs Ferneyhaugh has contacted BPC to say the issue of the street light seems to be resolved it will be repositioned in October by NCC.

Residents Parking Scheme within Lindisfarne Avenue, residents have now received their letters, we look forward to hearing the outcome.

4. Public Questions –

Brent Taylorson – Any plans for 4G to be installed within the Village – JM updated that the 4G data capacity in the village must be raised, this was something which Anne Marie Trevelyan is aware of we must contact her directly to continue to keep this on the agenda. JM/DS

Angie Darling – Can the parking structure seen in Low Newton & Craster be replicated in Bamburgh – Unfortunately, parking outside the Village is not feasible until we have more car parking spaces. Discussion took place on how we do this, and it was agreed that a further survey is necessary, AB/KD to draft a questionnaire for all residents (door drop). AB/KD

- 5. Financial Statement**– DJS updated on the financial statement, the current account has £11264 in credit and the saver account stands at just under £7k, DJS. New laptop agreed at cost of approx. £700+ quotation, second quotation to be obtained. Website revenue discussed, agreed to invoice a 9-month charge to businesses DJS

6. Matters Arising –

- Royal British Legion update** – AT – VJ Day thanks were extended to both Barbara and Bill Brook for attending as well as Andrew for ringing the Church bells. nothing new to report on Remembrance Day 2020
- Litter Picking** – KD – all equipment obtained and litter picking has started, KD thanked the enthusiastic team, who consisted of Jamie Edgar, Sheila

Summers, Robbie Howard, Angela and Alex Nixon, Ali Brett and Linda Kirby. BB also thanked Kirsty for her efforts in sorting all this out.

- **Steps to Lighthouse** – BB advised Trinity House request for help. Iain Robson has agreed to do the work for approx. £500 (NCC agreed in 1998 for BPC to assist) GRT asked to assist with funding he will check and advise. GRT
- **Walled Garden Update** – no further updates.
- **The Wynding Parking Issues/Car Park** – no communication from NCC, cones will remain until yellow lines are put in place. (DJS to contact Richard McKenzie (NCC) regarding where the double yellow lines will start and finish). More cones required to replace damaged ones. DJS to request from Highways. BB had further discussions with Bamburgh Castle Estates re-removal of bins and it was agreed that the bins in the car parks would
 - remain for the time being.
- **Public toilet Update** – Portable toilets installed in the car park were due to be removed 20/9/20, BB requested they remain until after half term break. GRT will speak to NCC to ask if the number could be reduced. GRT
- **Vacancy Parish Clerk** – BB reported that the vacancy has now been filled, Joan Mitchell to commence on the 1st October in the role with DJS work shadowing for a couple of weeks. BB welcomed Joan to her first BPC Meeting.
- **Training – Planning Session** – BB reported a training session with Rob Murfin and his team has been asked for which Rob Murfin had agreed could be done via Zoom. AB suggested that as part of this training we could look at a couple of actual cases within Bamburgh to understand how the decisions are made. NALC have organised a planning training session via zoom for 22nd October if anyone is interested contact DJS.
- **Local Transport Plan 2021-2022** – DJS advised decision by 11/10/20. Agreed three priorities which are
 - Additional Car Parking is required within centre of Village
 - Path from Bamburgh to Glorum to be completed
 - Reinstatement of path between Bamburgh and Waren Mill
- **Broadband – JM** – discussion with iNorthumberland advised of a Broadband upgrade fund to increase speed to 100mbps in Bamburgh (currently 69mbps). Post Cards to be sent out w/c 28/9/20 requesting completion of an online questionnaire, the value of the community project to each resident is worth £1500 and small business £3500 towards funding the project via Openreach. JM advised residents must be encouraged to react to the postcards and publicise the need to complete online. JM to send KD summary for google group. JM/KD
- **Planting of Rose Tree** – BB Thanked Judy Cowen for her help - Ms Julie Sawtell accepted the adoption of the Rugosa Rose to be planted on Links Road in memory of Mr & Mrs Alderson and Michelle Alderson
- **Aiden Project** – BB – BPC have written to Jessica Turner to congratulate her on the success of winning the “Hidden Gem” category in the U.K. Heritage Awards.
- **Planning Consultation** – 6 Friary Farm Bridge Cottage Radcliffe Road and West Burton 2 houses the latter (not yet on the portal) – both were supported and agreed by all.
- **Character Statement/Article 4 Statement** – BB advised both would need professional assistance which would incur a cost. GRT suggested contacting Jessica and Sarah AONB to discuss, as Beadnell had applied and now have a Character Statement in place. BB

- **Water Fountain** – KD asked if anything was happening with this – GRT reported that due to COVID more rigorous testing of the water was now required which has increased costs massively this piece of equipment is in fact a Bottle Filler – ongoing. KD

Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 27th October at 6.15pm via Zoom Platform.