

Bamburgh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish meeting held on Monday 12th November at 6.00pm in the Bamburgh Pavilion.

Present:- Andrew Bardgett (AB), Kirsty Dobson (KD), Barbara Brook (BB), Cameron Hinson (CH), Alex Tait (AT), Dave Miller (DM) and Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson (GRT), Dorothy Scott (Clerk) (DJS)

Apologies – None

1. Declaration of Interest – None
2. BB welcomed Alex Tait and Cameron Hinson onto the Parish Council as Councillors.
3. Planning Applications were discussed for 31 Front Street (objection agreed), 4 Friars Court (No objection Agreed), Land South of Dukesfield (No objection Agreed)
4. **Minutes of 4th September** – Accepted and signed as a correct record.
5. **Public Questions**;- Judy Cowen reported the Bamburgh Garden Guild has made the final planting in the village in Lucker Road. This organisation is now defunct and the final sum of money left in the garden Guild account has covered the money owing to the PC for the bulbs and a cheque for just over £300 paid into the Pavilion association to cover costs for the maintenance of the tennis court. – BB gave heartfelt thanks to all the people who have helped with the Garden Guild over the years it has been much appreciated.

Judy Cowen would like to give heartfelt thanks to the new Parish Councillor Alex Tait for his rapid response to my request for him to look into the verbal abuse myself and a neighbour were subject to when we were accosted by a young man trying to sell goods on our doorsteps.

.1Bamburgh Women's Institute is taking part in an exhibition, covering the whole of the first floor in Alnwick's Bailiffgate museum, commemorates 100 years of the WI in Northumberland it is open for a month

6. **Financial Statement**– DJS gave update on financial information which was provided. Current account stands at £10308 and there is £6800 in the savings account. Still awaiting costings to be paid from the War Memorial, DJS to transfer some of the current account surplus into the savings account.
7. **Memorial for Jude footpath from Bamburgh to Glororum** – BB reported that she has been asked to raise this with the Councillors and also to gauge whether or not this was felt to be an appropriate memorial. All agreed that this was a very fitting memorial, whilst it is a huge undertaking both financially and to organise it was agreed that this should be taken forward and looked into. Both Kate and Sam Morton also agreed that this would be a very good way to remember Jude. A feasibility study to be undertaken.
8. **Community Village Shop and Allotments** – KD has been gauging what residents feel regarding the closing of the Walled Garden over the winter months and whether or not there is support for a community village shop. KD read out a statement from Sue Swearman reported that sadly the shop will be closed over the winter months as for one reason or another it has been unable to be supported by the Bamburgh community. Local people have not been using the shop. Going forward for the next 4 years it will be a shop stocked for tourists and will sell produce directed at that customer base.

Amy Aldred was also present to report that the Butchers will be selling the basic's ie.vegetables, salad, fruit from next week and over the winter months but once the Walled Garden was re-opened further discussions would take place. Amy also asked residents to call in and see what is on offer and if they wanted anything particular to ask. M Swearman reported that business within the Village has changed dramatically over the years with holiday lets now using home deliveries for the bulk of their shopping when they arrive in the village, and only using the local shops for limited perishable items, however these items go out of date if not bought and it is not viable to have them on the shelves over the winter months. There is not sufficient margin in the small number of items sold, it is not what you sell but what you end up throwing away.

It is important that all of Bamburgh support the local businesses not only in the winter months but throughout the year. BB thanked Mark Swearman and Amy Aldred for coming to talk to the Council on this issue, it was appreciated to have an open and frank discussion. KD to set up a small sub group to ensure any issues are progressed.

9. **Matters arising**

- a. **Toilets Update** – DJS reported that the toilets were closed until further notice due to the roof collapsing, Councillors had asked Northumberland County Council to provide temporary provision in the village, two disabled portaloos have been set up in the main car park and it has been agreed the Links Road Car Park toilets will not close for the winter but will remain open until the toilets within the village reopen. We are awaiting a report from Greg Gavin (NCC) as to how the repairs are progressing. GRT reported that he felt that more temporary toilet provision should be made and he will continue to progress this.
 - i. BB asked that the recent car parking charges letter which had been sent to the Council be discussed now, we have been asked for consultation on resetting charges for the main car park being £3.50 per hour or £5.00 per day. All agreed that this would likely lead to further parking issues within the Village. BB asked if the money taken for parking can be used for projects within Bamburgh. It was also reported that within Seahouses the first hour of parking would be free. It was agreed that this is something we should ask for within Bamburgh under the consultation.
- b. **War Memorial Update** – DJS reported that we were now in a position to move forward with the removal and replacement of the current memorial, this should happen within the next month. It has been agreed that Hopton Wood Stone be used for the memorial. Whilst the memorial has been removed a 6ft Tommy (there but not there) statue has been purchased and will be placed where the memorial currently is with a plaque to let people know what is happening. Thanks was also given to the Heritage Trust who have very kindly donated £350.00 towards the purchase of the Statue. AB to draft a note for the wording on the plaque.
- c. **Streetscape** – DJS had asked for an update from Paul Jones (NCC) on the double yellow lines on Church street and received this reply - The Highways Programme team have prepared the documentation for the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) required for the parking restrictions (double yellow lines) and the formal 'Intend Notices' will be published next week which run for a 4 week period. Any responses to this will then need to be considered as part of the

legal process before a final decision on the detail of the TRO is taken. The final scheme also then has to be published through a 'Made Order' which runs for a 3 further week period. It would be our intention to issue the work to the delivery team at the same time as the Made Order is published so they are able to schedule the work in - it's only after the Made Order period has elapsed that the restrictions are enforceable. I would envisage that the scheme would therefore be implemented during January but will confirm the actual dates in due course.

With regards to the EV charging points, I can confirm that these are being progressed and the orders placed with the electricity company - a feeder pillar is due to be installed in the next 10 days and we will then undertake the installation of the charging point.

- d. **Google Group** – KD updated on the Google Group we now have approximately 30 emails within the group so it has been a good start, anyone wishing to join just needs to send their emails to Kirsty.
- e. **Lights on the Green** – BB updated on the current situation we are negotiating with the supplier of the lights to have them replaced for free of charge due to them rusting within two years, this is ongoing. BB also raised the issue of the black lampposts around the village which are in dire need of repainting, GRT had been asked to get a quote from NCC but we are still waiting, the Parish Council to get a quote locally in the first instance, dependant upon cost GRT may be able to help with payment from his County Budget.
- f. **Granite Kerb Sets** – it was reported that these are breaking up, GRT and NCC are aware apparently the original supplier did not fit them properly, currently waiting for the supplier to come up with other options.

DONM – Monday 14th January 2019 at 6.00pm