

Bamburgh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish meeting held on Monday 26th March at 6.00pm in the Bamburgh Pavilion.

Present:- Andrew Bardgett (AB), Kirsty Dobson (KD), Dave Miller (DM) Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson (GRT)

- **Apologies** – Noel Page (NP), Barbara Brook (BB), Jude Aldred (JA)
- Declaration of Interest – None
- **Minutes of 5th December** – Accepted and signed as a correct record. Cllr Renner-Thompson stated that the repairs to the St Oswalds Way Information Board have now been completed. The water drains from Rock Cottage have been reported to Building Control in Northumberland County Council. The Empty Property Orders related to properties that have empty for more than 2 years and are subject to anti-social behaviour.
- **Public Questions;-**

Janice Richardson (Resident) asked if the Parish Council could look into the property on Lucker Road that has scaffolding around it and it is covered in plastic tarpaulin. In the recent bad weather the plastic has ripped off and has been strewn all over the place including down Mizen Court and into the surrounding fields. GRT stated he would check with Building Control as to who is responsible for this issue and report back.

Judy Cowen asked about parking on the pavement outside Rose Cottage, in the past there have been vehicles parked here which were probably the builders who have been changing the property from a residential property to a holiday let, but more recently it appears to be people staying at the property who are parking on the pavement. DJS to write to Castle Estates to ask if they can inform people using the holiday let that they cannot park on the pavement.

- **Financial Statement**– DJS updated on the recent financial statement which had been circulated. In the current account the balance currently stands at £5951.83 and in the saver account the balance stands at £3536.63. Whilst this seems a healthy credit it should be taken into account that we still have March salaries and Direct Debits to come out and we still have the cost of replacing the War Memorial to consider.
- **Website Report** – DJS circulated some reports from the website for the year 1st Jan – 31st Dec 2017. There has been 164,846 page views with over 25% of these viewing the accommodation pages, the average session was 2.39 minutes with a 41.91% bounce rate. These are very good figures and shows that the accommodation pages are extremely well used.
- **Matters Arising**
 - **War Memorial** – DJS updated on the current situation, we are awaiting geological reports on the stone for the memorial but have been told that the WMT are minded to consider the geological analysis as grant eligible work. They have asked our Architect to seek firm quotes to report on 4 samples taken from site from the existing cross, and advise on the nearest current sources of stone with recommendations on durability. We have also had confirmation from the WMT that we can have an extension on the funding should the completion deadline go over November 2018. DJS also reported that a donation of £250 had been very kindly received from Mr and Mrs Laidler

- **Water Trough (The Pant)** – KD asked if it would be possible to get the water trough up and running for people to fill their water bottles from instead of using plastic bottles. Unfortunately this has been looked at before but was turned down because the water could not be guaranteed as being clean enough for human consumption, it would need to be converted to a water fountain. GRT may know of some funding available to help to provide a water source in the village.
- **Winter/Vulnerable/Elderly Residents** – KD asked if it was within the remit of the Parish Council to contact vulnerable residents to ensure they were okay in inclement weather. DM to contact Abbeyfield to see if this was something they could get involved in.
- **Google Group** – KD reported on a google group which can be set up with email addresses from residents so that messages can be easily and quickly sent out. The only issue is that some residents may not have an email address which would exclude them from this. We could ask for people who have email addresses to let others that do not have emails know about the messages. DM to look into how this could be set up and the management of this group
- **Street Lighting Update** – AB informed the meeting that we have had confirmation from Lynsey Sawyer at the Lighting Department in Northumberland County Council that our decorative lampposts in the Village will remain as they are but will be upgraded with LED lighting. Still awaiting the exact start date for Bamburgh for the lighting works.
- **Streetscape** – AB reported on the Public Exhibition to be held tomorrow Tuesday 27th March at 2.00pm til 7.30pm in the Bamburgh Pavilion to consult with residents on the finalised plans. Everyone is welcome to share their opinions and comments. GRT reported that the recent micro resurfacing of the roads had been a failure due to the fact it was carried out in cold weather, the resurfacing works to be carried out in April when it is warmer.
- **Planning Application 18/00724/FUL – 19 The Wynding – Residential accommodation to be upgraded on ground and first floor, attic conversion with sitting area and shower room/WC** – Agreed no objections
- **Planning Application – 18/00785/OUT – Land West of East Burton, Bamburgh – Outline planning permission (some matters reserved) for 2 No detached dwellings (Principal residence housing) including access, layout and scale** – Agreed no objections subject to the properties being for residential use only.

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AB – reported on a recent email from John Woodman, at a meeting of the Bamburgh Heritage Trust it was discussed that a WW1 Memorial Soldier could be purchased to replace the war memorial when it is being repaired and partly as a long term community asset. The Trust would be willing to commit £350 to this with the cost being no more than £1000 with installation. It was felt by all that this would be a good idea, AB to progress.

GRT – reported on the recent planning application for the The Friars, this application was withdrawn on the day before Committee and it is felt that this will not be resubmitted to the Committee.

GRT – in response to a question regarding the Core Strategy, GRT stated that it was proven that it was valid to be withdrawn and the Neighbourhood Plan supersedes this strategy.

- DONM – Monday 14th May 2018 at 6.00pm

Action	Initials
War Memorial – Grant has been successfully awarded from the War Memorial Trust for 75% of the overall cost of the project. The sub Group to continue to work to replace the memorial.	DJS/AB/BB/JA