

Bamburgh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish meeting held on Tuesday 4th September July at 6.30pm in the Bamburgh Pavilion.

Present:- Andrew Bardgett (AB), Kirsty Dobson (KD), Barbara Brook (BB), Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson (part).

Apologies – Dave Miller (DM),

1. Declaration of Interest – None
2. **Minutes of 9th July 2018** – Accepted and signed as a correct record.
3. KD reported that she had contacted Alnwick Council regarding their water fountain, they have had the same problems as we have in setting it up. KD has contacted a private company which specialises in Water fountains, awaiting information from them.
4. **Public Questions**;- Broadband within the Village was raised, DS to ask DM if he is aware of the plans for the further implementation of fibre optic broadband within the Village. Judy Cowen reported that the WI are organising a litter pick in association with AONB on Monday 17th September at 10.30am starting at the Pavilion all welcome.
5. **Financial Statement**– DJS gave update on financial information which was provided. Current account stands at £9765 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.
6. **Disabled Access onto the Beach** – BB reported that she has had various enquiries/complaints regarding disabled people not being able to access the beach. Will Armstrong from Castle Estates is aware of the problem and would welcome ideas on how to tackle the problem?
7. **Holiday Business rate/precept non-payment** – KD has produced a letter to be sent to Holiday Cottage owners asking them for a voluntary contribution to the precept. Agreed that the letter is fine with minor amendments. DJS to see if we can get labels to go on envelopes so letter can be sent out in the next month or so.
8. **Matters arising**
 - a. **War Memorial Update** – BB met with Sheena Campbell from the WMT, Kevin Doonan, Architect and Andrew Bardgett to discuss the geological report. The main discussion was whether or not to move the memorial to the front of the plinth stopping any water dripping onto it as per the geological report. However AB has been the day before and taken pictures of the rain which clearly showed the drips of rain came off the archway and did not impinge on the Memorial at all, the memorial was wet but with the wind had dried significantly today. The conclusion was that the Memorial should stay in the same position but the stone used for the new carving would be better if it was Hopton Wood Stone which is a denser, less porous, stone, although it is harder to carve. Sheena Campbell is leaving the WMT but she will ensure the paperwork is completed before she leaves.
 - b. **Streetscape** – The Parish Council have replied to Paul Jones from NCC and they are awaiting his reply before further action if any to be taken.

- c. **Google Group** – KD gave explanation of how this email group will work, basically it is a dissemination of information for the village. KD will need emails from anyone who would like to participate. KD to do a summary of the information so that this can be shared with anyone who may wish to join the Group.
 - d. **Lights on the Green** – BB updated on the current situation, there are just two lights left. A couple have been vandalised (these are likely be insurance claims) but the rest have rusted around the bottom due to dogs urinating. Pickard Electricals who installed the lights are contacting the supplier but guards may need to be fitted to any new lights to stop this happening.
 - e. **Local Transport Plan** – We need three priorities for the 2019/20 LTP – agreed that the paths from Bamburgh to Glororum and Budle Bay were still a priority as well as an electric charge point for cars in the main car park.
9. **Feedback from GRT** – A report of effluent/sewerage leaking on Ingram Road had been reported this was currently being dealt with. The Bamburgh Heritage Trust, in conjunction with the AONB, are currently running a project to improve access to St.Aidan's Church crypt as well as providing interpretation material relating to the skeletons removed from the Bowl Hole cemetery and re-buried in the crypt. GRT has put £5000 of his own County Council budget towards the project. Jessica Turner to be invited to a future parish meeting to give a presentation.

Closing of the A1 is back on the agenda with March 2019 being the next date, consultation is currently underway. GRT has already put forward that night-time closures should be the preferred option however Highways England prefer a full closure – ongoing.

AB asked for GRT to give thanks to NCC for their quick response in filling a pot hole on Lucker Road, it was reported on Monday and was filled in by Thursday, very quick response.

10. New Councillor Vote took place without Members of the Public being present.

DONM – Monday 12th November at 6.00pm