

HARTBURN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2023
AT 6.30 PM AT ST ANDREWS CHURCH, HARTBURN

Present:

Councillors: Peter Heatherington (Chairman)
Ernie Coe
Pooh Stafford
Jane Potterton
Robbie Howard

Clerk: D Smith

Apologies: Cllr J Boswell
Northumberland County Council (NCC) Councillor Glen Sanderson

16/23 Chairman Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone present.

17/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations on this occasion.

18/23 Public Participation Time

There were no public present and no questions on this occasion.

19/23 Police Update

There was no police update on this occasion.

20/23 County Councillor Update

The Town Clerk gave the following update:

- NCC are announcing a new Environmental Policy and a Climate Change Action Plan revision. This policy will look at shaping services without budget cuts, increasing recycling, decreasing fly tipping, litter picking, establishing more green spaces with

Green Flag Status and ensuring beaches meet the right standards for bathing and talking to Town/Parish Councils.

- 'Fix My Street' is working well with 14,000 comments/issues logged since launched.
- The budget setting process has begun, looking at a 2 year budget with savings of £35m with no service cuts and subsidies still available to those that need them.
- Excellent exam results in Northumberland, back to pre-covid levels for exam results. 94% schools scoring good or above with Ofsted, which is 6% above the national average.

21/23 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 25th May 2023.

Members were asked to approve the above minutes.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the minutes of 25th May 2023, a copy of which had been circulated to each member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman with the following amendment.

Councillors present: Joanna Boswell

19/23 Public Participation Time

There were no public present and no questions on this occasion.

20/23 Matters Arising from Previous Council Meetings

- (i) Min (09/23) (45/22) (33/22) (21/22) (09/22) (50/21) (38/21) (28/21) Planning application 21/03032/FUL – Glebe Farm, Hartburn**

Members were advised that caravan and the steel container have been removed and a portacabin has been relocated on the site.

RESOLVED

- a. Information duly noted.

- (ii) Min (09/23) (22/22) – Caravan near Hartburn Bridge**

Members were advised that the appellants lost the appeal with the Planning Inspectorate and have six months to comply with the enforcement notice. This will expire on 11th November 2023.

RESOLVED

- a. Information duly noted.
- b. To contact NCC Enforcement after 11th November 2023 to enquire of the next steps if the enforcement notice has not been complied with.

(iii) (12/23) – Digital Voice

Members considered the response received from Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP. Members were concerned that there is not a lot of reassurance in the letters received regarding mobile phone coverage.

RESOLVED

To contact Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP to express our concerns regarding the ‘patchy’ mobile phone coverage in the parish area. To also enquire if the phone mast at Grangemoor, Scots Gap, can be brought into commercial service.

21/23 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

There were no applications to consider on this occasion.

22/23 Financial Matters

Members were asked to approve the payments and receipts list and budgetary control report up to 30th September 2023.

RESOLVED

To approve the above reports.

23/23 External Audit 2022/2023

Members were advised that no issues were raised with the above audit.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

24/23 Any Other Urgent Business

Members expressed concerns regarding speeding through the village. The Clerk to contact NCC to ask if the chevron signs opposite ‘Woodlands’ be replaced and slow signs be painted on the road at the entrances/exits to the village.

25/23

Dates of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place in January 2024. The Clerk will circulate dates.

The meeting concluded at 7.25pm.