

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON THE 25TH OF JULY 2024, AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Present : Cllrs E. Faulks (Chair), F. Fuller, B. Howard, J. Keyte, A. Kirsopp, K. Richardson, D. Robson, A. Sharp, A. Suddes, J. Thompson and D. Thornhill; C. McGivern (mins).

- 1. Public participation** – none.
- 2. Apologies** – were received from Cllr Simmonds.
- 3. Declarations of interest** – none were received.
- 4. Minutes of previous meeting** – having been circulated, were agreed and signed.
- 5. Report from Northumberland County Council** –

Cllr Sharp said that he had met with Lynne Heslop to discuss the state of the road at Cruel Syke. There was water running down the road and Cllr Sharp thought that the drains must have been covered over. Cllr Sharp has reported this to NCC, and he said that the rest of the road above New Alston was not too bad.

The work on the road coming into the village from the West has been put back until September.

Cllr Sharp had arranged a site meeting with Neil Snowdon on the 19th August to look at white lines near the Showfield and a road survey for Shaftoe Street/John Martin Street.

Cllr Sharp had also been to see Sue Jackson to discuss car parking on John Martin Street. It was suggested that people visiting Anchor Court were parking on the road. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to ask for the parking spaces behind the building to be used. Parking in this area was discussed, and Cllr Thornhill said that the PC agreed that when they thought of suggesting yellow lines on the road they would consider where there is alternative parking.

The sale of Haydon Lodge is proceeding and is subject to Department of Education approval.

Litter picking on the A686 from Threepwood to Langley will be carried out.

Neither Cllr Sharp, nor the Clerk had received a reply about tree pruning on Church Street.

Cllr Thornhill said that the drain near the war memorial was still holding water. The drain outside 10 Ratcliffe Road has been fixed.

Cllr Sharp had received a request for help from the Nuture Project who wanted to build a classroom. There is still £20,000 in the Community Chest pot.

Neither Cllr Sharp, nor the Clerk had received a reply about painting the road bridge in the village, the Clerk will chase this up.

Cllr Thornhill said that when the PC had spoken to NCC last year they had been told that there was a safety issue with the line of sight from dropped kerbs. Cllr Sharp said that he was waiting to see a design for this.

Cllr Richardson said that water was running down the road near Dean Raw. Cllr Sharp will have a look at this.

Cllr Sharp had met with the Holly's Hope charity, who are keen to put a bleed trauma pack in Haydon Bridge, and he said that he would give £100 toward this.

6. Highways –

a) Lucy Saffari had contacted the PC regarding issues with the A686, and these were passed to the Highways Department.

b) A quote of £564.90 plus VAT for two bins at New Alston was agreed.

c) Cllr Kirsopp said that a manhole cover at Tyne View Close was causing a noise every time someone drove over it. The Clerk will report this to NCC.

d) Cllr Kirsopp asked about overhanging branches at Lands End. Cllr Sharp is chasing this up.

e) Cllr Kirsopp asked if there was any progress re Haydon Spa. Cllr Sharp said that he would speak to someone higher up than the Footpaths Officer, the problem is getting landowners permission.

f) Cllr Sharp said he was very happy that Charlton Way had now been created. The Charlton family is very happy with this, and everyone agreed that it was a fitting tribute to Eileen.

g) Cllr Robson asked if there had been any response re the road barrier from Roadlink. The Clerk will chase this up.

7. Lighting – nothing to report.

8. Planning applications –

24/02324/FUL – convert chapel into a family home at Chapel House, Langley – NO OBJECTIONS.

Hindshield plantation woodland management plan – NO OBJECTIONS.

9. Accounts – as in budget.

10. Correspondence –

a) A request for Local Transport Priorities had been received from NCC. The Clerk will reply with the following priorities –

- Re-routing of AD122 bus into Haydon Bridge
- Cycle path to Hexham
- Resurfacing on North Bank near Cruel Syke

- b) Details of a review of polling districts/places had been received. Following this on the 25th of July an email was received from NCC suggesting that they close the polling place at Langley. The PC had no objections to this.
- c) A member of the public had reported damage to the balance beam at the Innerhaugh play area. Jack will repair this shortly. Cllr Thornhill noted that Haydon Bridge is very lucky not to suffer much in the way of criminal damage.

(Cllr Howard joined the meeting.)

11. Parish projects –

- a) Cllr Faulks said that the Haydon Hundred had made a profit of £1,850.00. He explained that many cyclists now do the route and then move on elsewhere the following year. 100 entries pay for the day. Cllr Suddes wondered if it was possible to join forces with other communities hosting cycle rides and have an overall winner of perhaps 3 routes. Cllr Keyte asked if entrants new about the Haydon Bridge Festival later in the day. It was agreed that they need to be made aware of this in advance, so that they can make a family day of it.
- b) Cllr Faulks said there was concern over the poor usage of the library. The library is staffed by volunteers and sometimes only 2 people come in to use the space. There will be a relaunch on the 21st of September. Cllr Thornhill said he would look at putting items about the library more regularly on Haydon Bridge Matters. Grant money has recently been received to do up the library. Cllr Thornhill also said that it was perhaps undersold as there is free access to PCs, book and plant sales, Knit and Natter group, children's activities. In addition to this it is available as a warm space where there is coffee and company. Current opening hours will also be advertised.

12. Any other business -

- a) Cllr Richardson said that there was no signage for Anchor Court and this was causing problems for delivery people. The Clerk will raise this issue.
- b) Cllr Kirsopp said that now that Network Rail was charging people to park in the station car park this was having an impact around the station, with people choosing to park on the street.
- c) Cllr Kirsopp said that Joyce Brown had been in touch to say that the newly restored paths at the cemetery looked lovely, and she went on to praise Alan Batey's work maintaining the cemetery.
- d) Cllr Thompson said that the GITS had received no money from NCC for Northumberland Day. Cllr Sharp said that he would give them a donation. In future they will have to look for another source of funding.
- e) Cllr Howard said that the gully gutter grill outside the Community Centre was broken. It had collapsed and there was now a hole about 8 inches across, which was a trip hazard. He will raise this with the Community Association.
- f) Cllr Fuller asked if a fresh supply of dog fouling stickers could be purchased. The Clerk will follow this up. She also said that there were lots of cigarette butts on the old bridge

and these were toxic to dogs. The Clerk will investigate the purchase/installation of a suitable bin in the area.

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