



The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held this evening at Westfield Park at 7.35pm.

Present: Cllrs Hinchcliffe (AH) (Chair), Barras (JB), Bradshaw (CB), Ellis (BE), Green (CG), Middlemist (KM) (part), Hindson (DH) County Councillor Wendy Pattison (WP) (part).

In attendance: Elizabeth Taylor, Clerk (ET) and 8 members of the public.

Abbreviations Used in Minutes:

PC – Parish Council; NP - Neighbourhood Plan; NCC – N’land County Council;
LCVL – Longhoughton Community Ventures Ltd; LTP – Local Transport Plan; NE – N’land Estates
LC&SCT – Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre; LAA – Longhoughton Allotment Association;
NALC – N’land Association of Local Councils; CAN – Community Action N’land; AONB – Area of
Outstanding Natural Beauty; TTRO - Temporary Traffic Regulation Order ; UCR Unclassified Road.

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Minutes		Action
Members of the Public - Questions: Chris Thomas was in attendance for the Parish Councillor vacancy (item 3) and Joan Ford was in attendance for items 7a) & 7d).		
1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Bromley (Vice Chair) (PB) and Aimee Passmore (RAF Representative).	
2.	Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21 February 2022. It was noted that the March meeting had been cancelled due to Covid illness.	
3.	<p>Actions from Last Minutes (unless an agenda item)</p> <p>Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form: Form from KM outstanding.</p> <p>PC/NCC Meeting: Leader of NCC Glenn Sanderson will attend the June PC meeting.</p> <p>Boulmer Litter Bin Lid: ET advised the damaged lid had been reported to NCC who had offered to replace it. CB/AH to confirm when replaced.</p> <p>Storm Arwen: AH advised 1 resident was still awaiting compensation payment from Northern Powergrid.</p> <p>Howick Parish Councillor Vacancy: Chris Thomas was in attendance for this item and had applied for one of the vacant positions at Howick. The application had been received after the agenda was issued and had been circulated to the PC to be considered for co-option at the May PC meeting.</p> <p>Boulmer Car Park Sign: AH advised he was still to action the suggestion the PC to erect signage advising “parking at own risk”.</p>	<p>KM</p> <p>CB/AH</p> <p>AH</p>
4.	Declarations of Interest: DH and JB item 8j)	
5.	<p>County Councillor Wendy Pattison – Northumberland County Council Update WP had circulated a report prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Council Tax Energy Rebate: NCC are distributing the one-off £150 energy rebate for eligible households in 2022 to help households with rising energy costs. If you pay Council Tax by direct debit NCC will pay the money direct into your bank account by early May 2022. If not, please contact NCC direct. DH to include the info on Facebook. https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Tax/Charges.aspx#counciltaxenergyrebate</p> <p>Northumbria Healthcare: Residents can become a member of Northumbria Healthcare and be informed about trust work, vote for and be able to stand as a governor as well as benefit from NHS discounts in shops and online at www.healthservicediscounts.com If you would like to join you can sign up online at https://www.northumbria.nhs.uk/get-involved/join-our-our-foundation-trust/become-a-member/</p>	DH

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	<p>Keep Britain Tidy: NCC is supporting the Keep Britain Tidy annual Great British Spring Clean. Residents are encouraged to carry out litter picks and pledge to get involved at www.KeepBritainTidy.org/gbspringclean Bagged litter can be placed in the general household waste bin, with any recyclable items such as plastic bottles and drinks cans going in the recycling bin. For larger amounts of litter, volunteers can either deliver the bagged waste for disposal at one of NCC's Household Waste Recovery Centres, or alternatively make contact with the Council to agree collection arrangements. Anyone wanting to request litter picking equipment from the council or arrange for the removal of bagged collected litter can contact highwaysandneighbourhoodservices@northumberland.gov.uk</p>	
6.	<p>Inspections - Longhoughton Playing Field/Footpath: DH advised all ok.</p>	DH
7.	<p>Matters Arising A report on matters arising had been previously circulated by AH/PB.</p> <p>a) Vibration from Quarry Blasting: Since October 2021 blasting has taken place from a new location closer to the village and consequently the vibrations have more so carried down to the village through the rock strata. The planning conditions sets out the limits on vibrations amongst other things. All blasts have been within the specified range set by the NCC planning conditions but the PC has received a number of complaints about vibration and concern about damage to property. NCC produced a monitoring report. The first copy was received by the PC 3 weeks ago. In that report, 2 conditions had not been met. Only 1 blast per week is permitted but in January, 2 blasts were carried out to enable to specialist engineers to carry out monitoring of the blasting (ie not for operational reasons) and secondly a mound of earth was put in the wrong place, which is to be relocated. However, the vibrations from the blast and concern of residents may not go away and therefore it has been suggested to set up a Longhoughton Parish Quarries Liaison Group.</p> <p>b) Longhoughton Parish Quarries Liaison Group: the proposal is to set up a parish liaison group to work with both Howick and Longhoughton Quarries and NCC to review the monitoring reports produced by NCC and to deal with any other local issues concerning the operations of the quarries including the preparation of the nature reserve at the western end of Longhoughton quarry. The group would be a sub-committee of the PC. Suggested membership would include 2 reps from the PC, County Councillor WP, a rep from the RAF, a rep from the local business/farming community and a max of 12 residents. After discussion, it was felt 12 residents made the group too large and un-manageable, so this was to be reduced to 8 residents. BE enquired who would fund the group? AH advised if professional help or advice was required by the group, this would be funded either by NCC or the PC could consider funding any expert advice. CG asked if the blasting is in the limits, what can be done? AH advised he was not sure, which is why help in the form of professional advice might be required. AH advised Longhoughton Quarry had employed specialists to advise them. If the vibrations had broken the conditions then adjustments would have had to be made. BE commented as residents are concerned the vibrations are possibly causing structural damage would it not be sensible to get a structural survey done of a sample of houses to determine if the damage is caused by settlement or the blasting? AH advised NCC are the experts in this field and this type of query is best handled by experts. BE advised NCC could be asked to carry out the sample structural survey. It was unanimously agreed to set up the liaison group and reduce the number of residents on the group to 8 to make the group size more manageable. Proposed JB, 2nd BE. All in favour.</p> <p>c) QE2 Big Lunch: AH reported that a 4th meeting of the organising committee was held on 12.04.22 attended by 11 people. This is a joint organisation between LPC, LC&SCT and RAF. LC&SCT to cover the event with their existing insurance. A</p>	

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	<p>TEN licence has been obtained for the sale of alcohol and the existing LC&SCT music licence covered playing live/recorded music. The PC is purchasing souvenirs for children (aluminium drinking bottles with PC logo). Entertainment will include: assault course, bouncy castle, falconry display, exotic animals, face painting, children’s races, welly wanging, penalty shooting, arts and craft display, rodeo, dodgems, dog show, climbing wall, fairground rides, etc. People can bring their own picnics or there will also be food vans selling food. It will be free entry and most entertainment rides will be free. The event will run from 11am to 5pm. Parking for blue badges only in the LC&SCT car park - other cars elsewhere and the committee are looking at transport for residents from Boulmer and Howick. Final publicity with all details on the event will be in the May newsletter.</p> <p>d) Proposed Closure of Longhoughton Surgery: AH wished to thank everyone who had completed the questionnaire circulated to every resident. 96% of those who responded said they wished to retain medical facilities in Longhoughton. 164 questionnaires were returned. The questionnaire feedback had been sent to Alnwick Medical Group 3-4 weeks ago but no acknowledgement or response had been received yet. CCG advised the questionnaire feedback would go into the assessment of the other evidence from the consultation. The consultation ended on 8.4.22 but to date no information on the outcome of the consultation had been received. AH had also contacted Anne Marie-Trevelyan who had held a meeting with Alnwick Medical Group but AH had not received any information or response on the outcome of that meeting. CG was concerned about the level of response. Chris Thomas advised he was on a NHS forum for the consultation and it was essential that those residents who were disabled or who relied on public transport had a medical facility in Longhoughton. [WP arrived at 8.14pm] WP advised she would contact Derry Nugent of Healthwatch Northumberland for an update. AH to also make contact and request an update. AH advised LC&SCT had applied for a grant for £31,500 to convert the 2 unused changing rooms into a useable space which could be utilised by the surgery (it would have an external door to the overflow car park) which would combat the issue of the existing facilities not being fit for purpose. Joan Ford advised there would be no need to close the Longhoughton facility if Alnwick Medical Group re-organised their resources and relocated the GP from Seahouses (where there was a second, separate GP surgery) to Longhoughton. Joan Fords also commented the people who most needed the facility in Longhoughton (the elderly and those with families) were the ones who had responded to the questionnaire. JB suggested the RAF should also press for the facility to remain in Longhoughton to help the cause. CG commented Alnwick Medical Group should hold another public meeting in Longhoughton to advise the outcome of the consultation and explain the reasoning for any decisions they come to (it shouldn’t be up to the PC to inform and notify the outcome of their consultation). WP advised Rothbury have the same number of residents but also have a hospital and a GP surgery. CG qualified that it could be argued Rothbury is more remote than Longhoughton. AH reminded everyone about the Parliamentary Report on the review of the whole of the NHS which flagged that “levelling up” meant not only North/South but also urban/rural and was about bringing facilities to the people and a GP surgery at Longhoughton would service not only residents of Longhoughton but also Howick, Boulmer, Lesbury and Alnmouth.</p> <p>e) Bank Account Signatories: AH advised the forms are ready to send off for PB to become a 3rd signatory in addition to BE and AH. An application for on-line banking rather than using cheques will then be made.</p> <p>f) Liaison Meeting with the Neighbourhood Police: AH advised this will take place on 27.4.22 and will cover anti-social behaviour and a strategy for reducing and</p>	<p>WP AH</p>
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	<p>dealing with it. It will cover the recent vandalism at the Allotments and at LC&SCT. It will be attended by the Neighbourhood Police, Allotment representative, RAF representative, PC and LC&SCT.</p> <p>g) Possible Funding for Youth Facilities: AH advised NCC had highlighted grants opportunities for facilities such as Skateboard Parks. LC&SCT sent a response to indicate Longhoughton may be interested in funding for a Skateboard Park.</p> <p>h) Pot Holes: AH advised there are many pot-holes about at the moment. Please report them direct on the NCC website.</p> <p>i) Defibrillator: LC&SCT are looking for an additional volunteer to carry out checks on the defibrillator located at LC&SCT. DH volunteered.</p> <p>[KM left the meeting at 8.53pm]</p>	<p>DH</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Reports for Discussion All reports had been previously circulated by AH/PB.</p> <p>a) Parish 4 Year Plan: An updated plan would be circulated for the next meeting.</p> <p>b) NP Update: A meeting with PB/AH and AECOM re the master planning package took place on 13.04.22. This follows their 2-day visit to Longhoughton in March 2022. They have a good understanding of the area and will produce a report.</p> <p>c) Longhoughton Update:</p> <p>Howick Bridge: The landowners/AONB have agreed the PRoW will be re-directed through the “Cherry Wood”. An onsite meeting was held with the grant officer and they remain supportive. If external contractors are needed to clear the route, the AONB team will help in finding the best quote so as not to delay the application. The bridge, clearance, a small leaflet and other structures (such as gates, fencing and stiles) will be the subject of the bid, It is likely that the PC will be the bidder, with the agreement of the landowners and tenants.</p> <p>Longhoughton Traffic Management Review: The traffic and transport section has been completed. The AONB landscape assessment is still outstanding. AH/PB have written to NCC who assures the AONB assessment will be undertaken in May.</p> <p>Lacey Street Parking: NCC had placed a CCTV camera in Lacey Street on 31.03.22 to monitor the car parking issues but removed on 08.04.22 which was very disappointing the camera was in place for such a short period of time and did not include the busy Easter holidays. A report from NCC is still pending.</p> <p>d) Low Steads and Parking at Longhoughton Beach: AH highlighted that the PC was not responsible for the installation of the stones that these were installed by the landowner Howick Estates via a grant from AONB to protect the dunes which are in a SSSI. The aim is to stop parking on the extremes and concentrate the vehicles into a central area with parking for 80-100 vehicles. Signs are to be erected. The scheme was approved by English Nature, NCC and AONB. Installation of the stones cost approx. £5k (the stones were supplied by Longhoughton quarry at a very low price) as opposed to a cost of approx. £19k for stobs (together with ongoing additional maintenance costs). BE flagged the biggest problem is vehicles will be parked on the public road if they can't get parked by the dunes. AH advised NCC had been asked to put down double yellow lines but NCC were reluctant to do this as they would be unable to enforce them. NCC are considering stones or stobs for the verge. Joan Ford enquired how vehicles would be able to turn around if stobs/stones were installed and the gate was locked. It was also noted local fishermen park on the verge by the gate at night and a layby to continue to facilitate this was being considered. Number plate recognition car parking with Bransby Wilson is being considered where tickets are obtained online. The system can hold vehicle registration numbers that qualify for a preferential tariff or free parking and will hold a record of the number of vehicles in the car park and if it is full. It is hoped that this information can be displayed on an interactive display at the Longhoughton</p>	

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end of the lane. There are no up-front charges, the equipment remains their property and they retain a proportion of the parking fees. A sign advising tariff and operation will be located at the entrance to the car park and at the top of the lane. The quotation is being carefully considered. It is hoped to have the scheme operational by early summer.

- e) Vehicle Parking in Longhoughton:** The minutes of the February PC meeting of the authorised enquiries to be made about the possibility of the PC opening up the former Recreation Ground as an overflow car park. NCC has made it clear they would not take responsibility for the over-flow car park but could see the need for it and if the former Recreation Ground is to be used as an overflow car park they would recommend a low engineering solution to creating access and egress from Crowlea Road into the field, approx. costs for which were around £2k. In 2021 the Government increased the temporary use of land for car parking or camping under permitted development rights from 28 to 56 days per annum. However, this order has expired and the limit has reverted to 28 days per annum. Any period longer than 28 days would require planning permission Note that the 28 days do not have to be consecutive days. 28 days is insufficient to utilise this field as an overflow car park for Longhoughton Beach and Longhoughton. If the PC wishes to go-ahead with this proposal then it would need to put in a planning application for change of use and fund the works. AH advised discussions have been held with Northumberland Estates to determine what their requirements would be. AH enquired if the PC approved in principle for the development of part of the former Recreation Ground to become a car park and for a consultation to take place on these proposals with residents. JB suggested using the Recreation Ground as temporary parking for the Queen’s Jubilee to see how it works and to use as evidence for the planning application. CG suggested applying immediately for planning application as it would take too long to achieve anything for the busy summer if the PC went out to consultation. CG cited the results of the Doctor’s Surgery questionnaire where only those affected by the proposals responded and indicated the same could happen with this consultation. BE agreed and noted the PC were elected representatives of the parish and should do what they think is right and be answerable for those decisions. CB flagged it was essential to have the landowner’s permission if a planning application is to be made. AH advised Northumberland Estates were agreeable to the idea. DH enquired what the opinions of residents would be on the proposal. CG advised that Lacey Street and Crowlea Road would welcome it. AH advised the PC did not have the resources to build a car park but could establish the opportunity to park on the grass (like Holy Island). The gate will have to be manually opened and closed and there is the possibility this role could be shared with the locking of the gate at Low Steads. CG thought that was all that was needed – to get the cars off the streets and make the village safer for residents. It was unanimously agreed to prepare a case for a planning application. Proposed CG, 2nd BE.
- f) Boulmer Update:**
Stobs: AH/CB advised 15 stobs are rotten and need replacing at the car park. The cost would be approx. £200. BE proposed and CG 2nd, all agreed.
Boulmer Toilets: NCC are refurbishing.
- g) Howick Updates:** AH advised there were no updates from Howick.
- h) Climate Change Project Update:** CB to progress Climate Change Group meeting.
- i) Green Routes Update:** AH advised there were no further updates.
- j) Adoption of the Armed Forces Covenant:** The PC has been investigating the possibility of signing the Armed Forces Covenant. NCC has signed the Covenant

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	<p>and on 06.04.22 NALC hosted an on-line meeting, attended by AH to encourage PC's to sign. The PC is in a unique situation with having RAF Boulmer within the Parish. There are also 150 houses in Longhoughton owned by MOD for RAF families and many ex RAF personnel and veterans have settled in the Parish as residents. The primary purpose of signing is to demonstrate the parish's commitment to the Armed Forces and particularly the RAF and to bring the military and civilian communities closer together. There are no costs involved. The main obligation is to seek equality of treatment for military personnel and their families, service leavers and veterans. CB proposed the PC signs the Covenant and CG 2nd with all in favour. AH to organise with NCC and NALC.</p>	AH
<p>9. Correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Rhoda Foote - Longhoughton Allotments Storm Arwen Damage – to be dealt with at Police Liaison Meeting (see item 7f) b) Simon Smith - Longhoughton Allotments Security – as above c) Terry Falkner - Complaint re Quarry Road Condition and Projected Greenway – AH had responded to the complaints raised. d) Ayshea Lewis – Community Support Officer, RAF Boulmer – resignation – noted with a vote of thanks to Ayshea for her service to the PC. e) NCC – Planning Validation Checklist Re-consultation – noted with no objections. f) NCC – Northumberland Local Plan – Adoption - noted g) NCC – CRM Request to remove 2 metal spikes from footpath to Boulmer beach – AH had removed the spikes which were an upturned garden fork. h) NALC Enews 29 March & 13 April 2022 - noted i) Costain Jacobs/National Highways –A1 Morpeth to Ellingham roadworks - noted j) Northumbria Police – Longhoughton Update - noted k) Eleanor Philips – Chancel Place dog bin – noted and to be added as an agenda item for the May meeting. l) NCC – AONB Special Interest Member – Tourism – AH advised that PB had expressed an interest. m) NCC AONB Coastal Summit meeting – 20 April 2022 - noted n) NCC – Increase in Parking Charges – noted. BE wished to flag that he thought the price increase was inadequate and should be more. If NCC wishes to encourage less parking it should provide better bus services and put up the cost of parking more. BE also flagged the new bus service that runs through Boulmer and Longhoughton highlighted that residents should use it or lose it! o) Northumberland Pharmacy Needs Assessment - noted 	
<p>10. Parish Financial Matters:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) NCC (Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Celebration Grant) - £500 CREDIT - noted b) CBS World (Surgery Banner) - £51.60 – PAID - noted c) LCSCCT (NP room hire 23/3/22) - £15 - agreed d) NALC (Annual Subs) - £384.45 - agreed e) Shiel & Morrison (Leaflets) - £84 - agreed f) Shiel & Morrison (Newsletter) -£190 - agreed 	
<p>11. Plans:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 22/01020/FUL – Single storey extension - 2 Scots Gap, Boulmer, NE66 3BJ – no objections b) 22/01297/FUL Development of 4 no. residential dwellings including associated access, landscaping and all other ancillary works - Land At Junction Of Station Road South End Longhoughton Northumberland - application just received. PB/AH have liaised with N'land Estates as much as possible with the aim to make the best job out of this application. N'land Estates had listened to issues raised on retaining 	ALL

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	a pond, planting trees and blending the development into the village and had amended plans accordingly. The application to be circulated and PC views and formal response to be collated.	
12.	Matters for Information/Next Agenda: None	
13.	Date of Next Meeting: Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and Monthly Parish Council Meeting - 7.35pm - Monday 16 May 2022 – LCSCT Westfield Park. AH advised he would give an annual report and instead of asking the local community groups to attend and present, it was suggested AH contact the different groups in writing and ask them to submit a written report to be included in the Annual Report. All agreed.	AH

9.35pm the meeting ended.

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