



The Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Longhoughton Parish Council was held this evening at Howick Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Cllr Hinchcliffe (AH) (Chair), Bromley (Vice Chair) (PB), Ellis (BE), Horsley (HH), McEwen (PM), Tilley (JT) and Thomas (CT).

**In attendance:** Laura Rowberry (LR) (RAF Representative), Eric Fletcher (item 1) and Elizabeth Taylor, Clerk (ET).

**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 Trust; LAA – Longhoughton Allotment Association; NALC – N’land Association of Local Councils; CAN – Community Action N’land; NL – N’land Coast National Landscape; TTRO - Temporary Traffic Regulation Order .

<u>Monthly Parish Council Meeting Minutes</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>Members of the Public:</b> There were no questions.	
<p><b>1. Eric Fletcher re Possible Youth Strategy for Longhoughton</b></p> <p>Eric Fletcher (EF) is employed by the YMCA as the Youth and Community Project Manager and has vast experience of developing youth facilities. He has experience of working in the Police Force and dealing with the needs of young people and was the Safeguarding lead for the Northumberland Police and Crime Commissioner and is a Visiting Fellow at Newcastle University. EF spoke to the PC on the need for the creation of a Steering Group to bring together key stakeholders and put in place a strategy to improve the provision of facilities for youths and children in our parish and has been already been working closely with in conjunction with Laura Rowberry. It was noted that there are 588 children in our parish of which 54 (10%) are RAF. Airplay are to refurbish the youth centre and employ 3 x Airplay Activity Workers and offer sessions each Saturday which are well attended by the younger children but less so by the adolescents who are disconnected. They will also set up a volunteer development opportunity and have also secured funding for 5 x sessions from 10am-2pm for 12-15 children each session. But that is just one part of the provision needed. The spend by NCC in Northumberland on youth provision is just £20.57 per person compared with a national average of £47.79 per person in England and £97.04 per person in Wales. AH circulated a paper with suggested Terms of Reference for a Longhoughton Parish Children’s and Young Peoples Steering Group. BE commented that before the PC agrees to be part of a Steering Group, it needs to allocate money from its precept to help deliver the requirements highlighted. AH advised this had already been anticipated in the Four Year Projects outline and there would be a need for a budget allocation once a programme had been established and expenditure identified. PB queried whether the PC was the best organisation to lead the Steering Group, especially given already tight constraints on capacity to take on more projects but it could be part of the Steering Group and support it and put in resources as and when needed - to be part of the ‘ways of working’ discussions. LR thought the PC could help by driving the conversation. HH suggested the best way forward was to create a Partnership that the PC could be part of to agree requirements, conduct research and make recommendations. HH suggested stakeholders should also include the Primary and Secondary Schools and also parents. EF suggested the starting point should be to gather feedback, input and suggestions from children, their parents and other stakeholders starting with a stall at the Summer Fete on 7 July. This would follow-on from and build on the feedback and suggestions received from the recent drop in sessions held at the Beacon and Westfield Park. EF volunteered for</p>	

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	<p><b>One-Way System Burnside:</b> NCC Highways had responded to advise that 'No Left Turn' is not prescribed in the Traffic Signs Manual, therefore cannot be implemented. The only option would be to look at installing a "No Left Turn" sign prior to the junction and/or amending the current No Entry signage, so, that it is more visible to drivers heading North. AONB had asked if one of the signs could be removed to reduce clutter but in the interest of road safety, NCC Highways have rejected this request and both signs will remain in place. It was agreed AH to review and confirm the PC would like a "No Left Turn" sign prior to the junction.</p> <p><b>Road Signage:</b> JT confirmed that faded road markings and signage had been reported to NCC and were to be sorted/fixed.</p> <p><b>VMS Sign:</b> WP not present so update to follow at next meeting.</p> <p><b>Grass Cutting:</b> ET confirmed lack of maintenance/grass cutting on Johnnie Johnson grounds had been reported to NCC, who confirmed it was private NCC owned land.</p>	<p><b>AH</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>County Councillor Wendy Pattison – Northumberland County Council Update</b></p> <p><b>Energy Upgrade:</b> Eligible homes can benefit from funding for low-carbon energy upgrades. NCC has secured £12.4m Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 funding to install energy efficiency improvements to properties which are not connected to mains gas and are using resources such as oil, LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas), inefficient electric heaters or coal. Households can check their eligibility and apply at <a href="https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Climate-Change/Renewable-energy.aspx">https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Climate-Change/Renewable-energy.aspx</a></p> <p><b>Mental Health:</b> Life can sometimes feel overwhelming. One in four people in the UK experienced mental health issues in the last year. There are lots of things we can do to protect ourselves and prevent problems escalating. Every mind matters has great tips on how to look after your mental health: <a href="http://www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a></p> <p><b>Young People’s Mental Health:</b> Everyone feels sad, worried or stressed sometimes, but if these feelings are starting to impact you, remember you are not alone and there is lots of help available. Kooth is an online mental health service for people aged 11 to 25. Email: <a href="mailto:contact@kooth.com">contact@kooth.com</a></p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Inspections - Longhoughton Playing Field/Footpath:</b> JT confirmed all ok. Footpath has been weeded.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>a) Chair’s Matters Arising Paper</b> (a report had been previously circulated by AH)</p> <p><b>Quarries Liaison Group:</b> The next meeting of the will take place on 5/7/24.</p> <p><b>Longhoughton Traffic Review:</b> PB confirmed no response has been received from NCC to the PCs request for clarity on how to progress with making our village a safer place for pedestrians and vehicles.</p> <p><b>Speedwatch:</b> PM reported further speedwatch surveys had been carried out. The majority of vehicles speeding did so because they were unaware of the 20 mph limit in the village due to lack of signage. The other main offenders for speeding were RAF personnel arriving for work. LR to follow-up and push messaging internally.</p> <p><b>AMG Prescription Service:</b> It was agreed to review the usage of the prescription service in September to ascertain if it was successful and if the PC should continue funding the costs to hire the room to provide the service.</p> <p><b>Health and Wellbeing – Health Checks:</b> The session on 13/6/24 was well attended and NCC wish to fix further dates.</p> <p><b>Police Liaison Meeting:</b> The Police have apologised for not turning up to the last meeting and have confirmed that they do wish to continue with the liaison meetings. The next is due in August but will probably be better in September.</p>	<p><b>LR</b></p>

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	<p><b>Car parking at Boulmer:</b> Paul Jones, NCC Director of Environment and Transport confirms as follows:</p> <p>Boulmer Car Park - NCC Estates team are in discussions with N'land Estates over the lease of the existing beach car park to NCC. In order to help speed up the process and avoid the PC from any on-going maintenance liabilities the intention is for NCC to take over the car park on licence initially, while the legal process for the lease is completed. NCC have now negotiated heads of terms with the landlord that NCC considers are reasonable - this covers an initial rent for a licence prior as well as an annual rent under the terms of the lease (with the rent stepping up once parking charges are implemented but still being at a level which should enable the car park to be self-financing in terms of parking income being sufficient to offset the rent and on-going maintenance requirements). The lead-in time for completing the Traffic Regulation Order to enable enforcement of parking rules and charges at the Beach Car Park means that the charging structure is expected to come into effect late Aug/early Sept. It's likely NCC will install the ticket machines in advance of this date and just have them bagged (non-operational) until the TRO comes into effect, we will aim to keep signage to the legal minimum to reduce the visual impact. It was agreed that further discussion was needed with the Highways department on parking restrictions and the pricing structure.</p> <p>Memorial Hall Car Park - The planning application for the new car park next to the Memorial Hall is being prepared by the Design Team. NCC are aiming for Sept/Oct for submission of the planning application with all supporting documentation.</p> <p><b>Boulmer Road Pavement:</b> The awful state of the pavement has been reported to NCC with a request for action. NCC Neighbourhood Services to flail the hedge and grass after nesting season. Once this work is undertaken, NCC Highways to inspect the footpath to assess if it requires a digger to scrape back and expose the footpath.</p> <p><b>Longhoughton Summer Fete:</b> The organising committee has met on four occasions and the Fete is just about organised. This will be a major event for the community and part of its purpose is to bring everyone together. A number of volunteers are needed to help on the day. Please volunteer if you are able.</p> <p><b>RAF Boulmer Liaison Meeting:</b> AH had circulated the minutes of the meeting held with Charlotte Best, RAF Boulmer Station Commander.</p> <p><b>b) PC Fixed Asset Check</b> Due to time limits, this item to be postponed to July meeting. It was noted NCC had offered to replace the bin at Longhoughton Playing Field with a padlocked wheelie bin free of charge as the existing bin was often overflowing despite being emptied every day. The existing green Topsy 200 bin to be moved to replace the damaged red bin at the North End of the village. ET to organise with NCC.</p> <p><b>c) PC Policies &amp; Procedures Review</b> Due to time limits, this item to be postponed to July meeting.</p>	ET
8.	<p><b>Reports for Discussion</b> (all reports had been previously circulated by AH/PB)</p> <p>a) <b>Neighbourhood Plan Update:</b> AH reported that information had been received from AECOM which the NDP Group would review and then progress.</p> <p>b) <b>Longhoughton Update:</b> PB reported Howick Trustees had requested PB progress and lead on the funding application to improve the footpath to the beach. PB reported timelines were tight with quotes and funding to be applied for by February 2025. It was confirmed and noted that there was £2k of funding in the PC budget for this works. PB also advised there was an Open Garden event on 29/6/24.</p> <p>c) <b>Boulmer Update:</b> AH reported that volunteers were required for the annual pulling of Hogweed in Boulmer.</p>	PB

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	d) <b>Howick Update:</b> No further updates.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> a) NCC Thriving Together Newsletter May #2 and June 2024 - noted b) NCC – Code of Conduct and Pledge from NALC – Civility & Respect - due to time limits, this item to be postponed to July meeting. c) Hospice Care Northumberland – Grant Thank You - noted d) Planning Inspectorate – TRO10059 – A1 in Northumberland – noted e) Wendy Grindlay – public footpath Seaview to Beach – AH had responded direct. f) Paula McEwen – Boulmer Road - AH had responded direct. g) Neil McDonnell – Boulmer Road - AH had responded direct.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Parish Financial Matters:</b> a) Clerk (Wage) - £447 - agreed b) HMRC (PAYE) - £210.40 - agreed c) LCSCT (Room Hire AMG Prescriptions £72 and Summer Fete £12) - £84 – agreed d) Shiel & Morrison (Newsletter) - £168 – agreed e) Stewart Bartlett (Summer Fete Sweets) - £70.87 - agreed	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Plans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24/01689/FUL – replace 1m rear fence with 1.8m fence - 2-12 Portal Court, Longhoughton, Alnwick, NE66 3LZ – no objections</li> <li>• 24/01650/VARYCO – Variation of condition 4 (Highways) on approved application 23/02829/VARYCO in order to implement the permission - Land North of Cortico, Boulmer, Northumberland – no objections</li> <li>• 24/01758/SCOPE – Scoping opinion for Longhoughton Quarry Eastern Extension and Revised Restoration Scheme - Longhoughton Quarry, Longhoughton, NE66 3LS – it was noted that this is a scoping report and NCC is asking whether the PC is satisfied with the reports listed on the NCC website. NCC is not asking for the PC’s views on whether the application should be approved or not - that will come in a few months’ time. A draft lengthy response was agreed covering concern about noise, air quality, vibration from blasting, lorry traffic, landscaping and biodiversity, and monitoring.</li> </ul>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Matters for Information/Next Agenda:</b> None raised.	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> 7.30pm - Monday 15 July – Boulmer Village Hall	<b>ALL</b>

The meeting ended at 9.33pm.

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