



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

Present: Cllrs Hinchcliffe (AH) (Chair), Bromley (Vice Chair) (PB), Bradshaw (CB), Ellis (BE) and Horsley (HH).

In attendance: County Cllr Wendy Pattison (WP), Elizabeth Taylor, Clerk (ET) and 5 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
<p>Members of the Public - Questions:</p> <p>Greenway: Terry Anderson-Falkner was in attendance to query why the proposed Greenway was to be routed behind the houses at Springfield. AH advised the development of Greenways were very much in the planning stages and full consultation would take place on the routing of the Greenways. PB added the principle of the Greenways has been included in the NDP but the detail is yet to be determined.</p> <p>Quarry Mud: Terry Anderson-Faulkner also flagged the danger of the mud on the roads from the quarry. AH confirmed the PC had flagged this issue and the quarry was to install a new wheel washing apparatus.</p> <p>Longhoughton Hall: Mr & Mrs Frost were in attendance re 22/03383/VARYCO and 22/02968/VARYCO, which were to go to Local Area Council. AH advised the PC had no new comments to make on this application other than what had already been submitted to NCC.</p> <p>Boulmer Road Speeding: Robin Rostron was in attendance to highlight his concern of speeding on Boulmer Road and the poor sightlines for Springfield. PB advised the PC were aware of speeding issues on Boulmer Road and in other areas of Longhoughton and also Boulmer. The NCC Highways Traffic Review would aim to review and suggest solutions. This was on hold until finalisation of the AONB Design Guide, which was nearing completion. AH also advised a meeting with Northumbria Police was to be held on 23/3/23 and speeding would be raised. AH/PB had also held a meeting with RAF Boulmer Station Commander and had requested RAF Police assistance on this issue too. PB also highlighted the need for volunteers to join Speedwatch to get trained by Northumbria Police to operate the speed monitoring camera. Robin Rostron requested mirrors for the entrance to Springfield. AH advised NCC Highways would not allow the PC to erect these, but that did not stop them being erected on private land.</p>		
1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Barras (JB), Green (CG), McEwen (PM), Thomas (CT) and Aimee Passmore (AP) (RAF Representative).	
2.	Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20 February 2022. The minutes were approved as a correct record.	
3.	<p>Actions from Last Minutes (unless an agenda item)</p> <p>Website/Social Media: HH flagged the difficulty of taking over the Facebook site as it was linked to a personal Facebook account. It was agreed HH to start afresh and for the 360+ followers to be notified and an article put in the next newsletter. CB also flagged problems getting a response from CAN re the website. AH to follow-up.</p> <p>Grit Bins: AH confirmed the residents who had enquired about grit bins had been notified that the requested locations did not meet NCC criteria.</p>	<p>HH/AH</p> <p>CB/AH</p>

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	<p>Public RoW Stamford Burn: ET confirmed a further email had been sent to Philip Bradley, NCC Footpath Officer re the poor state of repair of the bridge on the Public RoW over Stamford Burn at Littlemill. No response had yet been received.</p> <p>Request for Chip Van: AH had been notified of the decision to decline permission to operate from Boulmer Car Park</p> <p>Request for Commemorative Seat, Boulmer: ET had notified no further benches were required in Boulmer.</p>	
4.	Declarations of Interest: AH is Secretary and Trustee of LCSCT.	
5.	<p>County Councillor Wendy Pattison – Northumberland County Council Update</p> <p>WP had circulated a report prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Garden Waste: NCC’s Garden Waste collection service runs from March to November/December and is chargeable. For more info, contact 0345 600 6400 or visit the Council’s website https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Waste/Garden.aspx</p> <p>Northumberland Community Health Champions: Volunteers are sought to help to spread health and wellbeing messages and encourage healthy behaviours. Anyone interested in can email integratedwellbeing@northumberland.gov.uk for more details.</p> <p>Warm Spaces: NCC and community partners have a growing network of over 150 warm, safe spaces where residents can enjoy a hot drink, have conversations or join in activities. Libraries, community hubs, village halls, churches and cafes are the venues taking part. Northumberland Communities Together operates helpline/advises on support available. Call 01670 620015 between 9am to 6pm, 7 days a week or email NCT@northumberland.gov.uk If you need immediate support, help or protection, ring the emergency response line OneCall on 01670 536400 – open 24/7, 365 days a year.</p> <p>Dementia Friendly Bungalows: Planning permission has been granted for 13 dementia friendly affordable bungalows at Lyndon Walk in Blyth.</p>	
6.	Inspections - Longhoughton Playing Field/Footpath: CG reported no issues.	CG
7.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a) Chair’s Matters Arising Paper (a report had been previously circulated by AH)</p> <p>Boulmer Car Parks: Suggested date/time is pending for a meeting with NCC Directors Rob Murfin and Paul Jones. Meeting to cover new car park adjacent to Boulmer Memorial Hall and existing Beach car park to be taken over by NCC. VARYCO and DISCON Planning applications and Chancel Place Tree Planting to also be discussed</p> <p>Existing Beach Car Park – Resurfacing: MGL Group have resurfaced the car park and it has now been re-opened. The value of the works were likely in excess of £12k and the PC to contribute the agreed £3k towards the works. Proposed PB, 2nd HH. All agreed. AH to send letter of thanks to MGL and include an article in the next newsletter.</p> <p>HMRC Payroll: It was agreed ET to be reimbursed for the over-deduction of tax of £2,187.37 during the period from 2015/16 to date. Northumberland Accountants have confirmed HMRC will refund this over-deduction direct to the PC in due course. The PC has also been fined £200 for the non-submission of a nil monthly returns (the Clerk is paid quarterly). Northumberland Accountants are now processing the payroll.</p> <p>Pay Increase: NALC has notified the PC of a national increase in pay for those on NJC pay scales, to be backdated to April 2022.</p> <p>Meeting with Northumbria Police: AH/PB to meet Sargent Darren Stapleton of Northumbria Police on 23/3/23. Sgt Stapleton has taken over responsibility for Neighbourhood Policing in this area. Agenda items to include Speedwatch, vandalism, inconsiderate parking and speed surveys.</p> <p>Quarry Liaison Group: AH to progress creation of this sub-group of the PC.</p>	<p>ET</p> <p>AH</p> <p>ET</p> <p>AH/PB</p> <p>AH</p>

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	<p>Lacey Street: AH/ET confirmed 2 x advisory signs were on order. ET confirmed NCC had been contacted to give a detailed quote for priority area 1 to include the breakdown costs for both grasscrete and dropping the kerbs and if a private contractor can carry out the works. No response had yet been received.</p> <p>Coronation Celebration: A 2nd meeting of the organising group took place on 22/2/23. The budget is £2,500 PC, £5,000 RAF and £500 from NCC Community Chest (pending approval). There will be no entry fee and the majority of rides/activities will also be free.</p> <p>Great British Spring Clean: Litterpicks to be organised for Longhoughton (CB/HH) and Boulmer (AH). Dates in April to be confirmed - to be promoted on social media as deadline for the newsletter is too tight.</p> <p>Extended Warm Hubs (Winter Warmer Lunch): These lunches with a 3 hour open period have been run on 17 occasions from early December 2022 to end March 2023 attracting between around 10/12 people most weeks with many more attending when some entertainment or attraction has been put on. Attendees have come from all around the Parish. The 26 volunteers have done a splendid job and the PC extends their sincere thanks to them all. The PC has paid the hire fees for the event, N'land Estates gave £500 to cover the costs of the food and CAN gave £1,200 towards the energy costs of the Centre. Proposals are being put together to continue these events through the summer with a greater 'social' emphasis. The PC agreed to consider continuing to support by funding hire fees. PB flagged that more inter-working and an understanding of the wider-relationship between the PC and LCSCT was needed.</p> <p>Low Steads Parking Proposals: Due to lack of time at February meeting, AH had circulated a paper by email for comment. Responses as follows: limit car parking on the coast and encourage visitors to park inland, delaying the changes until there's an agreement on part of the old recreation field being available for car parking; parking to be charged for, special consideration for Blue badge holders; consideration for Longhoughton Church; classifying Beach Road as a 'Quiet Lane' or equivalent makes sense. AH/PB to feedback to Low Steads Group.</p> <p>Longhoughton Church Discussions with Andrew Willmott: Due to lack of time at February meeting, AH had circulated a paper by email for comment. Responses as follows: Church needs to be an active part of the village and a community resource and hub for local history/arts and crafts. AH to feedback.</p> <p>Development of Community Facilities at LCSCT: Following AH meeting with CEO of Northumberland Communities Together and WP, increased clarity is needed on what LCSCT is trying to achieve. An agreed vision is needed AH presented a summary paper at the meeting to start the discussion. CB flagged the PC should not lose sight that Alnwick Medical Group should be held to account for the closure of the GP Surgery in Longhoughton and the PC is still waiting for feedback from the Public Meeting held 1 year ago. It was agreed AH to press for a meeting. The facilities at LCSCT should be completed in June and available for Alnwick Medical Group to operate a surgery from.</p> <p>Access to the Herring Shed: the closure of Boulmer Car Park for repair has resulted in motorists driving down the track to the Herring Sheds looking for parking places. A 'Private Road – No Access' sign was suggested. CB suggested N'land Estates could provide such a sign. AH to make the request.</p>	<p>CB/HH/AH</p> <p>AH/PB</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Reports for Discussion A report had been previously circulated by AH/PB.</p> <p>a) NP Update: No further updates.</p> <p>c) Longhoughton Update: No further updates.</p> <p>d) Boulmer Update: No further updates.</p> <p>e) Howick Update: No further updates.</p>	

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	<p>f) Greenways: AH updated the PC that an Expression of Interest for the Borderlands Initiative (bidding part of the Alnwick Place Programme) had been submitted. The PC was in support for this bid although it was noted that this did not impact directly on residents although it was recognised completion of the Alnwick to Hipsburn Greenway will add this strategically important section could lead the way to further improvements in the network and therefore benefit our parish.</p> <p>At 9.12pm WP left the meeting.</p>	
9.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) Stephen Marker – N’land Estates appeal to Secretary of State re Pond Field - noted b) Edward Higgins – Claim re Boulmer Car Park – agreed PC response submitted c) Rodger Smith / Debbie Kew – Boulmer Car Park – AH responded d) RHA/Northumbria in Bloom – “It’s your neighbourhood awards 2023” - noted e) NCC – Photo ID required for Elections – noted and included on social media f) Northern PowerGrid – Regional Forum – 20/3/23 10am-11.30am – noted g) Bill Sidgewick re rookery concerns – AH responded h) NCC Carbon Literacy Project 20/3/23 – noted i) Peter Lewis – Boulmer Car Park – ET responded</p>	
10.	<p>Parish Financial Matters:</p> <p>a) N’land Estates (Half-yearly rent Longhoughton Playing Field) - £62.50 - agreed b) CBS World (Boulmer Car Park Closure Newsletter) - £9.60 - agreed c) Jo-Anne Garrick Ltd (NDP) - £600 - agreed d) Clerk (Overpaid PAYE Refund – to be reimbursed by HMRC) - £2,187.37 - agreed e) Clerk (March Wage/NALC Employers Offer) - £748.87 - agreed f) HMRC (PAYE) - £177.80 - agreed g) Gill Bromley (Community Gardeners Grant) - £200 - agreed h) LSCST (Room Hire on 22/2/23 Kings Coronation) - £13 -agreed i) Stewart Barrett (Coronation Event) - £112.74 - agreed j) NCC (Boulmer Winter Toilets Opening) - £2,000 – agreed k) MGL Group (Resurfacing Boulmer Car Park) - £3,000 - agreed</p>	
11.	<p>Plans:</p> <p>a) 22/01297/FUL – Appeal under S78 of Town & Country Planning Act 1990 by Northumberland Estates re development of 4 no. residential dwellings including associated access, landscaping and other ancillary works – Land North of Junction of Station Road, Longhoughton – noted, no further comments to be submitted. b) 22/03383/VARYCO – Proposed alteration/conversion of 2 outbuildings to rear of Longhoughton Hall into 2 holiday cottages, to vary condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning application 18/03212/LBC - Barn B, Longhoughton Hall, North End, Longhoughton, NE66 3AG – to be heard at Local Area Council – 2pm – 23/3/23 Berwick Sports & Leisure Centre – noted, no further comments to be submitted. c) 22/02968/VARYCO – Proposed alteration/conversion of 2 outbuildings to rear of Longhoughton Hall into 2 holiday cottages, to vary condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning application 19/02209/FUL - Longhoughton Hall, North End, Longhoughton, NE66 3AG – to be heard at Local Area Council – 2pm – 23/3/23 Berwick Sports & Leisure Centre – noted, no further comments to be submitted.</p>	
12.	<p>Matters for Information/Next Agenda:</p>	
13.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 7.30pm Monday 17 April 2023 – Boulmer Village Hall.</p>	ALL

9.23pm the meeting ended.

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