

Healey Parish Council Minutes from Wednesday March 3rd 2021 at 7.30 p.m. by Zoom Video connection.

1. Public Participation. – The public were told of the meeting via email and the web and asked if there was anything they wished to report, or if they wished to join the meeting by a Zoom connection to inform the Clerk for admittance to the meeting.

2. Apologies None

Present: Councillor Tom Warde-Aldam in the Chair, Councillors Philip J. Cain, Michael Cartlidge, Christine Johnston & Janeen Smith. Acting Clerk Pat Wilson. County Councillor Colin Horncastle.
Public Peter Topping. Anne Dale.

3. Declaration of Interest and Hospitality record.

4. Minutes of December 2nd 2020 meeting (circulated pages 563 - 565). appendix 1, page 566 and appendix 2, page 567. Interim Report 92, 3/12/20 - 11/1/21 (circulated pages 568-569). Interim Report 93, 12/1/21 – 8/2/21 (circulated pages 570 – 571) + appendix 1 page 572 of ZOOM meeting of 7/2/21

The Minutes & Interim Reports were proposed as a true record by Cllr C Johnston & J Smith and seconded by Cllr M. Cartlidge, C Johnston & J Smith. The minutes will be signed and dated by the Clerk.

5. Matters Arising:

a) Glen Crossroads. told 11/1/21 that Mr. McCartney would consult with Mr. Murrell – CC Horncastle had no further update. Cllr PJ Cain reported resending his former Neil Snowdon correspondence with photographs to highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk November 2020. This resent correspondence had not been acknowledged by anyone. CC, C Horncastle to investigate.

b) School House – A lengthy discussion took place of the various different business ventures and the enforcement notices either served or pending due to the Pandemic arising from the site. The history of several goes back a considerable time and the question arises if this could be a delaying tactic to get permission through default. What is the NCC Policy? We have one piece of correspondence quoting lack of funding for a reason not to proceed with Enforcement action. CC Colin Horncastle reported that he was seen as having a personal interest in School House planning and was not therefore always included in discussions with senior officers however, it was on the agenda for the March area meeting on Tuesday. Twenty horses escaped from School House during the February week of heavy snow and found their way onto the A68 and A69, Northumbria Police were called out to at least two accidents involving the horses, where snow drifts were cited as the reason the horses were able to escape their fields.

The Judicial Review was discussed - recent email correspondence includes:

(i) Richard Buxton Solicitors copy of letter to NCC dated 19/2/21

(ii) Formal agreement to continue needs signature – Clarification on several possible outcomes was presented by Cllrs T Warde-Aldam and M Cartlidge. In addition to these there were court fees, travel, copying and courier charges. A suggested phrase was proposed identifying the PC rather than the Councillors. PW to check on VAT reclaim.

(iii) The public were invited to make comment

- it was suggested that notes from a February 2020 confidential meeting should be available and a copy should be requested.
- the officers who agreed to take action at the February 2020 meeting should be asked for feedback.
- ‘waste burning’ continues yet Environment Agency does not take action – why?
- New road through the site not acknowledged
- time limited licenses not followed through when expired.
- Direct statement to C Councillor it is morally wrong that a small PC has been forced to take on the County Council to JR.
- AONB can anyone there help?

c) 2 j) Int/93- Local Elections Arrangements. Clerk had ZOOM training 2/3/21. Nomination briefing notes (26 pages) includes Nomination paper page 5. Home address pages 7/8. Candidates consent page 9. Certificate of authorization page 13, Request for party emblem page 14, Parish Clerk page 15. Nil return expenses Page ?? - Talk through at a separate meeting when the electoral register arrives.

6. Correspondence

Hard copies

Email

- a) 9/2/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- b) 15/2/21: Northumbria Healthcare Stakeholder Update.
- c) 16/2/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- d) 17.2/21: NALC Enews
- e) 18/2/21: Streetworks TTRO Yarridge Road, Hexham
- f) 22/2/21: CAN coping with unemployment and redundancy - webinars
- g) 22/2/21: GNAA News
- h) 23/2/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- i) 23/2/21: West Northumberland VCS Online Network Meeting 2/3/21
- j) 23/2/21: West Northumberland VCS Online Network meeting 2/3/21
- k) 1/3/21: YDGLA Newsletter and Membership Renewal.
- l) 2/3/21: RSN Rural Bulletin

7. Planning:

Hard copies of the appeals arrived (reported in Int/No 93

21/00005/Notice

Appellant Peter Robert Snailum - 3.1 Without planning permission. 3.1.1. the material change of use of the land from agriculture to the storage of caravans, as shown in the approximate position and outlines in blue on the attached plan.

The appeal has been lodged on the following grounds

- b) That the breach of control alleged in the enforcement notice has not occurred as a matter of fact,
- c) That there has not been a breach of planning control (for example because permission has already been granted, or it is "permitted development").

21/00004/Notice

Appellant The Occupier - 3.1 Without planning permission. 3.1.1. the material change of use of the land from agriculture for the siting of a residential caravan, as shown in the approximate position and outlines in black on the attached plan.

3.1.2. the construction of a wooden fence in excess of 2 metres in height as shown in the approximate position and outlines in blue on the attached plan.

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The appeals commenced on February 1st 2021 if the PC wishes to make representation it must do so by March 15th.

No new planning applications

Decisions from planning

8. Financial Report.

Cheque No 216: Richard Buxton Solicitors £770.00 signed by Cllr PJ Cain & T. Warde-Aldam

An updated Income and Expenditure was presented. Spent £1,816.10. Still to pay £982.56 leaving a carried forward of £117.83

Will discuss the year end by having a further ZOOM meeting to close the PC accounts for this financial year later this month.

9. Domesday Project & Local History Club Report.

Diana Whaley presented Names and Places in the Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres Area: The First Ordnance Survey – Diana has asked for a donation to Sightsavers – A cheque for £20 was signed by PC and PW and posted. Two families have since made a bank transfer to our account one for £10 and other for £25. The name Corfe Gate was questioned and two conflicting explanations were given at the meeting. PW emailed J & T Warde-Aldam to see if they knew. PW is presenting the B6306 from The Linnels to Colpitts on March 22nd.

10. Barley Hill Endowment Fund

- a) BHEF could not be used to help fund the JR (ZOOM meeting 7/2/21)
- b) PW will contact Su Legg with new date for May meetings after election
- c) Cllr T. Warde-Adlam suggested that the PC should look at the Public Access and embark on a Rights of Way improvement scheme. Footpaths are poorly waymarked, people get lost. Dogs can't get over styles, kissing gates should be considered as alternatives. Cllr C. Johnston to ask if the BHEF grant would cover this. Meanwhile CC Colin Horncastle offered £2,000 from his small schemes grant which must be spent on capital works. Councillors to make a list of routes where improvements are needed.

11. Climate Change

Meeting to be held by Zoom on Wednesday March 31st three teenagers have agreed to join this meeting is also the AGM.

12. Cllr Janeen Smith represents Healey PC at Slaley Commemoration Hall Management

Committee's meetings. Next meeting Wednesday March 17th - committee are still looking for unusual lots to Auction. The Councillors were asked if there was anything in the way of accommodation to auction which would bring in huge amounts of money.

13. AOB

- a) Cllr Johnston emailed 8/2/21 about a blocked roadside ditch between School House and Cronkley Farm entrance – initially reported to address provided by email 20/11/21 = highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk Cllr C Johnston had not heard back. Clerk to provide Glen Harrison contact details.
- b) On-line ZOOM performance of Richard the Third, Friday March 5th at 7.30 p.m. by David Nixon and his team ID and Passcode circulated

14. Dates of 2021 Meetings

May Wednesday May 5th – AGM + Barley Hill Fund Meeting **NEED TO CHANGE BECAUSE OF MAY 6TH ELECTIONS**
September Wednesday September 1st
December Wednesday December 1st - Agree precept