

HEPSCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 July 2014

1. Present

Philip Ashmore (Chair), David Cowans (Vice Chair), Fred Dye, Hollie Ross, Sylvia Johnson (Parish Clerk),

Apologies

Philippa Raper, Ken Reed, Merle Heppell, Glen Sanderson (County Councillor) Ian Lindley (County Councillor)

In attendance

PC Andrea Teasdale, Neighbourhood Beat Manager, Morpeth Neighbourhood Policing Team
Joan Sanderson, Northumberland County Council
Steve Robson, Northumberland County Council

Members of the public attending:

Gillian Dye, Derrick Melia, Norma Melia, Alan Ramsey, Colin Wardle, George Scott.

2. PC Andrea Teasdale

PC Teasdale informed the meeting of flower baskets being stolen from South Terrace, Hepscott. There had also been thefts of a quad bike, strimmers and lawn mowers, further afield. Residents were advised to be vigilant and ensure sheds/garages are locked.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 May

The minutes of the last meeting and the Annual General Meeting were accepted as true records.

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4. Update from County Councillors

There were no County Councillors available for the meeting. A report from Glen Sanderson had been received by the Clerk and was read out at the meeting, the main points were:

- Post 16 transport subsidy cut: When the vote came it was lost 34 to 30 with the Independents voting with the party in power.
- GS has formally written to the Council Director responsible for roads to ask for deployment of the speed camera van at Coalburn/Barmoor and awaits the response.

5. Barratt's Stobhill update/other updates

PA updated the meeting of the Public Inquiry into the planning application to build 400 houses at Stobhill roundabout. The inquiry is due to start on Tuesday 22 July in the Town Hall, Morpeth and he gave details of the timetable.

PA urged as many people as possible to attend as many sessions as possible.

PA thanked Fred Dye and all concerned for the leaflet drop informing residents of the public inquiry.

Other updates (cont'd)

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Loansdean: The meeting was informed that the appeal by Bellway had been upheld giving permission to build 200 houses. Concerns were reiterated that the run off water will go into Hepscott Burn.

Fairmoor: It was stated that land at Fairmoor had originally been allocated as Economic Land, ie, it could be used for business development. However NCC has now stated that they are not opposing an outline planning application by Persimmon to build 250 houses.

6. Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan update

PA reported that progress was being made on draft policies. PA to send email to all HPC's regarding "combined consultation". PA informed that as agreement had not been reached between all the MNP parties on the green belt, it had been decided that in future any issues not agreed upon would be thrashed out by two members from each parish council and from Morpeth Town Council to enable consultation in good time.

7. NCC Core Strategy

Joan Sanderson and Steve Robson from Northumberland County Council kindly attended the meeting to give a presentation on the Northumberland Local Plan and Core Strategy. Hand-outs were given and a good discussion took place. Among issues discussed were population projections, affordable housing, green belt, ongoing work and the next steps. It would be October at the earliest before the draft Core Strategy went out for public consultation. SJ has copies of hand-outs for those not able to attend the meeting. PA thanked Joan and Steve for giving up their time to come to the meeting.

8. Planning Applications

- **3 Fieldhouse Close:** Discussed first due to attendance of applicant, Mr Scott. FD declared a conflict of interest and took no part in discussions.

A new application has been made to demolish the existing house and construct a new dwelling with a detached garage. The applicant, Mr Scott attended the meeting along with his architect. PA stated that HPC had until 28 July to submit their opinion to NCC and did not normally take decisions on planning issues at the regular HPC meeting.

- **Redesdale House:** Planning permission granted – light industrial use only, no operations between 6.00 pm and 8.00 am and none on Sundays.
- **Land West of Stonehaven, Dunces Houses:** Planning permission granted – SJ to obtain decision notice from NCC website. **SJ**
- **8 Crofts Park:** TPO to remove alder tree – SJ to reply to NCC stating no objections. **SJ**
- **16 Thornlea:** Attached garage and orangery - letter sent to NCC stating no objection.
- **Shadfen Park Farm:** Letter sent to NCC stating 2 concerns:
 - Lack of information – the coal mining risk assessment is either blank or only partly legible on the NCC website and there is still no mention of the sewage plans
 - The Coal Authority's mention of a potential risk to the development.

Planning Applications (cont'd)	Action by
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 Crofts Park: Demolition of garage, construction of new two storey house extension, including altering existing two storey annexe, retrospective application for construction of raised patio with masonry enclosing walls: PA asked councillors to undertake a site visit if possible. Response due at NCC by 27 July, comments to SJ by 20 July. 	All HPCs
<p>9. Financial matters:</p>	
<p>The monthly statement of finances had previously been emailed to all HPCs and was approved at the meeting.</p>	
<p>Expenses: PA asked all HPCs that any claims for expenses, ie, ink cartridges, paper, etc, be submitted no later than 3 months after purchase. Only in exceptional circumstances will any receipts submitted later than 3 months be approved.</p>	
<p>10. Website: KR was not available at the meeting but sent information that there had been approximately 25 hits per month lately. It was noted that information on the Community Beat Officer was incorrect on the website - SJ will ensure this is amended. As previously agreed we will discuss whether or not to continue with the website at the September meeting.</p>	SJ
<p>11. Correspondence: The following correspondence has recently been received:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from NCC regarding the Local Transport Plan Programme for 2015-16 asking for our top three highways and transport priority issues. It was agreed these were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide footway/cycleway on A196 Guidepost to Morpeth ○ Provide a footway on C132 at Hepscoth adjacent to the electricity substation ○ Provide a footway on the west side of the C132 from junction of public footpath northwards across the bridge. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from NCC regarding recycling facilities. It was agreed to reply stating we would be happy to put up posters on the Parish Notice Board. SJ to respond. 	SJ
<p>12. Meetings and training attended by Councillors</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA recently attended an NCC meeting at Whalton regarding Improving NCC/Parish Council communications. These are to be held every 6 months at various locations. PA thought we should support these meetings. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first Town/Parish Council/NCC Conference is to be held on 25 September. Information from NCC to follow at a later date. 	

13. Any other business

- **Damage to bus shelters:** The bus shelter at Stobhill roundabout has recently been vandalized, with damage to all four panels; the shelter at the Hepscott turn off on the A192 has one panel broken. SJ obtained two quotes from local companies and it was agreed to instruct A G Rochester, Building Services to undertake repair to both at a cost of £480 in total. SJ to enquire about adding bus shelters to present insurance
- **Litter bin at Om:** HPC will be keeping the litter situation here under observation. MH to inform Mr Khanna.

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16. Date and time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18 September at 6.30 pm – apologies received in advance from MH/PR.

Prepared by Sylvia Johnson, Parish Clerk/RFO, 6 August 2014

Signed as a true copy: