

HEPSCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 May 2020 Meeting held virtually, by Zoom, due to Covid-19 restrictions

- 1. Attended:** Carolyn Reid (Chair), David Cowans (Vice Chair), Philip Ashmore, Fred Dye, Malcolm Paton, Anne Colver, John Sadler, Sylvia Johnson (Clerk)

Declarations of interest: None

Action

- 2. Report from Neighbourhood Policing Team:**

Yolandie Scott, Neighbourhood Policing, submitted the following report:

There have been no reports of COVID-19 breaches in Hepscott village itself however there have been some reports made with regard to some of the 13 Group properties within the Southfields estate. There is also an on-going investigation by the County Council in relation to one of the 13 Group's properties in relation to noise.

There was a report from one of the farmers who has fields at the bottom of Field House Lane in relation to a male driving on the footpath right of way. The male and his vehicle have been identified and a Section 59 warning has been issued in relation to the prohibition of off road driving.

I can confirm that following PCSO Potts being approached by a number of persons in the village reporting the mutilation of deer I can confirm that we only received 1 report for 4 dead deer. All concerns that were brought to the attention of PCSO Potts have been checked and it does appear it has only been 4 deer killed.

There has been a report of a burglary to a property on Clifton Lane where 2 quad bikes have been stolen. There has been an increase in this type of crime in particular where ATV's, small plant and tools have been stolen throughout the force so we would request that residents are vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles and/or persons and ensure machinery and quad bikes are kept out of sight and secure.

In relation the 4x4 type vehicle on the footpath at the end of field house lane towards the water works if there are any vehicles including 4x4, quad bikes and motorcycles seen in this location this should be reported via 101, online portal or the text number and if it is possible to obtain photos or vehicle details this would be appreciated as at present this is a well-used path and I don't wish there to be any incidents as a result of this inconsiderate behaviour.

- 3. Update from County Councillors:**

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions there were no County Councillors in attendance.

- 4. Minutes of the meeting of 19 March 2020 and matters arising:**

4.1 The notes from 19 March 2020 were put together from emails and telephone conversations as we were unable to hold the meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions. The notes had been circulated to councillors, agreed by all and published on the website.

4.2 Matters arising from the minutes (not covered in agenda items): There were no matters arising from the notes.

5. Planning:

5.1 Planning Application updates: (A detailed schedule of all recent planning applications is attached to these minutes - Addendum 1)

- **Land south west of Barmoor Farm:** Refused by NCC but now appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. No further information.
- **Westfield, Hepscott:** Refused by NCC but now appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. No further information.
- **Four Winds:** Granted planning permission.
- **Greenfield House:** 2nd application made for demolition of 1 dwelling and replacement with 3 dwellings including access - PA had contacted R Soulsby, Case Officer, regarding this and the work that was being done to the existing dwelling. He was passed on to J Turner, Enforcement Officer who is to visit the property on Monday 25 May.
- **Land West Of Field House Hepscott Northumberland:** Change of use of existing agricultural buildings and land to residential including conversion to 5 dwellings (as amended 29.01.2020) – registered, no further information.
- **12 Crofts Park, Hepscott:** Granted planning permission.
- **9 Crofts Park, Hepscott (not shown on agenda):** CR recently contacted Joe Turner at NCC Planning Department before lockdown regarding issues with a historical planning application. CR has written again to Mr Turner who is to look into the issue.

5.2 NCC Local Plan latest information: No further information.

6. Flood Sub Group:

A report of the last Flood Group meeting is attached to these minutes as Addendum 2

7. Financial Matters:

- 7.1 Monthly financial statements had been circulated to Councillors with the agenda and were approved. All items over £100.00 were approved.
- 7.2 JS asked if HPC would be prepared to pay for items needed in Southfields, ie, notice board, rubbish bins, dog litter bins, etc. JS will prepare a list of items for consideration.

JS

8. Community Governance Review (Proposed Parish Boundary Changes)

The Governance Review was due to be considered by NCC Full Council on 6 May, but this meeting was postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. At the time of the 21 May HPC meeting information from NCC was that the Full Council would not be meeting until September and that is the earliest that the Governance Review could be considered by them.

9. South Fields/Stobhill Manor update:

As reported by PC Yolandie Scott, there has been more anti-social behaviour in the estate.

JS reported that building work had resumed last week; however there is a physical barrier between the building site and the occupied houses to comply with Covid-19 regulations.

The perimeter hedges on the estate have been tidied up by Barratt Homes.

10. Speeding and Parking issues:

Community Speedwatch has been stood down on instructions of Northumbria Police during the Covid-19 pandemic.

11. Hepscott Parish Hall Committee:

The Hall is currently closed apart from 2 hours on a Monday morning when books and jigsaws are laid out on tables with a one way route and 2 metre marks to distance people. People pick up a leaflet with guidance at the front door and leave by the back door. 6-10 people have attended on the 2 occasions it has been tried.

12. Correspondence/Meetings and training attended:

A further letter had been received from a resident in South Fields; however, as before there was no address so it was not possible to respond. We will try to find a way in which to ascertain the address to enable us to respond.

13. Any other business:

It was reported that the land belonging to HPC at South Lodge Wood is being used by residents to dump garden waste, etc. It was agreed that a notice should be put up stating it is private land and fly tipping is not allowed.

SJ to chase up Nick the gardener for his quote to tidy up an area of bushes in the village.

SJ

SJ will contact the Archives at Woodhorn Colliery Museum to find out about storage of old planning applications/etc.

SJ

DC mentioned that he had been contacted before lockdown by someone collecting stories about the village. If anyone knows of anyone who could help please let David know.

DC

DC stated that the car park drain needs cleaning and the grid needs adjusting. DC will arrange for this to be done and get an invoice to enable SJ to make payment.

DC

Playpark – Once lockdown is over SJ will ask Andy Rochester if he could do some remedial work. We may need a couple of volunteers to walk him around the work to be done.

SJ

14. Date and Time of next Meeting

The next meeting of HPC will be held on Thursday 16 July in the Parish Hall, at 6.30 pm, unless otherwise notified.

Minutes taken and prepared by:
Sylvia Johnson, Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Signed as a true copy:

ADDENDUM 1

Details of planning applications discussed at the meeting of Hepscott Parish Council on Thursday 21 May 2020

- Land south west of Barmoor Farm, Barmoor, Hepscott - Outline permission for the demolition of an existing garage and erection of a single residential unit
Ref: 18/03873/OUT – Application refused by NCC – now appealed to Secretary of State
- Westfield, Hepscott - Proposed new single-storey dwelling adjacent to Westfield, Hepscott
Ref: 18/04418/FUL – Application refused by NCC - now appealed to Secretary of State
- Greenfield House, Hepscott – Demolition of 1 dwelling and replacement with 3 dwellings including access (2nd application)
Ref: 20/00385/OUT – Registered
- Four Winds, Hepscott – Demolition of existing bungalow to create 2 private dwellings, retaining existing access and internal driveway together with retention of all trees and hedges to external boundaries
19/03670/FUL – Application permitted
- Land West Of Field House Hepscott Northumberland - Change of use of existing agricultural buildings and land to residential including conversion to 5 dwellings (as amended 29.01.2020)
19/03789/FUL – Registered
- 12 Crofts Park, Hepscott - Demolition of existing kitchen, utility and conservatory and construction of a new single storey extension comprising open plan living/kitchen and utility with associated landscaping
20/00232/FUL – Application permitted

ADDENDUM 2

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FLOOD SUB GROUP REPORT - 21st May 2020

1. Meetings - there have been no meetings since the lockdown began in March 2020.
2. Meeting with Joint Study Group 6th March - the following was presented and discussed:
 - a. Computer flood modelling
 - b. Flood mapping

Validation of the model needs to be confirmed based on the information and photographs provided by the flood group for the 2008 floods. There were some issues with the model that did not reflect the actual 2008 event. NCC has now undertaken an additional topographical survey at the entrance to Crofts Park to identify why the model is not currently reflective of the flood issues experienced in 2008.

- c. No progress had been made with possible solutions.
 - d. A future meeting will need to be organised, possibly on Zoom, I'll write to NCC about that.
 - e. The business case for a scheme will need to be presented to the EA by the end of the next Financial Year i.e. March 2021
3. Other Issues:
 - a. An earth bund has been formed in the farmer's field at the rear of No 9 Crofts Park; this has been reported to NCC. The concern is that this may increase the risk of flooding in some areas. NCC is to carry out a survey to determine the effect of the work.
 - b. Proposals for the Culverts running through the Orchard and Crofts Park.
 - c. Redhouse burn holding ponds interconnection.
 - d. Barratts SUDS management and holding pond.
 - e. Bellway SUDS management and holding pond.
 - f. Gully cleansing and road sweeping to stop gullies being blocked.
 - g. Flood defence inspections.
4. Hepscott Flood Wardens and the Hepscott Community Flood Plan:
 - a. A revised flood plan has been tabled.
 - b. Newsletter is to be issued to keep flood wardens in the loop.