

# NEWBROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019

04-11-01 **Present** Cllrs MW Gibson (Chair), J Annan, MD Newson, and HA Walton  
**Also Present:** Clerk, R Macfarlane, Cllr RM Gibson and four members of the public.

04-11-02 **Apologies** Cllrs AR Smith and IS Hunter

04-11-03 **Declaration of Interest** None

04-11-04 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Newbrough Parish Council, which was held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019, were approved by the Council then signed by the Chairman.

04-11-05 **Matters Arising**

None

04-11-06 **Public First Focus**

The open forum with members of the public discussed climate change, drainage issues and road safety on B6319 and the Stanegate.

04-11-07 **Communications**

The following correspondence has been received: Fourstones Methodist Chapel, Great North Ambulance, Tynedale Hospice, Newbrough Town Hall, PCC, Sport Tynedale, Sick Children's Trust, CAN Newsletter, Nalc e-news & CPRE newsletter . **what3words app** what3words is a really simple way to talk about location. Throughout the world 3m squares have been allocated a unique 3-word address that will never change and may even save a life. For example ///arranged.hazy.item marks the exact position of the defibrillator at the Boatside Inn and ///wisely.radiates.balloons will find you the 3m square in which the Red Lion defibrillator is situated. These 3-word addresses are easy to say and share, and are as accurate as GPS coordinates.

04-11-08 **Newbrough Burn and Home Farm Issues.**

Cllr Newson, the Clerk and Graeme Dean NCC Streetworks, met on 20<sup>th</sup> October at the entrance to Home Farm and were joined by a number of residents.

A number of issues were discussed with the following conclusions.

- 1) NCC Highways will consider urgent repairs against the wall where the road was disturbed by recent excavation;
- 2) NCC Highways would seek further clarification about impact of heavy traffic on the function of Home Farm's septic tank;
- 3) Parish Council could press for new safety signing across the Burn bridge, e.g. the red and black arrow system for priority.

## 04-11-09 **Roads**

### **Local Transport Plan Programme 2020-2021**

The Council is requested to identify top three priorities to include in the Northumberland County Council draft programme.

- **Speed Limits and Safety Initiatives**

Several members of the public from Fourstones and Newbrough have attended recent Council meetings and have indicated their concerns about road safety issues. County Council Highways were requested to monitor traffic through Fourstones and Newbrough on the Stanegate. The Ward County Councillor met with NCC Safety Officer and outlined some proposals via the Stanegate newsletter. Responding to the reaction of residents Newbrough Council will support these safety measures which will include 20 mph signs, repeater signs and rumble strips.

### **Newbrough Bridge**

With appropriate signage make it a priority for vehicles leaving Newbrough across Newbrough Bridge.

## 04-11-10 **Reports**

### **Northumberland County Council**

Cllr RM Gibson gave a verbal report on NCC activities.

### **Sportsfield Association**

Cllr Walton provided the Council with an up-date.

### **Fireworks Display**

This was yet another very successful and enjoyable Guy Fawkes event organised by the Red Lion and enjoyed by all. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council expressed his thanks and congratulation to all those who contributed to the occasion especially Andy and Sue.

### **Armistice Sunday and Purdah**

The existing rules concerning Purdah were set out in legislation passed in 2000. Remembrance Sunday was formally established in 1946, adding to the 11<sup>th</sup> November Armistice Day commemorations. As we have not had a November/December General Election in the 73 years since, there is no precedent to which to refer. Following a recent exchange on the subject in Parliament – it is clear that no decision has been made centrally and those planning events will have to make a decision locally.

### **Armistice Commemoration**

Cllr Bell will lay the wreath on behalf of Newbrough Parish Council.

### **Town Hall**

The Town Hall Management Committee is aiming to attract passing cyclists, walkers and perhaps some motorists on the basis of offering tea, coffee and cakes on a number of mornings per month, more so in the months with finer weather. Local residents would also be most welcome. To accomplish this the Committee wishes to enhance the courtyard facilities at the Hall as currently the area is somewhat bleak and unwelcoming. If funds permit, purchase two 8-seater circular picnic tables, two bike stands [each for 5 bikes, and four timber planters.

## 04-11-11 **Planning**

## **NCC Planning Applications**

- Thistledene Cottage Stanegate Newbrough Hexham Northumberland NE47 5BG  
Ref. No: 19/00984/FUL Granted permission 24<sup>th</sup> July.

### 04-11-12 **Climate Action in Newbrough**

There is a growing body of belief that we are in a Climate Emergency. After the Council's initiative and an article in the Stanegate, a number of residents have indicated that they are prepared to rise to the climate challenge and aim to kickstart a Climate Action group in the community.

Climate Action Newbrough will seek support from Friends of the Earth, to develop and deliver the solutions to climate change that work for our community. Laura Waugh has volunteered to help coordinate an inaugural meeting. A "SWOT" analysis to guide proposals was approved by the Council and it was agreed that Cllr Newson would attend meetings as the Council's representative.

### 04-11-13 **Finances**

**Payments Approved** Expenses £27.64 (no vat), OneandOne Website £19.32, Grass Cutting S Davies Inv 01 4<sup>th</sup> Cut £106

**Grant Aid** Town Hall £700, Newbrough & Warden PCC £950 and Sport Tynedale £50

**Section 137 payments** CAN £50, GNAA £250, Methodist Chapel £300, Tynedale Hospice at Home £100, Sick Children's Trust £160 (£60 Internal Audit fee) and Remembrance Wreath and RBL Poppy Appeal £100 and CORE Music £50

**Assets** Council Assets are £14,588.

### 04-11-14 **Budget and Precept**

#### **Local Government Finance Act 1992: Parish Precepts and Council Tax 2020-21**

The Budget was approved and it was RESOLVED that the Precept requirement will be £10,000. At the start of this financial year the Council had reserves of £16,630. It is expected that the budget will be underspent by about £1,100 so at the end of this year the Council will have approximately £17,700 in reserves. This is due to grant aid for the Sportsfield Association and the conclusion of the bus shelter project are unlikely to happen. Two large projects are planned, the War Memorial (Centennial Commemoration) and St Peter's Path. The Council will apply for grant aid for major expenditure.

### 04-11-15 **Date and Time of Next Meeting** - 7.00 pm, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The Meeting was closed at 8.55pm.