

Minutes of the Holy Island Parish Council Meeting held on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6.00 pm in the Crossman Hall.

- 1016 Present. Councillors: K. Johnson. Vice Chair  
K. Anderson  
D. Graham  
K. Ward  
J. Hewitt
- 1017 Present. J.A. Bevan – Clerk.  
Sarah Wilmot. AONB Officer Historic & Built Environment.  
Jen Hall. Vice-Chair Beadnell Parish Council.  
AONB Partnership’s Northern Parishes Rep.
- 1018 Apologies. None.
- 1019 New Councillors. J. Bevan chairing the meeting welcomed Karen Ward and Jonathan Hewitt as the newly co-opted councillors replacing Robert Coombes and Jonny Gray who had resigned from the Council since the last meeting.
- 1020 Declarations of Interest.  
K. Johnson. Member of HI 2050. Coastguard Volunteer  
K. Anderson. Member of HI 2050. Member of the Labour Party.  
D. Graham None  
K. Ward. Employee of Holy Island School. Member of GMB Union.  
J. Hewitt None  
J. Bevan. Member of HI 2050. Representative on HI Development Trust. Trustee of the Reading Room.
- 1021 AONB Sarah Wilmot of AONB explained that a Character Appraisal was being prepared for Holy Island and a draft would be sent to us soon. In notes provided to the Clerk she states *Conservation Areas are designated under the 1990 Listed Building and Conservation Act to ensure ‘areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance’.* *The 1990 Act places duty on the Local Authority to regularly appraise Conservation Areas. Conservation Area Appraisals set out what is special about a place and how to best manage change within it. An appraisal will contain background to the designation; summary of special significance; historic development; analysis of character – architectural detailing, materials, view; management recommendations; and a list of non-designated heritage assets that contribute to the Conservation Area.* Any such appraisal will have a big influence on HIPC Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1022 Public Question Time.

There were no questions from the public

- 1023 Minutes.  
The minutes of the last meeting previously circulated were approved. Proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Graham
- 1024 Neighbourhood Plan.  
Councillor Graham said that following the most recent meeting with Sarah Brannigan (NCC) He would revise the document already distributed and ask for councillor feedback before the next meeting later this month or early November. The Clerk said a new email had been received that afternoon from SB which he would circulate to Councillors
- 1025 AONB Meeting October 5<sup>th</sup>  
Councillor Anderson and the Clerk reported on the very encouraging meeting they had attended yesterday with Iain Robson and Sarah Winlow of AONB also attended by Liz Gray from VisitNorthumberland and Lynda Sage on behalf of HI2050. It had been agreed that AONB and HI2050 would work in partnership to set up a full consultation on future traffic and tourist management for the Island and that this would not be limited to addressing the immediate problems but would be seeking wider holistic solutions that would be a 'beacon' to other communities facing similar problems. The first step is to obtain funding for the consultation which AONB will apply for after further discussions with HI2050 about the wording of the aims and purposes of the consultation. If successful the consultation would take place during 2024.
- 1026 Market Place Trees.  
After discussion it was agreed that Alan Pepper should be employed to *Crown reduce and shape the two Sycamore Trees to where they were before*. The Cherry tree to be left for the moment. This being conditional on Mr Pepper holding the price for the Cherry tree for a reasonable period. The work to be done in February/March. The Clerk to apply for the necessary Planning Consent. Proposed by Councillor Graham. Seconded by Councillor Anderson.
- 1027 Planning Applications.  
No news on Bamburgh View or Atholl Bose. JH queried inclusion of external bin storage in 'existing site' in the Bamburgh View application. The Clerk to raise with NCC.  
There were no objections raised to the application from Next Door for replacement Wooden windows.
- 1028 Parking Survey.  
Results to be publicised but with covering notes on purpose of the survey and its part of future discussions on traffic management.
- 1029 HI 2050 update.  
The Clerk reported that funding had been applied for and was awaiting decisions. Discussions were ongoing on whether to apply for full Charity Status in view of the overlap of some charitable aims with those of the Development Trust. The nature of the relationship with the Trust which, along with the Parish Council and St Mary's Church is a founder member of 2050, also needs to be clarified.
- 1030 Bridge Priority Notice

No progress. The Clerk to copy all relevant emails to Colin Hardy and to discuss the problem with him.

1031 Defibrillator Case.

This has now arrived and the Clerk will discuss with Sue Massey arrangements for an electrician to fit it.

1032 Finance.

The clerk reported that the bank balance on October 6<sup>th</sup> was £18438.92

1033 Any other business.

None

Meeting closed at 7.33pm.

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