

Minutes of the Holy Island Parish Council Meeting
Held on March 22nd 2024 at 6.00pm at Crossman Hall.

1058 Present. Councillors: J Hewitt (JH)_(Chair)
K Anderson (KA)
K Ward (KW)
D Graham (DG)

1059 Present L Scott-Anderson, Clerk (LSA)
J Bevan (JB)
1 Member of the public

1060 Apologies K Johnson (KJ)

1061 Declarations of interest

K Anderson	Member of HI 2050. Member of the Labour Party. Director of Puckester Ltd, supplier to NCC.
D Graham	None.
K Ward	Employee of Holy Island school. Member of GMB Union.
J Hewitt	None.
L Scott-Anderson	None.

1062 **Public Question Time**

JB raised he was at 2050 meeting earlier this week. JB has said all correspondence from these meeting should be emailed to HIPC email address and LSA will file.
Grant money is now coming through, however, this has to go through a 16- week procurement process. Looks like there will be money available for smaller things which the village needs. They are asking for suggestions. JB mentioned, as a suggestion, the cast iron signposts for the Castle and Priory could be something monies could be used for. Parish Council should think about any other small items which would improve the village.

A visitor who has been coming to the Island for 51 years was present at the meeting. His question was the erosion of shore line. It was explained that this was not erosion as such but more the winter storm damage such as sea weed and rocks which were thrown up onto the beach.

1063 **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting previously circulated were approved.

Proposed by K Ward. Seconded by K Anderson.

1064 **Visitor Management Strategy**

[KAW](#) gave update, the transport funding has been agreed but this is going to be a long process. The hope is visitor management will be done by same people as transport and travel and will hopefully be linked together. [KAW](#) will update all Councillors as she gets anything through.

Tourism Management group are organising a meeting with local businesses so that villagers are aware of what is happening. [KAW](#) would like to get something on paper and circulate so it involves everyone. Process delay has not helped but things are happening now. DG asked for time scale on this. [KAW](#) explained the 16- week procurement process so would be looking at July for a start date. [KAW](#) will continue liaising with Linda and report back.

1064 **Electric car charging points**

[KAW](#) was asked if Parish Council would support a resident in challenging an application in order for them to have a car charging facility at home. DG suggests we have a policy and we should support. The house this matter refers to is privately owned. JH suggests we give moral support. Resident is asking if Parish Council could write to Bernicia to ask them to come out and have a look at the communal ground. It was agreed we should give this support. [KAW](#) will draft a letter to LSA to circulate.

1065 **Private vehicle damage at Crooked Lonnen**

[KAW](#) stated there has been a lot of damage to vehicles in this area. The ground is churned up with the wet weather. JH asked whether we could put signs up to explain 'no through road' and also a sign to explain you cannot get to the castle this way. JH asked if this could be a suggestion for the 2050 improvement of village funds.

1066 **Parking on Sandham Lane**

[KAW](#) explained that in wet weather the ground here is very bad. The plan was to put big rocks along the lane. This still needs to be done and if we accessed funding for the signs, then this would solve the issue. JH suggests we send a note around pulling ideas for 2050 small funding pot. LSA to circulate a request for ideas.

1067 **Cashflow forecast for 2024**

JH circulated a print out and suggested that we discuss this in full at our May meeting. JB suggested we look to have £10k as a reserve balance. DG asked what the £95 charge for website included. KW mentioned car parking cost would change, there is around 6 years left on this lease. Possible additional council tax may come to parish council though this is unknown. This item will be on the May meeting agenda.

1068 **War Memorial**

JH explained that the War Memorial was slightly unsteady and the grouting has come away. We have had the firm who installed the war memorial out to re-grout this. They have said that the war memorial is unsteady and it needs a structural engineer to come out to look.

This is development trust land. JH asked if we should get a quote from a structural engineer. This was agreed. Proposed by KW and seconded by DG.

1069 **Parish Council communications**

JH suggested that we have a Facebook page for HIPC. This was agreed and DG said he would set this up.

JH suggested that we always try and put something together for the village newsletter. For Monday next week, JH will put something together which will include Sandham Lane, Crooked Lonnen, The Mine and tree trimming.

1070 **Planning applications**

~~Ato~~lGrove Atholl Bose – A response has been received back from planning. Agreed that HIPC will reply enquiring if NCC will add a constraint requiring planning permission if the house is ever split into more than one dwelling.

National Trust shop – they have asked to put a large shed in back garden. It was agreed by all councillors they see no issue with this.

Pod – HIPC has emailed enforcement team. Response back today said that the resident is going to apply for planning permission. HIPC will review the planning application when it is submitted however if it reflects the current installation then HIPC would object to the application.

Old Post office- KW asked about this, DG explained this has been put back to 'original' state.

1071 AOB

Neighbourhood plan

DG is awaiting a reply on this, but has submitted a report. DG thinks it is important to ensure everyone is aware of what is going on, key relationships etc. 2050, development trust, etc etc.

Development Trust

JH said in April / May we will get a letter to ask for nominations for the development trust. JH is happy to be nominated. We will also need someone else.

HIPC Standing Orders

JH was given a copy from JB HIPC standing orders, JH suggests that he will go through these, update and circulate. DG will set up google drive in order for us to share docs and all can update etc.

1072 It was agreed that LSA would communicate by email with the councillors to confirm the date of the next meeting, which will be held in Crossman Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1931.

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