

SANDHOE PARISH COUNCIL

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I hereby give notice that the next meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 26 March 2014 at 7.00 pm in Beaufront County First School, Sandhoe, Hexham.

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend.



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1. The Council will discuss with residents any concerns they may wish to discuss.
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of interest.
4. The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 16th October 2013.
5. Any matters arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 16th October 2013.
6. To consider to co-opt a Councillor to the Council to fill the current vacancy.
7. Planning matters.
8. Financial matters.
 - (a) Payments.
 - (b) To confirm precept for 2014/15
 - (c) Grant applications:
 - (i) St. John Lee Churchyard, (ii) Tynedale Hospice at Home
9. Community involvement in projects discussed at previous meeting.
10. Correspondence.
11. Any urgent business allowed by the Chairman.
12. Date of next meeting.

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The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 16th October 2013 at 7.00 pm in Beaufront County First School, Sandhoe.

Present

Councillor M Baxter, Mrs B Younger, J Middleton, A Rashed

Also Present

Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council
P Rodger, Resident of the Parish

Apologies

County Councillor Mrs J B Fearon

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **Declaration of Office of Councillor**

The Declaration of Office for Councillor M Baxter was received in the presence of the Clerk of the Council which was duly signed.

2. **Acceptance of Office of Council Chairman 2013/14**

The Acceptance of Office of Council Chairman was made by Councillor M Baxter in the presence of the Clerk of the Council and duly signed.

3. **The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 26th June 2013**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 26th June 2013 were agreed as a correct record, proposed by Councillor B Younger and seconded by Councillor J Middleton and duly signed as a correct record.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 26th June 2013**

Ref. 9 (b) Supply of Grit

NCC are to be asked again to supply grit piles on Oakwood Bank in preparation should we have bad weather.

Ref. 9 (c) Speeding – Oakwood Bank – Beaufront First School

NCC have not responded to the Council's request to look at the Council's request for consideration of having 30 mph speed limits imposed on this area. The speeding traffic is increasing and there is great concern for the safety of the children attending Beaufront First School. Also the Council asked NCC to consider imposing 20 mph between the two school signs, one to the west and one to the east. The Clerk will write to NCC on this matter.

5. **Council Vacancy**

It was agreed that anyone wishing to be considered to be co-opted onto the Council should provide a short CV for the next meeting of the Council so that Councillors have some information to hand when considering making an appointment to the Council.

6. **Planning Matters**

a) **Applications**

Ref. 13/02902/FUL
Chris Fewster

Extension of existing self storage facility and the siting of temporary storage containers to form a self storage facility.

Land south of Lamorna French, Garden Industrial Estate, Hexham.

The Council had no objections.

b) **Decisions**

i) Ref. 13/02218/HEGRMN
David Dixon

Hedgerow removal notice.
Remove hedge to provide better access to field.
Hedging to east of sewage works, Bridge End, Hexham.

Granted permission 04/09/13.

ii) Ref. 13/01252/VARYCO
Hallwick Energy and DJ Esq Recycling

Variation to Condition 2 (approved plans) from planning approval 12/03803/RENE

Land south east of water treatment works, Bridge End, Hexham.

Granted permission 20/09/13.

c) Other Planning Matters

Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Appeal under Section 78.

Proposal – demolition of existing Institute Hall and erection of one new dwelling.

Location – former Beaufront and Anick Womens' Institute, Anick, Hexham.

Applicant – Mr J Peel

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of NCC on the grounds of appeal against refusal.

The appeal will be determined on the basis of written representation.

The Council's comments in regards to the planning application will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate.

P Rodger, a local resident, informed the meeting that members of the community would be forwarding further objections.

7. Financial Matters

a) Audit 2012-13

The annual audit is now completed by BDO for 2012-13. The annual statement of accounts for 2012-13 were agreed by Council, proposed by Councillor J Middleton and seconded by Councillor Mrs B Younger.

b) Annual Governance Statement 2012-13

The Council agreed the Annual Governance Statement for 2012-13 as verified by BDO. This was proposed by Councillor Mrs B Laidlow and seconded by Councillor J Middleton.

c) Payments

02/07/13	HMRC	£144.50
02/07/13	W C Grigg Salary	£192.00
02/08/13	W C Grigg Salary	£192.00
02/09/13	W C Grigg Salary	£192.00
02/10/13	W C Grigg Salary	£192.00
16/10/13	NCC (rent)	£ 20.00
16/10/13	NALC (fees)	£ 89.07
16/10/13	Postages/stationery	£ 10.00
16/10/13	J Robinson (printing)	£ 7.20
16/10/13	Beaufront fruit & vegetable assoc	£ 30.00

d) Income

31/07/13	VAT refund	£134.42
12/09/13	Half year precept	£2898.00

e) Balance of Accounts

Bank balance (statement no. 208) 27/09/13 £5566.60

8. Local Transport Plan

It was agreed NCC would be asked to consider speed restrictions on Oakwood Bank to Beaufront First School. There is a large amount of speeding traffic at certain times of the day and the Council is concerned for the safety of the children at school and local residents.

9. Any business allowed by the Chairman

- a) NCC are to be asked to contact the owners of Oakwood Cottage and Greystones requesting that the hedges at the property are cut back.
- b) NCC are to be asked to repair potholes on Oakwood Bank and in Anick.
- c) Councillor A Rashed asked if Beaufront County First School play/sports area could be used for community use. If so it may be possible to find funding for equipment and he reported that the goalposts were in need of replacement. Councillor Rashed agreed to speak to the headteacher of the school in regards to the use of the play/sports area by the community.
- d) Councillor Rashed would also speak to the headteacher at school in regards to the use of the school for community events, e.g. film evenings etc. He would report back to the next meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

A provisional date of the 15th January 2014 was agreed providing the Clerk was well enough to take the meeting, depending on his dates for surgery. Otherwise the Clerk would arrange a date as soon as possible following his recovery.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.