

BRANXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 In Branxton Village Hall at 7pm

PRESENT: Vice-Chairman N Wood (in the Chair)
Parish Councillor A Darbyshire & S Rudge
County Councillor M Mather
Clerk I Hunter
4 members of the public

Parish Councillor A Darbyshire proposed & Parish Councillor S Rudge seconded Vice-Chairman N Wood to Chair the meeting.

Vice-Chairman N Wood took the Chair and opened the meeting.

Public Question Time: A member of the public asked if the Parish Council could consider applying to Barmoor Wind Farm for funding to purchase at least 1 hand grit spreader and or 1 towing grit spreader. Parish Councillors agreed to make investigations.

A member of the public raised concerns about the abandoned vehicle in Branxton village. County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting he still looking into finding a resolution to get the vehicle removed.

A member of the raised concerns about vegetation overhanging the footpath in Branxton village. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk send a letter to each property asking them to organise the cutting back of the vegetation, and if this is not successful then ask County Councillor M Mather to raise the issue with Northumberland County Council.

Community Police – The Clerk read out the following report:

Nothing to report this month. No crimes in the area and nothing which would raise community tension or vulnerabilities.

Min 608- Election of Chairman for the remainder of 2022/23- The Vice-Chairman had already agreed to chair the March Parish Council meeting.

Apologies for Absence: None.

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th January 2023 previously circulated were agreed as a true record, the Chair to sign a hard copy.

Any urgent matters arising from the minutes if not already on the agenda- None

Min 609- County Councillor report- County Councillor M Mather gave the following verbal updates:

The Local Area Councils are wishing to re-engage with members of the public and Parish Councils.

This area has not submitted many applications to Northumberland County Council Community Chest, so please consider submitting applications.

There is a £50,000 Northumberland County Council King's Coronation fund, there is a maximum of £500 per application. I will provide a letter of support if required as part of the application.

There had been a meeting in Wooler recently to look at increasing tourism for the whole area, it is hoped that Northumberland County Council will run the project, the staff cover will be ½ a day per week.

Parish Councillors raised concerns that the potholes were filled on the road past Branxton Buildings using the old method, which meant there was grit on the road within days. County Councillor M Mather stated he still hoped that the potholes in North Northumberland will eventually be filled using the new method of cut out and replace, however, in the meantime he encouraged everybody to report potholes on the Northumberland County Council website.

Min 610- Financial Statement-

- Bank of Scotland Account £ 862.66 Includes £148.88 for defibrillator.

Min 611- Accounts for Payment –

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| • E I Hunter | £ 68.53 | Clerk's Salary 6.75 hours @ £12.70 per hr |
| • HMRC | £ 17.20 | PAYE |
| • E I Hunter | £ 48.00 | Annual website fee |

Min 612- Correspondence

- **Belford PC-** Invite to send a letter from North Northumberland Parish Councils in relation to dualling the A1. Parish Councillors had already agreed to support a letter.

Min 613- Defibrillator- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk confirm the purchase date and costs involved before deciding to organise a fundraising event to top up the defibrillator funds.

Parish Councillors agreed to hold a defibrillator/first aid training session in Branxton Village Hall on 15th May at 7pm, refreshments will be supplied, and any donations received will be allocated to the defibrillator funds.

Min 614- Annual Audit 2022/23- Parish Councillors agreed the appointment of Mr E Rathbone as the Internal Auditor for the 2022/23 Parish Council accounts.

Parish Councillors undertook the Annual review of the Asset Register and agreed it was up to date.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Min 615- Planning Application-

23/00753/FUL-Proposed Construction of Detached 1 1/2 Storey Dwelling House
(Self/Custom Build) and detached garage-Tyane Cottage Branxton
Cornhill-On-Tweed Northumberland TD12 4SW.

Parish Councillors agreed to submit no objections to this application.

The Annual Parish & Parish Council meetings will be held on 9th May 2023 at 7.00 p.m.
in Branxton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Chairman_____