

BRANXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 In Branxton Village Hall at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman I MacGregor, Vice-Chairman N Wood
Parish Councillor R Clark
Clerk I Hunter
6 Members of the public

Public Question Time- A member of the public raised concerns about the state of the pavement with Branxton village especially from Balmoral to Strathyre, stating people are having to walk on the road. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk pass the issue onto County Councillor M Mather.

A member of the public raised concerns about vegetation overhanging the pavement and, in some places, even onto the road, on both sides of the road through Branxton village. Again, Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk pass the issue onto County Councillor M Mather.

The Chairman advised the meeting that he had received the following written question from a member of the public:

Approximately 6 weeks ago a memorial to my dogs, discreetly placed on the battle trail at the top of the oaks track, was vandalised. The memorial has been there for at least 5 years, and asking if anybody had any information, please contact him. Everybody present agreed they did not have any information.

Community Police – The Clerk read out the following update
2 x concern for safety – all in order

Apologies for Absence: County Councillor M Mather

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

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

Min 524- Parish Councillor Vacancies- Parish Councillors considered the requests received from Mark Symonds & Alison Darbyshire to become Parish Councillors.

Parish Councillors agreed as there are currently 2 vacancies on the Parish Council to co-opt both candidates as Parish Councillors.
The Clerk to invite Mark Symonds & Alison Darbyshire to attend the December Parish Council meeting to sign the paperwork and become Parish Councillors at that point.

Min 525- Financial Statement-

- Bank of Scotland Account £1416.64

Min 526- Accounts for Payment –

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| • E I Hunter | £ 134.86 | Clerk's Salary 13.5 hours @ £12.48 per hour |
| • HMRC | £ 33.80 | PAYE |
| • Branxton V Hall | £ 50.00 | Annual rent |

Min 527- Planning Applications- Parish Councillors ratified the submission of No Objections to the following planning applications

21/01029/FUL-Proposed shed in the front garden for hobby room/workshop- Braeside Branxton Cornhill-On-Tweed Northumberland TD12 4SW

21/02344/FUL- Rear elevation conservatory- Church View Branxton Cornhill-On-Tweed Northumberland TD12 4SN

Parish Councillors agreed to consider the following planning application via email

21/02708/FUL- Conversion and change of use of existing farm buildings to create single dwelling together with revised access- Flodden Croft Milfield Cornhill-On-Tweed Northumberland TD12 4QG

Min 528- Planning Approval

21/01029/FUL-Proposed shed in the front garden for hobby room/workshop- Braeside Branxton Cornhill-On-Tweed Northumberland TD12 4SW

Min 529- Annual Insurance Premium- Parish Councillors agreed to agree the 2021/22 Insurance premium via e-mail and ratify the decision at the December meeting

Min 530- Conclusion of Annual Audit 2020/21 The Clerk informed the meeting that as no questions have been raised by residents' the Annual Audit for 2020/21 is now concluded.
The Clerk also, reported that the Annual Accounts for 2020/21 are now approved.
Parish Councillors agreed the Annual Audit for 2020/21 is now concluded.

Min 531- Defibrillator- The Chairman reported that the door of the defibrillator has rusted and needs to be replaced. Parish Councillors agreed to the purchase of a replacement door at the cost of £80 +VAT.

The Chairman reported that the pads and ChargePak will be out of date by November so need to be replaced. Parish Councillors agreed to the purchase of 2 sets of pads and a ChargePak at the cost of £99 + VAT.

Finally, the Chairman advised the meeting that there will be ongoing maintenance costs for the defibrillator stating there are 2 possible options for raising funds:

- Raise the precept
- Hold coffee mornings.

Parish Councillors agreed the Parish Council to hold a coffee morning/afternoon tea, and any funds raised will be ringfenced for the defibrillator. The Chairman to contact Crookham Village Hall representatives for advice.

Min 532- Local Issues- The Chairman reported that Ford & Etal Estates have installed additional litter bins in the car park, Northumberland County Council are emptying them, so the situation has improved.

Min 533- Correspondence

- **Branxton Recreational Club-** Email thanks for donation
- **NCC-** Invite for Parish Councillors to meet with a Cabinet member- Parish Councillors agreed to invite the Leader of Northumberland County Council to meet with Parish Councillors.
- **NCC-** Transport North East Stakeholder Forum
- **NCC-** Climate Emergency Declaration
- **NCC-** Free tree giveaway. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk apply for a rowan tree on behalf of the Parish Council.
- **NCC-** Planning Validation Checklist Consultation

Min 534- Local Transport Plan- Parish Councillors considered the feedback from Northumberland County Council regarding the Parish Council's 2021/22- 3 priorities.

Parish Councillors agreed the following 3 Parish Council priorities for the Local Transport Plan for 2022/23

1. The resurfacing of the east side pavements within Branxton village.
2. Resurfacing of the road from Branxton Church to Branxton Building cottages.
3. The re-instatement of the bus service through Branxton village. Parish Councillors agreed the lack of a bus service has an impact on the mental health of residents who are unable to drive.
Parish Councillors also, asked the Clerk to find out when the service had been withdrawn from the village.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 7th December 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in Branxton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.38 p.m.

Chairman_____

Ch's Initials_____