

# AMBLE TOWN COUNCIL – APRIL 2015

The Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 6.30pm in the Conference Room, Fourways 2, 6 Dilston Terrace, Amble.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs C Weir (Chair), R Arckless, J Dargue, I Hinson H Lewis, K Morrison, P Robinson and J Watson. The Clerk, Miss Brown.  
3 members of the public were present.

The Chair explained that the notice of meeting had not been circulated within the required statutory timeframe due to the Easter bank holidays.

The three clear days for receiving a summons and agenda is established in law because it is important to be notified of issues to be discussed. It was therefore agreed to hold a Town Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April to legally endorse any decisions agreed during the proceedings of this agenda.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Bennett – holiday. The apologies were agreed.

Actions

**208. ACCEPTANCE OF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

## **209. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: (maximum 15 minutes)**

Mr M Horne – NE65 0JH thanked the Council for the support in objecting to planning application 14/04029/FUL. Mr Horner believed that the Planning Case Officer was recommending withdrawal of the application on the grounds of design, ecology and sustainable drainage.

Mr Horne queried, following the recent incident detailed in the press, whether the Council can consider upgrading the CCTV in the Town. Cllr Dargue informed that LMAPS were rolling out a programme of refurbishment for CCTV across the County.

Cllr Watson commented that despite the incident, he believed Amble to be a very safe place. On pursuing the issue of refurbishing CCTV, it was agreed Cllr Dargue should urge on behalf of the Council for digital camera and the broadening of systems and resolutions, requesting the Council be kept involved.

Dargue

## **210. MINUTES: TOWN COUNCIL**

210.1: The minutes of the meeting held 12th March 2015 were agreed as a true record, with the addition of a summary of the recommendations being included in the Private version.

## **211. CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Council notes the contents of the report and consider actions were necessary.

211.1: WW1 Centenary Commemorative Banners the hand over from JCSC is still to be arranged – This was being chased up and a reply was expected once the school had returned from Easter holidays.

Clerk

211.2: 'In Memory of the Fallen' website – It was agreed to investigate a revamp of the Council website.

Clerk

211.3: NCC – 3 extra cuts – priority areas Quote requested – The Clerk was continuing to chase this up.

Clerk✓

211.4: Harbour Village Public Realms works – this would be discussed further in the report from the Harbour Village group.

211.5: Lindisfarne Road – traffic calming survey (pending) – Cllr Robinson would ask Northumbria Police for any data collected during his time monitoring speed at Lindisfarne Road, if Northumbria Police could not provide him with the data, he was asked to request that they share the information with Northumberland County Council.

Robinson

211.6: Hallbank Well – An update of this was pending a meeting with the Locality Officer and Head of Service which had been deferred to later in April.

Clerk

211.7: Year to Remember Concert – Ticket sales were slow so far, details of the event would continue to be publicised. The logistics on the day were still to be worked out.

Clerk

211.8: High Street Garden Revamp – It was agreed to contact the owner of the adjacent property to ask whether it was possible to remove the signage to the former Tearoom as it was felt this caused some confusion to visitors in the Town.

Clerk✓

The Members thanked Pride in Amble for the donation of the plants for the rockery. It was agreed that the Clerk with the Chair of the Council purchase a stone-like planter with topiary ball.

Clerk/Weir

211.9: Parking and Traffic regulations; notes of meeting held 18th March – The Clerk would

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request a copy of the notes of the meeting and circulate to Members. It was noted that the former cinema site has now been brought into use.

Clerk

211.10: Paddlers Improvement Project Update – The plans were imminently due to be released for the tender process. A display of the plans would be available to view at the Annual Parish Meeting which would be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May between 18:00 – 20:00 in Fourways. The renaming of the Park would be considered at this meeting.

211.11: Consultation on Future Funding of Subsidised Bus Services in Northumberland - This would be recirculated to Members and the end date for the consultation checked.

211.12: Northumberland Flood Risk Strategy – Members were reminded that the deadline for this consultation was 24<sup>th</sup> April. Comments should be returned to the Clerk by no later than 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Clerk

211.13: Youth Forum meeting –The inaugural Amble Youth Forum meeting would take place at 6 p.m. on 22nd April 2015 in Fourways2. The details had been shared with Amble based youth groups/organisations who may like to send representation. The aim of the meeting is to bring the Youth Service provision in the Town together and give each organisation the opportunity to share its aims and objectives, the dates/times of its meetings, to advise of events which may be of interest to others.

211.14 – Community Litter pick – The litter pick would take place on 20<sup>th</sup> May with equipment (provided by NCC) available from the office between 10:00-15:00 or to meet as a group in the Town Square at 17:00. The details would be advertised locally and circulated to all local groups and organisations.

### **212. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS and REPORT: None.**

### **213 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS:**

213.1: County Councillor Arckless circulated his report (a copy is available on request). He gave a verbal update on the grass cutting at the Welfare; it had been agreed that the Town Council would cut the Welfare on 2 occasions; 1 cut week commencing 23rd March and 1 cut week commencing 6th April so that the Welfare would be in a usable condition during the Easter school holidays and ensure the grass in a manageable condition for NCC taking over the cutting for the remainder of the season.

213.2: County Councillor Watson anticipated a revised planning application for 14/04029/FUL in the future. He updated on the Persimmons development which would be done in 3 phases over 5-7 years. The Section 106 funding has been approved and receipt was imminent for Amble Development Trust.

The planning trigger of Town and Parish Council objections forcing any planning application to Committee had been removed. County Councillors would still have that trigger. He stressed the need to look at ways to work together to ensure that the local input on applications was heard.

### **214. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS AS PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS:**

To receive the report of Councillors who represent ATC on outside bodies

214.1: Dementia Friendly Amble – Cllr Morrison's report had been circulated by email and was available upon request. She noted that a further meeting was due to be held regarding making Amble Dementia Friendly place in Fourways 2 on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 17:30.

214.2: NALC Roadshow – Cllr Lewis, Morrison and Weir - Cllr Lewis presented a written report which would be circulated. A copy was available upon request. The Clerk informed that all Members should provide written consent to receiving agendas by email rather than post. She would draft a pro forma for completion to be retained on file.

214.3: NECA Devolution, Local Stakeholder event – Cllr Robinson's report had been circulated and was available upon request.

214.4: WPC – Groundswell of Housing developments – Cllrs Morrison & Weir had attended this meeting which was disappointingly attended. The view of overdevelopment in smaller parishes was discussed at length.

214.5: Amble Harbour Village – Cllr Weir informed that NCC was to take responsibility of the planting and maintenance of the public realms area. He had requested this be noted in the Committees minutes.

214.6: Amble 2020 – Cllr Dargue informed that the Persimmons site, signage in the Town

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and the Industrial Estate had been discussed.

### 215. FINANCIAL REPORT:

215.1: Accounts for payment – The accounts for the month were presented (attached) and agreed for payment.

215.2: Update on YTD and earmarked funds – The Year to date was presented for information.

215.3: Bank Reconciliation – The Clerk explained that the reconciliation was not yet complete. It was noted that the accounts had to be returned to the External Auditor by 9<sup>th</sup> June so would need to be returned to the May meeting for approval. The Clerk would book the internal auditor.

Clerk

### 216. AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

216.1: The notes of the meeting of the Amenities Management Committee held on Thursday 26th March 2015 were agreed as a true record.

216.2: Update of SLA/ Agency Agreement for the Play area at the Paddlers – The Agency Agreement for the Play area had been signed and returned. The discussions regarding the Service Level Agreement were ongoing.

Clerk

216.3: Update on the purchase of a new bus shelter for High Street along with suggesting that NCC remove the existing shelter on High Street and the deteriorated bus shelter at the entrance of the Industrial Estate. The Clerk was progressing the plans for both shelters, she would check with NCC regarding possible utilities at High Street.

Clerk

216.4: To consider Town Noticeboards – It was agreed to pursue the costs and planning process for the locating of two new notice boards (headers and post if required) and the repositioning of the existing wall mounted notice board as recommended by the Amenities Committee.

Clerk

### 217: PLANNING COMMITTEE

217.1: Planning decisions made:

15/00245/FUL – Karhaydon, Percy Street NE65 0PL - Retrospective: Pitched roof above garage and utility room to form non-habitable storage space at side with dormer window to rear (as amended 09/02/15) – APPLICATION PERMITTED.

#### 217.2: Planning applications pending via Public Access:

15/00118/FUL – 33 King Edwards Street, NE65 0ES – Retrospective erection of a fence to front

15/00146/FUL - 73 Queen Street NE65 0DA - Mixed Change of Use from ground floor shop unit to A2, A2 and A3 with residential first floor flat. Replacement shop front and insertion of window to rear elevation

15/00125/FUL - Wellwood Arms NE65 0LD - Retrospective planning application for extract flue as existing and to extend a further 1m above eaves height. Proposed screening (not commenced) to reduce the impact and vision. To resiting of (1800x1200) timber shed.

15/00293/CCD - Former Caretakers House Coquet High School NE65 0NG - Conversion of existing former caretaker's bungalow to additional teaching/learning space.

14/03912/ADE - St Cuthbert's C Of E Church NE65 0DY - Advertisement consent for 1 aluminium church name board and 1 poster/notice board.

15/00721/FUL | Proposed external alterations to create disabled access | St Cuthbert's C Of E Church Church Street Amble Morpeth Northumberland NE65 0DY

#### 217.4: Planning Applications to be considered:

15/00353/FUL | Retrospective - Loft conversion including rear flat dormer and three Velux roof lights to front elevation | 19 Panhaven Road Amble Morpeth Northumberland NE65 0BD

15/00146/FUL | Mixed Change of Use from ground floor shop unit to A1 and A2 with residential first floor flat. Replacement shop front and insertion of window to rear elevation (as amended, 30 March 2015) | 73 Queen Street Amble Morpeth Northumberland NE65 0DA

### 218. AGENDA ITEMS:

218.1: To consider VE Celebration: The Council had provisionally registered to take part in

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the 70th Anniversary VE Day Beacons Celebration on 8<sup>th</sup> May. The lighting of the beacon was scheduled for 21:32. The Government stressed this needed to be with the involvement of the Royal British Legion, which was agreed by Cllr Watson as the local branch Chairman, and with Northumberland Cadets. In addition to this, Members of the Council would meet at the War Memorials to partake in wreath laying at 3pm after a 2 minute silence. Cllrs Dargue or Hinson would lay a wreath with Cllr Arckless. Coquet Churches Together would be contacted to request Church Bells be rung at 11am on Saturday 9th May to correspond to Cathedral bells nationally.

Clerk

218.2: To consider draft news page – The news page was agreed with the addition of the date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Clerk

### 219. COMMUNICATIONS:

219.1: Sir Alan Beith (circulated electronically) – It was agreed that a letter be sent to Sir Alan Beith wishing him well in his retirement.

Clerk

219.2: Grant Davey, NCC Leader – Planning Service Review (circulated electronically)

Dargue

219.3: Notice of Election – UK Parliamentary Election – Berwick Upon Tweed Constituency

219.4: CAN – Call for Village Agents – The Clerk would circulate this to Members for information.

Clerk

219.5: NCC – Meetings with Groups of Parish Councils – Cllr Dargue agreed to attend the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 19:00 at Druridge Bay Community Centre, Hadston

219.6: Grant Davey, NCC Leader – County Council property review and town plans – It was agreed that this would be circulated to Members.

Weir

219.7: NCC – Guidance of use of Social Media by Members – This was noted for information/

219.8: North LMAP new format and structure partnership meeting – It was agreed that Cllr Weir would attend the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April as Cllr Dargue was unable to.

219.9: Sir Peter Luff MP – Liberteas – Former MP Peter Luff was encouraging communities across the UK to organise or attend a local event on 14th June, to create a simultaneous celebration of their freedoms and rights. There will be a national peal of bells at 3pm after which the government will ask the public to take a simultaneous cup of tea. Whether it's an afternoon tea for a few friends at home, a history talk or walk, a street party, a parade, a trail around the local museum – a LiberTeas event can be anything that you want it to be.

Clerk

Participation is in no way restricted to marking the Medieval Magna Carta moment. It was agreed that as Warkworth had a Magna Carta Baron, that we enquire if Amble Town Council can help, support or participate in any way to their planned events.

Weir

219.10: CAN – Spring Conference 2015 – Cllr Weir would be attending the Conference.

### 220. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR CIRCULATION:

The Council noted the following information items.

220.1: Marine Conservation Spring 2015

220.2: NALC – e-news March 2015

220.3: Local Councils Update April 2015

### 221. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

221.1 The next Meeting will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at approx. 6.30pm. in the Town Council Office, Fourways 2, 6 Dilston Terrace.

It was resolved that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public will be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda due to their sensitive nature.

### PUBLIC VERSION OF PRIVATE

222: MINUTES – To confirm for approval and adoption the minutes of the Town Council meeting held 12th March 2015 – The summary was to be updated.

### 223. PRIVATE REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS AS PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS:

None.

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### **224: CLERKS REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION – That the Council notes the contents of the report and consider actions were necessary.**

224.1: Surrender of Lease update – The surrender documentation had been signed and the end of lease was imminent.

224.2: Site appraisal of potential development site – The report was awaited.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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