

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Tarset and Greystead Parish Council held at 730pm in the Village hall, Lanehead, Tarset, Northumberland, on Wednesday 17th May 2017

THOSE PRESENT J Morrison-Bell (Chairman), M Walton, D McCracken, R Ward, G Armstrong, T Kathiravel, G Liddle

IN ATTENDANCE C Miller (Clerk) J Riddle (Northumberland County Council), T Gates (Northumberland National Park Authority), several members of the public.

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

There were no opening remarks.

2. APOLOGIES

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3. TORSET TOR – matter brought up the agenda due to large public presence and County Council Officer present

Mr L Dodds, member of County Council Environmental Health team present who give a brief history regarding the site. Planning permission had been applied for several years ago, subsequently rejected by National Park Planning Authority and overturned on appeal by Planning Inspectorate. 12 weeks of real-time monitoring had been carried out by Environmental Health and nothing of any significance could be taken forward. Formal complaints had petered out and anti-social and environmental team had been involved with the proprietors who had been co-operative. A recent incidence regarding a live band had resulted with six complaints received, and NCC working with the proprietor further regarding this – proprietor had been unable to attend tonight's meeting. Parishioner, Eileen Liddle, reported emailing the business in a non-provocative way regarding the recent incident, and had received an unacceptable reply. Proprietor had confirmed with County Council he does not particularly want this type of entertainment, but had been advised he should of applied for a temporary event licence, which would have been granted, but there would be no requirement to inform neighbours of this. It appeared nearly every weekend there is unacceptable noise, rubbish left lying and swearing. County Council Officer's role is to gather evidence of nuisance, with the person causing the problem served a notice, not the proprietor, however if systemic, realistically the proprietor would then be liable. Sarah Hallberg confirmed lodging a formal complaint about this specific problem, along with other person's and police could confirm the level of noise, which had been higher than that of a rock concert. L Dodds confirmed these complaints had not got into the County Council's systems and would need clarification, however county council personnel had telephoned the individual complainants, and it was thought this would be the licensing team. Parishioner stated this is not an isolated incident, with the Tor supposedly a venue for backpackers but being advertised for hen and stag parties. As planning permission is for accommodation, L Dodds to clarify this position, it was also suspected alcohol is being supplied by the proprietor, however if he was not selling the alcohol he would not be liable. A temporary event notice would cover four days, and there was information a beer festival was being planned. Police have no responsibility or jurisdiction over noise and cannot instruct person's to reduce noise, this power lying with Environmental Health team. A statutory nuisance in law has to cover volume, duration, and frequency of noise.

Problems do improve through winter and worsen on summer weekends, going on until 11pm. Foul language needs to be directed to be classed as offensive, and L Dodds reported extensive research had been carried out regarding undirected foul language in other areas. County Cllr queried whether a by-law could be created. L Dodds reiterated he had received no complaints, bar two, in the whole history of the business. Irene Anderson of Redmire stated the National Park promotes tranquility and well-being, and it appears apathy has set in, however the National Park do not have powers in these circumstances. It is imperative complaints are made and logged correctly to enable Environmental Health to investigate further. Tony Gates Northumberland National Park could not advise, as planning permission controls the use of land, and National Parks had suggested a condition included limiting the use of the bunkhouse, however inspector did not impose this, so as long as it is used in the same class, there is no breach of planning consent and there are no outstanding conditions on the site that had not been complied with. John Riddle concerned there are no records of recent

complaints, however L Dodds confirmed there are historical records of complaints. A point then made by M Walton regarding County Council officer soliciting for complaints, which should not be being made at this meeting, however L Dodds did not find this a problem. John Riddle had always found the situation unacceptable, and in his opinion it was unfortunate the National Parks planning decision had been overturned. Mr Cocker had not put in any screening, which had been a condition, and could this be enforced, along with the road to the Bothy's only being used for emergency vehicle access due to the gradient, however vehicles are parking right next to the structures. However, conditions such as these that are not enforceable are not worth having.

Chairman thanked all for attending with L Dodds and parishioners then leaving the main meeting to discuss matters further. **LINDEN DODDS, COUNTY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER – 01670 623718**

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. CO-OPTION VACANCY

One application, Gillian Liddle had applied to join the Parish Council and was subsequently co-opted, and welcomed to the meeting, along with elected member Gloria Armstrong.

5. PARISH REPRESENTATIVES ON NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

J Morrison-Bell agreed to apply to become representative. Crops/orchard had been planted at Redmire which had come to the attention of NNPA planners and called into question whether this was agriculture, with NNPA taking the view agriculture should only relate to grazing, matter ongoing.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 19th April 2017 were agreed as a true record.

7. MATTERS ARISING

Chairman had not as yet compiled details regarding litter picking in the parish, whereby suggesting people attend to verges on a regular basis, in place of arranging an annual litter pick, and litter picking equipment is available. It was noted there appeared to be an awful lot of costa coffee debris within the parish.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No further public participation.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Greenhaugh traffic calming/Burnmouth Bridge – works being carried out to bridge.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) The most recent financial accounts were accepted as a true record.

b) The following invoices were authorised for payment: C Miller April Salary, £275.78.18 & May Expenses, £21.60 (59); NALC annual subscription - £80.05 AON annual insurance premium – clerk to confirm at a later date as policy not yet received.

c) There were no Grant applications under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972e

d) Future expenditure relating to the purchase of no glass/no bottle stickers for wheelie bins – clerk had acquired quotes for stickers, one being £75/200 labels at 108x33mm and £1.85 per sticker, based on 200 stickers, A5 size. After discussion, it was agreed Clerk would contact County Council to ask if they would reissue stickers.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Tynedale Hospice - newsletter

12. PLANNING

- a) No planning applications had been received: Future application could be submitted for Tarsset Hall. Works currently being carried out at Burn Grange, with no application having been received by this Parish Council.
- b) The following approval of planning applications had been received: 17/00741/FUL., Emblehope Farm, proposed new general purpose agricultural building
- c) Update on appeal regarding planning approval conditions stipulated for Burnbank Farm, five two storey detached dwellings – planting plan required.

13. REPORTS

No reports.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Tarsset and Greystead Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 21st June 2017 at 730pm.

The meeting closed at 9pm