

Minutes from Meeting held on Monday 25th September 2023

Headland Parish Council

Members Present: Shane Moore, Michael Jorgeson, Howard White, Ann Turner, Patricia Andrews, Robin Grant, Andrew Hay, Samantha Lee, Julian Wenman.

Clerk: Shane Moore (Acting).

Apologies:

Amanda White, Martyn Wright, Graham Craddy & Brian Cowie (Ward Councillor)

Declaration of Interest:

Sam Lee declared interest as a member of the Headland business group.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Finance Report:

The finance report indicated no new transactions. The balance remains unchanged from the previous report.

Matters Arising:

1. Northgate/Durham Street Triangle:

Ann Marie Waters proposed seeking funding for a statue of a woman footballer from Hartlepool to be placed on the triangle. Some members expressed support for a statue but were open to alternative locations. Howie White reported speaking with Bob (HBC Gardener) who cut the grass, but an update on the agreed works was pending.

Items for discussion:

1. Christmas Tree:

Shane Moore had been approached by the Borough Council to see whether the Parish wanted to order a Christmas tree for the Northgate triangle as it has done in previous years. Julian Wenman proposed planting a permanent tree, which was not accepted. It was agreed, except by JW, to purchase a tree for this year. The feasibility of a permanent tree will be explored for future consideration.

2. Festivals/Wintertide:

- Racheal & Emma from Bloominart provided an overview of Wintertide plans. It will be a three-day festival, including a return of the parade of light. Howie White proposed a £1000 donation to Wintertide, which was seconded by MJ and unanimously approved. It was noted that lighting St Hilda's Church costs £3000.

3. Business Group Update:

- Sam Lee reported that the group received a response from the Borough Council. While not all points were agreed upon, the group feels heard and will continue efforts to work closely with the Borough Council. They are in discussions with Wintertide to assist in fundraising. Monthly meetings occur on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

4. Potential Town Moor Responsibility:

Shane Moore asked if the Parish Council may support the idea of taking responsibility for the Town Moore from the Borough Council. This would mean that we would be responsible for cutting, cleaning etc but also gives us the opportunity to animate the space more frequently. It was agreed to initiate dialogue with the Borough Council regarding the Parish Council potentially taking responsibility for the Town Moor.

Clerk Report:

The Clerk had no updates to provide.

Future Agenda Items:

- Bins and skips
- Hanging baskets
- Marine Point ASB update

Ward Member Update:

The Mayor's carol service will be held in St Hilda's Church on the 14th of December.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next Parish Council meeting.

Prepared by Shane Moore, 30/10/23.