

# NORHAM NEWSROUND

## FEBRUARY 2016

### Resume of Minutes of meeting of Norham Parish Council held on 23rd November 2015

New Parish Council Clerk and Parish Council email address: Victoria Craig was welcomed as the new clerk. Updated contact details for the council would be placed on the public notice board and on [www.norham.org](http://www.norham.org). Janet Heywood the outgoing clerk was thanked for her huge contribution to the parish council over the last 9 years, and was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Proposed Joint Neighbourhood Planning in Norham and Islandshire: After discussion it was agreed that the best option would be to join the N&I Joint Neighbourhood Plan rather than have a separate one for Norham alone. In joining the N&I Joint Plan the parish council would benefit from the work already done by others but preserve the option to add Norham specific issues to the joint plan. It was confirmed that East Ord was to be the lead authority in the joint plan. It was accordingly agreed unanimously to proceed on the basis that NPC would join the N&I Joint Neighbourhood Plan.

Speeding in Norham: Letters had been sent to a number of hauliers, agricultural contractors and farmers, and to Perrymans, requesting that speed limits be observed within the village. It was agreed that ideally NPC would like to see vehicle activated speed signs at all of the three entry points to the village and would try to raise funds for all three. After discussion it was agreed that the Unipart DF11 style of speed camera would be suitable. Complaints were received regarding delivery drivers speeding along the back lane between West Street and St Cuthbert's Square where a number of children played. It was agreed a letter would be sent to DPD.

Leaflets for Walks around Norham: These are under discussion.

Public Conveniences: As of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 NPC would take back responsibility for maintenance and cleaning of the public conveniences, as a result of which they would be kept open all year. NCC would reimburse NPC for the cost of cleaning and supplies.

### Finance

To set a Budget and Precept for 2016-2017: After discussion a budget was set. It was unanimously agreed that the Precept should again be £3350 but the council would retain speed signs as a special project.

To look at the state of roads and pavements: Concern was expressed at the state of the road and pavement outside Foreman's shop. It was agreed that this would be raised with NCC, again.

### Any Other Business

Concern had been expressed about the height of a Leylandii hedge near Ubbanford houses. This would be brought to the attention of the landowner

Date of next meeting This will take place in the village hall on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**A full copy of the Minutes is available on the NPC notice board and on [www.norham.org](http://www.norham.org)**

### **Forthcoming Events.**

Monday 1st February : **Blessing of the Salmon Fishing Season**

Pedwell; 8am

Thursday 4th February : **W.I. Meeting** in the Village Hall; 2pm.

Wednesday 10th : **Ash Wednesday communion** in church at 9.30am

Thursday 11th : **Parish Walk Meet** on the Green at 10am.

**W.I. Soup & Sandwiches Lunch** 12 for 12.30; Village Hall. All welcome

Wednesday 24th : **Drop-in-4-Coffee** in church 10.30-12 noon.

**WE WELCOMED** into the church community Jessie Lea McGurk who was baptised on 6th December, and Arya Ewa Mackenzie and Oliver Eric Rutt who were baptised on 27th December.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Robert and Bryony Haggerstone on the birth of their son. Blair, on 3rd December;

also to Jamie and Sheralee Benton on the birth of their daughter, Macy Lea, on 23rd December, first great-granddaughter to Sylvia Chapman;

and to Shelley Wren and Terry Rymill on the birth of daughter Lianna May Rymill in BGH on 25th October.

**THANKS** I would like to thank all the Norham folk who sent cards and best wishes over the festive period. I am just sorry that I could not get out to return the compliments. Also, thanks to the Village Band for playing outside my house on Christmas morning.

*Gemma De Leon*

**THANKS** to all who supported the village Advent events this year. The **LIVING NATIVITY** once again attracted over 100 followers. Tilly, the donkey led the way. Those following joined in the carol singing and listened to the Christmas story. All ended up at the Village Hall to witness the opening of the village's new nativity scene. The real-life sheep added a touch of authenticity. £100 was raised to support the donkey sanctuary's excellent work (Tilly's home).

**ADVENT WINDOWS COMPETITION** proved to be just as amazing as last year. The additional challenge of finding 'odd' objects in the scenes had many people visiting over and over again until they

cracked the puzzles. The winning adult was Josephine Harris and the children's section was won by Cathryn Caddick. Thanks to the Masons Arms for putting up the prizes. Window numbers should be returned to 6, Castle Street. We hope to run both this and the Living Nativity events again this year.

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** At the February meeting (4th) Jim Gibson will talk on The Tweed.

**EXERCISE FOR THE OVER-50'S** Classes are on Wednesdays 10-11am in the Village Hall. Gentle exercise to music.

**CHILDREN'S BALLET and CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASSES** take place on Fridays during term-time in the Village Hall, 3.45-4.35. Ring Moira Mansbridge for further details and to enrol. Tel: 01890 870682.

**VILLAGE PANTOMIME!** I'm planning on putting together a village pantomime in the hall this December. I have a script and I now need some people who would be interested in getting involved!

There will be a meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 18th February - 7.30pm.

Hope you to see you there!

*Fliss Tunnard*

**CONCERTS IN ST CUTHBERTS** There have been a number of very successful and varied performances in Norham Church in the last year, encompassing a wide variety of tastes in music from serious to silly, classical to folk, and of course a very dramatic Dracula! If you would like to receive information about the programme for 2016, please email [stcuthbertsnorham@gmail.com](mailto:stcuthbertsnorham@gmail.com) and we will add you to the mailing list.

**DOG FOULING** has once again reared its ugly head in the village, being especially bad and worrying in the area of the School where it is a particular problem for those with pushchairs and small children. If you see dog fouling occurring please be brave enough to speak to the owner, and if a regular occurrence speak to the police or dog warden.

**BLESSING OF THE SALMON FISHING SEASON** Monday 1st February, 8am at Pedwell. The Pedwell Landing is one of many sites along the River Tweed where, for about a thousand years, net fishing for salmon was a major part of the local economy, until its demise in the 1980s. In the past, the Vicar of Norham said prayers of blessing at midnight at the start of the new salmon fishing season on 1st February. Part of the tradition was that, if a fish were caught during the first casting of the nets, then it was given to the Vicar!

The tradition was re-started four years ago, at the instigation of a local fisherman. The prayers have been adapted slightly to take account of the fact that net fishing has been replaced by line fishing, and to incorporate a blessing on the River Tweed and the local ecology, as well as human activity.

**FIRST SUNDAY WORSHIP** (when we do things a bit differently!) at 10.00am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016

to mark 'Church Action on Poverty Sunday' featuring the Norham Junior Singers and Jan Casson, from the Berwick Food Bank

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** with Norham CofE First School

A child-friendly Service of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent)

9.30am, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in Norham Church

The service will include the (optional!) Imposition of Ashes.

(If you don't know what that means, why not come and find out!)

**NORHAM PARISH COUNCIL** Meeting Dates 2016: 25<sup>th</sup> January, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 28<sup>th</sup> November

**BOOK BANK PROVISION** We have been informed that due to a national fall in demand for books, especially paperbacks, the private company who previously provided recycling of books in Northumberland through book banks has withdrawn its services from a number of sites including Norham. Northumberland County Council has approached a number of charities inviting them to consider providing these facilities. If this is successful then it is hoped book banks will be reinstated where possible. If not residents will be informed that the facility has been withdrawn. It will then be for residents either to consider donating any books to charity shops or recycling them in their kerbside bin.

**ENERGY MONITORS** The Parish Council has been given a number of energy monitors which once installed (by you - an electrician is not required) will tell you how much electricity you are using, which will hopefully help you to save money. We have 18 monitors, which are available free of charge and on a first come first served basis. If you would like one, please contact a parish councillor.

#### ITEMS FOR MARCH NEWSROUND

Any contributions should be given to Josephine Harris (382363) before Thursday 25th February..