

Neighbourhood Planning in Norham and Islandshire The questionnaires have been distributed as part of the consultation process. 74 responses had been received. The planning consultants would draw information from these and report.

Play Areas (incl posts and chains) Sheelagh Hume reported that this year's tractor run had raised £1400, £1000 would go towards new posts for the village green. The balance of the costs of purchase of the timber, fixing and painting would be taken from next year's tractor run proceeds. SH was thanked for this very generous donation.

Walks around Norham GS raised a previous suggestion to create a walk on the south side of the Tweed from Berwick to possibly Kelso. We will approach all parish councils concerned with a view to taking this forward.

Mobile Mast/BT Phone box It should be possible to have smart meters by end of February 2019 but this is done by way of long-range radio signal, so has no bearing on mobile signals as such.

New Speed signs/30mph reminders VLC will send minutes to Councillor Lawrie with a request for a meeting.

Norham First School It was reported that Sarah Jones had been appointed the new Head Teacher with effect from the beginning of next term.

Ambulance Provision VLC will write again regarding ambulance provision.

Norham Signs VLC will request that Norham be included in a new sign at Velvet Hall and will ask for replacements for broken signs at Duddo Crossroads, the Norham Station junction, and the top of the hill at Grindon Gate.

Proposed Village Community Trust Very positive coordination group meetings were held on 19th February, and 19th March. The Village Clean Up team were congratulated on the very good job they are doing along Castle Street, The Art and Turner Trail Groups had merged.

Northumberland Day Picnic The Castle Community working group has decided that Northumberland Day picnic in the Castle on Sunday 27th May, with a treasure hunt would be an low key start to holding more ambitious events in due course. . VLC (as chair of the Castle working group) also asked for funding up to £250 towards the cost of a portaloo and advertising. If any monies were left over they would be paid back to the council. It was agreed that funding would be made from what is known as The Castle account, which has £1300 left in it from funds raised by public donation for matters pertaining to the Castle.

Post 16 Transport Consultation The council is in support of free transport for those over 16 in full time education or at college.

Seats One of the 'serpent' benches from the riverside will be moved and refurbished.

To look at Planning Applications The parish council will support the fresh application by the Masons Arms; the village needs accommodation of this kind and the application is in line with all positive actions currently on going to encourage visitors.

Roads and Pavements A query was raised regarding the number of grit bins in the village. . A request has been made for a litter bin at the layby just before Velvet Hall. A request will be made for a new safety barrier at the end of Mill Opening, preferably with fluorescent markers. There have been a couple of complaints regarding shrubs planted on the verge along Boathouse Lane. Improvement to Cow Holme. Will be considered.

General Correspondence The council has registered with the recent Keep Britain Tidy campaign but weather had badly affected it. The state of the garden at the empty house Rockview in North Lane had been the subject of a complaint. A letter will be sent.

Date of next meeting: 21st May 2018 (Annual Meeting)

See website or village noticeboard for fuller minutes

NORHAM NEWSROUND

MAY 2018

Forthcoming Events.

Thursday 3rd May : **W.I. Meeting**; Village Hall; 2pm

Thursday 10th : **Parish Walk**. Meet on the Green; 9.30am

Ascension Day Service; St Cuthbert's Church; 7pm.

Saturday 12th : **Stories with Strings**; St Cuthbert's; 7pm. See below

Monday 14th : **M.U. Meeting** in Mason's Arms, Norham; 2pm.

Monday 21st : **Village Hall AGM**; Hall ; 6pm

Sunday 27th : **Northumberland Day Picnic**; Norham Castle. See below.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of

Norman Mackay who died on 22nd March

WELCOME On Sunday 15th April at St Cuthbert's we welcomed Sarah Purves and Jessica De Leon-Palmer on the occasion of their baptism.

M.U. The May meeting will include a talk by Revd John Carr.

W I - Thursday 3rd, 2 p.m. Claire Short will be talking about Travels in Israel. New members welcome. Details from Jan L'Argent 01289 382897 or email jpl4591@btinternet.com.

WI CRAFT - Our craft afternoons in May are Wednesday 2 and 16 April 1 to 4 p.m. Norham Village Hall. Everyone is welcome you don't have to be a WI member, we are non-profit making, refreshments available. Details from Jan L'Argent 01289 382897 or email jpl4591@btinternet.com.

OiCAN - The next order date is Friday 11th May, I will be sending out my usual email reminder but you can contact me before that on the details given here. May I please have your order no later than 11 a.m. on that date; delivery is expected to be completed by Friday 25th May More information about the scheme from Jan L'Argent 01289 382897 or email jpl4591@btinternet.com.

ASCENSION DAY Thursday 10th May. A short service of Holy Communion will take place in St Cuthbert's Church at 7pm.

ST CUTHBERT'S MIDSUMMER FAIR Saturday 23rd June 2pm — 4pm

We know it has just been too cold and wintry to turn your mind to spring cleaning until now-but the daffodils are out so now is the time!

We are looking for tombola and raffle prizes and pre-loved and vintage (good quality and clean!...you'd be surprised.....) clothing -adult and children's - for the fair.

And in due course we will be looking for your home-baking, produce and plants!

PLEASE NOTE we are **NOT** looking for bric a brac or books this year — we thought we would have a change! Any queries or if you would like to help please contact Tory Craig torylintoncraig@aol.com 07745130987

