

Mitford Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

The Parish Council met at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the Village Hall, Mitford.

**Present:**

Councillors: Chair Mike Sharp (M.S.), Matt Skillen (M.SK.), Michael Jeans (M.J.), Ted Rodger (T.R.)

Damian McEnroe (D.M.) - Clerk

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**1: Chairs Opening Remarks.**

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2: Public Participation.**

There were no members of the public present.

**3: Apologies for absence.**

C. Cllr Glen Sanderson, Cllr Eric Dodd (E.D.).

**4: Declaration of any interests and the grants of any dispensations.**

Cllr M.Sk. declared an interest in Lancaster Pk, and Cllr T.R. in Mitford Village Hall.

**5: Report from the County Councillor.**

There was no report received from the C. Cllr.

**6: Report from the Police.**

There was no report received from the Police.

**7: Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**8: Any other matters arising from the minutes if not already on the agenda.**

Action 45. The data from the last speed survey conducted on the B6343 near to Ashford Grove was considered. There was no evidence of vehicles exceeding the national speed limit (60mph) in either direction and the mean speed was determined to be 30.9mph travelling East and 32.4mph travelling West. It was therefore agreed that the matter would be finalised as N.F.A, and the details be passed to Ashford Grove residents for their information.

**ACTION 58/2023 D.M.**

A 46. Enquiries are ongoing by Cllr M.J. to identify suitable parties.

A 47. Cllr M.S. has been in contact with David Townes; however, he acts for Karbon Homes so this would present a conflict of interest. It was agreed the process to transfer should be relatively straightforward and the process should continue.

A 48. The notice has been prepared and advertised.

A 49. This will start from October 2023.

A 50. Purchase of a new computer is ongoing.

A 51. The response for Planning app 23/02473/AGTRES has been submitted to NCC.

A 52. Notification of hearing attendance for Planning app 23/02203/FUL hearing has been submitted.

A 53. Morpeth Town Council has been informed of Mitford Parish Councils' desire to partake in the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan review.

A 54. Cllrs M.S. and E.D met with Neil Snowden from NCC Highways at Tranwell and it was agreed that the 30mph limits would be extended at Tranwell woods to enclose all of the homes in the area. It was also agreed that the 30mph limit would be extended in Mitford from the "Mitford" village sign situated on the church road, adjacent to the castle ruins.

Parking under the A1 flyover east of Mitford was discussed and it was agreed that bollards would be erected to delineate a footpath.

The proposed siting of a bench on the Millenium Tree walk was also discussed and Mr Snowden will enquire as to planning permission being required. The parish council will fund the bench and base.

A 55. See minutes below.

A 56. Discussions regarding the waste bin at Stable Green are ongoing.

A 57. Parish council attendance at the Town and Parish Council conference has been notified to the organisers.

**9: Co-option of Parish Councillor.**

The advert has been circulated though the clerk was asked to check it was on the website and to circulate it to Ashford Grove. **ACTION 59/2023 D.M.**

**10: Financial matters.**

The current accounts were approved as was the previous years accounts following closure of the inspection period.

The following payment was approved:

Mitford Parish Council

Chairs Ints.....

Draft one Subject to Parish Council ratification

G. Christie £244.00 September grounds maintenance.

CLRs were advised of the forthcoming precept level requirements, which needed to be considered in conjunction with current spending levels, cash reserves and NCC's indication that they will fund the gateway project in its entirety, and also the repairs to the fence and path of the B6343. |

The chair M.S. proposed that following previous discussions with NCC regarding interactive speed signs, this project should be resurrected and progressed, that the P.C. fund one sign, and enquiries be made with NCC to see if they would fund a second sign. M.S. indicated he would progress funding opportunities with Neil Snowden and C. Cllr Sanderson. This was agreed by all. **ACTION A60/2023 M.S.**

### **11: Parish Round-up.**

Turnberry House – In the absence of Cllr E.D, the chair led a discussion and gave an update to the previously circulated papers regarding Turnberry House and the concerns of local residents. It was understood that the previous enforcement officer at NCC had not been replaced and so other officers were having to take on extra work. It was agreed that the enforcement officer, Joseph Turner, be recontacted again for an update or the chair would speak with Rob Murfin. **ACTION A61/2023 D.M.**

### **12: Planning Applications, both current and new.**

<b><u>Application</u></b>	<b><u>Resolution</u></b>
23/03464/FUL 3, Tranell Ct, Tranwell, 2 bay garage.	Neutral position comment to be submitted. <b>ACTION 62/2023 D.M.</b>
23/03423/FELTPO Juniper Tranwell Woods – Tree felling.	Supported position to be submitted. <b>ACTION 63/2023 D.M.</b>
19/01362/REM Appeal for land west of Lancaster Park	Suspended pending service of correct documentation.
23/02473/AGTRES High House Farm	Decision pending hearing.
23/02494/FUL Fairfield Tranwell Woods. Oak Garage	Decision pending.
23/01729/FUL Khalsa Manor	Await details of appeal.

### **13. Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan Review.**

Morpeth notified as above. Removed from agenda until further contact.

### **14: Highways.**

The fence at Abbey Mill has been repaired and the undergrowth cut back, however there are signs of land slippage and so part of the footpath remains cordoned off pending repair.

**15: Village Hall.**

A cabinet has been installed at the hall connecting an electrical supply to the Alcom broadband system. TR has notified Alcom that the cabling is to be armoured or installed in a conduit and connected to a dedicated breaker on the distribution board.

Work has commenced repairing the windows and soffits.

A HDMI connection is to be installed to allow presentations from the front of the hall to access the A/V equipment.

An "accessibility Audit" has been undertaken and its findings are to be discussed at the next village hall committee meeting.

**16: The Village Warden and other Environmental Matters.**

Cllr M.Sk. and Gavin Christie, grounds maintenance contractor, have met. It has been agreed that all grass cuttings will be collected, the weeds will be resprayed, and the hall hedging reduced significantly.

The gate to the playground needs rehangng which may necessitate removal and reinstallation of the gate post. It also needs repainting. All vegetation in the playground is to be cut back. The Chair asked Cllr TR if the repairs could be raised with the village hall committee for their approval and the P.C. will fund this. It was noted that someone has been tipping grass cuttings onto land within the curtilage of the village hall.

Hedges in the village itself are to be cut back and verges sprayed too. M.Sk. was reminded to act Mr Christie to plant bulbs on flag hill.

**17: Correspondence.**

A previously circulated request for a volunteer to help promote Climate Change 2022 was discussed though no-one could commit to assisting.

**18: Any other Urgent Business.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

**17: Time and dates of next meetings.**

7.30pm, Wednesday at Mitford Village Hall 1<sup>st</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Confirmed as a true record and signed by the chair

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Date.....

Action Sheet

<u>Number</u>	<u>Action By</u>	<u>Description</u>
58	D.M.	Send traffic speed results to Ashford Grove
59	D.M.	Check Councillor advert on website and send to Ashford Grove
60	M.S	Discus mobile speed signs with Neil Snowden and C. Cllr Sanderson
61	D.M.	Email Joseph Turner, NCC for Turnberry House update.
62	D.M.	Submit neutral position re 23/03464/FUL
63	D.M.	Submit support position re 23/03423/FELTPO
64	T.R.	Liaise with V.H. committee for repairs to playground Gate