

Merriott Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th July 2018
At 7pm, Blake Room, Merriott Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Iain Hall (Chair)
Cllr Caro Paine
Cllr Steve Ashton

Cllr Grant Wright
Cllr David Aslett

In attendance

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk)
1 member of the public

18/074. Public Open Session

No business was raised.

18/075. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jim Shorting.

18/076. Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interests

None.

18/077. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

PROPOSED: Cllr C Paine

SECONDED: Cllr D Aslett

RESOLVED

18/078. Matters Arising from Minutes

The following issues were discussed under matters arising:

- Rangers scheme for discussion at the next meeting
- Heritage signposts would be discussed and Cllr Wright would circulate quotes obtained

18/079. Reports

a. Report from County Councillor

None.

b. Report from District Councillor

None.

18/080. Planning including applications currently in circulation/determinations

a. Blair Athol, Higher Street, Merriott

No objections raised.

b. Determinations

Noted as per those listed on the agenda.

c. Housing Needs Survey

Members briefly discussed the results of the Housing Needs Survey (HNS) commissioned by the Parish Council and now finalised and published. In particular the need for both bungalows and affordable housing was highlighted, and it was noted that the Shiremoor development in particular would be meeting these criteria. It was thus considered to have been a useful exercise in providing evidence for these needs. Cllr Hall felt that a short synopsis of the HNS to be adopted by the Parish Council as a useful guide in planning applications going forward would be beneficial.

A member of the public wished to speak and stated that he was looking to move to the village in the near future and build a house or possibly two. Cllr Hall stated that the Parish Council was unable to provide pre-application guidance and it would be difficult to comment at all without a substantive

