

MEETING OF PLENMELLER WITH WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
PLENMELLER ON MONDAY 14TH August AT 7.30pm

Present

J H Blackett-Ord
Mrs J Cousin
Ms A Dale
Mrs A Johnston
Mr J Johnston
Mrs O Norris
Mrs M Sowler

In Attendance

Miss J Johnston (Clerk)
I Hutchinson (County Councillor)

Declarations of Interest

J H Blackett-Ord (Whitfield Estate)

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed

Matters arising

Cllr Blackett-Ord asked if the Council would be prepared to reinstall the bottle bank in Whitfield. After some discussion it was decided that at the present time they did not think they could do this. The clerk said that she had had enquiries about having glass collected by the refuse collectors. Cllr Hutchinson said that there were no facilities on the refuse wagons to do this.

The clerk said that she had sent everyone a copy of the constitution that Ovingham Parish had used to appoint a host Council. She said that very little seemed to be happening so far as the Haltwhistle Burial Board was concerned. Cllrs were very concerned about this and a long discussion ensued. The clerk said that she would contact the clerk at Haltwhistle Town Council before the next meeting to see if anything was happening, and if not why not.

The clerk asked if any Cllrs had any objections to the planning permission for the alterations to the farmhouse at Plenmeller. There were none.

Correspondence

The clerk had received a letter from AON Insurance saying that they were no longer going to insure Parish Councils but that a firm called BNIB Ltd would be taking over. Cllrs agreed to see what their proposals are when we get their estimate for 2018.

The letter re the Local Transport programme had been received. It was proposed that the following be asked for:

- 1 20mph signage at Whitfield School
- 2 30mph speed restriction in Plenmeller village
- 3 Widening of the road between Fell House and Haltwhistle turn off on C322

Accounts for payment

Clerk salary	£129.78
HMRC PAYE	£32.60

Any Other Business

Cllr Mrs Johnston said that the footpaths and verges in Whitfield Village were in a dreadful state as they had not been weedkilled at all this year. It was almost impossible for 2 people to walk along the footpath together. However she added that it was nice to see that the grass verges had been cut this year for the first time in many years. Cllr Hutchinson said that he would report this and also see about getting some repair work to the large potholes on the road on Todds Burn bank.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting was fixed for Monday 14th November at Whitfield at 7.30pm.