

Meeting of Plenneller with Whitfield Parish Council held at Whitfield on Monday 13th November 2017

Present

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

Apologies for absence

Ms A Dale

In Attendance

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

Declarations of Interest

J H Blackett-Ord (Whitfield Estate)
I Hutchinson (Planning)

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising

The clerk gave Councillors copies of the draft constitution for H&DJBC and asked if they would read it at their leisure and if there were any concerns to contact the clerk before the end of the month. After a great deal of discussion Councillors decided that the Chairman should write to Haltwhistle Town Council and ask if it would be possible to have a reduction in the yearly contribution the Council make to H&DJBC.

The clerk confirmed that the completed form concerning the Local Transport Plan had been sent to County Hall.

Councillor Hutchinson said that the road at the top of Todds Burn bank was down for tarmacking and also part of the C322 Fell road which was subsiding.

Budget

The clerk said that expenditure had been up on budget mainly because we had been charged £120 From BDO for their audit. This was because we had had two grants during the year which brought us over the lower threshold. It was agreed to precept an extra 5% for this year bringing the precept to £2670.

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Correspondence

The clerk had received a letter from BHIB who have taken over our insurance for 2018. This was purely an introductory letter and they said they would be in touch nearer the time of our annual renewal.

BDO had completed their audit, but they stated that we had not included a proportion of the H&DJBC expenses. This was not the case and the clerk asked if she could write to BDO pointing out that the expenses had been included and that a note had been added explaining them.

The clerk had received a pre-application planning letter from Clarke Telecom Ltd stating their intention to upgrade the telephone mast at the Laws, Whitfield to increase the signal. All the councillors agreed that this would be a good thing and there were no objections.

The clerk gave a poster re Christmas Day in Haltwhistle to be posted on the Notice board in Plenmeller and Whitfield.

A tenant in Plenmeller had written to the Council complaining about the speed of traffic through the village. It was agreed that the clerk should write to the lady saying that we were trying to get a 30mph in Plenmeller through our Local Transport Plan, but Councillor Hutchinson said it would be a good idea for her to write direct to County Hall about this and also to get as many other people as she could to do the same.

Accounts for payment

Clerks wages	£129.98
HMRC-PAYE	£32.40
BDO	£120.00
Burial Board	£550.99

Any Other Business

Councillor Mrs Johnston said that we were still waiting for a replacement waste bin in Whitfield village. Councillor Hutchinson said that he would look into this again. Councillor Mrs Johnston also stated that the footpaths had still not been swept and it was now impossible to walk along them. Councillor Hutchinson said that he is looking into the matter.

Councillor J Johnston said that there quite a number of potholes on the Unthank road which need repairing.

Next meeting

The next meeting was fixed for Monday 12th February at 7.30pm at Whitfield.

Handwritten signature and date:
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