PLENMELLER WITH WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting 11th November 2019
APPROVED MINUTES

Present	Cllr J Blackett-Ord Cllr A Johnston Cllr J Cousin	Cllr J Johnston Cllr A Dale Clerk – Mrs Susan Saunders

19.30

41/19 **Apologies for absence**
Cllr M Sowler and Cllr O Norris

42/19 **Declarations of Interest**
The chair reminded councillors to declare their interests at the appropriate time and declared an interest himself in any Whitfield Estate matters that may arise.

43/19 **Public Questions**
An email from a member of the public, not from this parish, was received with questions about items on the agenda under the Joint Burial Committee. The questions were rhetorical and perceived as an attempt to undermine the clerk.
The Council agreed that if the clerk received more of this type of communication, the Chair would write to the member of the public and ask that they desist. The Council agreed that the clerk did not have to reply.
PROPOSED Cllr A Johnston **SECONDED Cllr J Cousin** **AGREED**

44/19 **Minutes of the meetings to be approved held on:**
Monday 12th August 2019
PROPOSED Cllr J Johnston **SECONDED Cllr A Dale** **AGREED**

45/19 **Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda**
- Cllr A Johnston reported that the physio services were continuing at Allendale.
- Water is still lying at Todds Burn. Cllr A Johnston will liaise with Cllr Hutchinson to find out what is to be done about it.
- Cllr A Johnston reported that there had been a crash on the corner below Laws Farm resulting in a car going off the road. Crash barriers were discussed at the last meeting and the council agreed they would like to include this on the Local Transport Plan.

46/19 **Correspondence received since the last council meeting**
1. Northumberland Local Plan consultation on Scoping Documents for the Affordable Housing and Planning Obligations.
2. CPRE newsletter
3. NALC Emails
4. Remind of Autoenrollment duties – completed.
5. Consultation of the NCC's Public Places Protection order for the control of dogs.
6. Provisional Tax Base calculation for 2020 email of dates to be reviewed
7. NCC Charter – Who's Who list

47/19 **Planning Applications**
Town & Country Planning Act 1990 applications can be viewed on-line at:
publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications
19/03896 Broadband Cabinet, land north east of the village hall. *JBO declared an interest and did not vote.*
The Council support the plan
PROPOSED Cllr A Johnston **SECONDED Cllr J Cousin** **AGREED**
19/04008 Listed Building Consent for replacement of windows, Whitewalls, Whitfield.
The Council support the plan
PROPOSED Cllr J Cousin **SECONDED Cllr A Johnston** **AGREED**

48/19 **Haltwhistle & District Burial Committee**
36/19.01 To sign the constitution. The Council agreed that as matters are still unresolved with Melkridge Parish Council they would defer signing the constitution.
36/19.02 To agree the Budget Levy Request for 2020-2021 – The request has not been received from the Burial Committee so, this item was deferred.

49/19 **Reports on Financial and Administration Matters**
49/19.01 Grant Requests from CAN and GNAA received
It was agreed that the clerk would produce a grant policy for the council's next meeting. The Council agree that they prefer to keep the precept down and only allocate grants where there is a benefit for

	all parishioners. As such the council agreed to donate £50 to the Great North Air Ambulance only. **PROPOSED Cllr A Dale** **SECONDED Cllr J Johnston** **AGREED** **49/19.02** Bank Balances & Income and expenditure as at 15th October 2019 **49/19.03** Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for Payment 11th November 2019 The balances were noted and, the payments approved, including the £50 grant. **PROPOSED Cllr A Dale** **SECONDED Cllr J Johnston** **AGREED** **49/19.04** Budget for 2020 **49/19.05** Precept for 2020-2021 It was agreed to keep the precept at the same rate, that of £2670.00. **PROPOSED Cllr A Johnston** **SECONDED Cllr J Cousin** **AGREED**
50/19	**Any Other Business** No Business
51/19	**Dates and times of next meetings:** Parish Council Meeting: Monday 10th February 2020 7.30pm at The Elks Head, Whitfield. The meeting closed at 20.00.