

**Minutes of the Bewcastle Parish Council Meeting
Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.30 pm in Roadhead Hall**

Present: Barbara Smith (Chairman), Brian Carruthers, Malcolm Dodd,
Andrea Nicholson, Mary Phillips, Pat Renwick, Frank Waugh

Item No		Action
17.12	Apologies were received from Ann Holt-Thomas and Cllr Val Tarbitt.	
17.13	Requests for Dispensations – none received.	
17.14	Declarations of Interest – none received.	
17.15	Minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2017 RESOLVED: that the Minutes be received and signed as a true record of the meeting.	
17.16	Fibre broadband – Mr Paul Cretney from BT gave a talk on the progress of the Connecting Cumbria programme. He explained the various ways that communities could obtain a fibre connection. Premises within 1 to 2km of the School were also eligible for fibre broadband. The Clerk would look into the possibilities Mr Cretney also mentioned the Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme which has been designed to offer a subsidy worth around £350 to properties that struggle to receive the Universal Service Commitment's (USC) minimum required download speed of 2Mbps. The Chairman thanked Mr Cretney for his most helpful and illuminating talk.	CML
17.17	Matters arising 17.10 WW1 commemoration 2018 – Cllr Waugh had not received any contact as yet from the Pageant master.	
17.18	Financial report The Clerk reported that the balance on the Current Account now stood at £4584.35 and the Deposit Account at £300. The budget showed an expected closing balance of £4405.05 before donations. The bill for hire of the Hall had not yet been received and was still an estimate but was not expected to be more than the budget figure. Donations were then discussed. Cllr Renwick said the First Responders were not at the moment in need of further funds. The Hall insurance was likely to rise owing to adding an indemnity for the trustees and the Chairman suggested that the Hall should be given an extra £100. The budget was altered accordingly and the figures unanimously agreed.	

	<p>It was RESOLVED to authorise the donations, other expenditure and to accept the budget and financial report.</p> <p>17.19 Internal Audit RESOLVED: to authorise the appointment of Mr Philip Burley to carry out the annual internal audit.</p> <p>17.20 Code of Conduct - Councillors' registrable interests . The Clerk explained that members of Roadhead Public Hall & Bewcastle Fund committees should declare this under 'Other Registrable Interests' on their declaration forms. CALC has advised that, although not a statutory obligation, these interests are what the Council has determined should be entered into the Council's register of interests and form part of the Code of Conduct. The Clerk distributed blank copies of the forms for completion.</p> <p>17.21 School Fete RESOLVED: that the Parish Council should have a presence at the School Fete to be held in June to raise money for the Swimming Pool.</p> <p>17.22 Planning – there were no new planning applications.</p> <p>17.23 Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peel a Hill lanning in such a poor state of repair that the postman refuses to visit. • Road up to the Bailey Mill bridge needs re-laying. • Willow saplings either side of the road from the Manse up to Belle Vue causing an obstruction. <p>Clerk to report these matters to Cllr Tarbitt.</p> <p>17.24 Items for consideration at the next meeting. Broadband at the School</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.</p> <p>The next meeting is the AGM on Monday 15th May to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	<p>CML</p>
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