

**Minutes of the Bewcastle Parish Council AGM
Monday 14th May 2018 at 8.00pm in Roadhead Hall**

Present: Barbara Smith (Chairman), Brian Carruthers, Malcolm Dodd,
Ann Holt-Thomas, Steven Pattinson, Mary Phillips, Pat Renwick,
Frank Waugh, County Cllr Val Tarbitt
Absent: Andrea Nicholson

Item No		Action
18.24	Apologies – none received.	
18.25	Election of Chairman Pat Renwick proposed that Barbara Smith be re-elected and Ann Holt-Thomas seconded. The proposal was agreed unanimously.	
18.26	Requests for Dispensations – none received.	
18.27	Declarations of Interest – none received.	
18.28	Matters arising 18.20 1918 Centenary. It was suggested that a remembrance trail should be instituted instead of a plaque. Information leaflets could be printed and a grant might be sought from the Community Fund. The Chairman agreed to look into the proposition. 18.22 The Forgotten Lands Rural Development Plan. Steve Pattinson gave an update on progress. Keith Jones, Area Director of the Forestry Commission, had presented the plan to DEFRA and it was well received.	
18.29	Minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2018. RESOLVED: that the Minutes be received and signed as a true record of the meeting.	
18.30	Insurance – the insurance quotation was £45 less than last year and it was RESOLVED to accept it.	
18.31	Financial report a) The Clerk reported that once all cheques had been cleared the current balance would stand at £5999.70. The deposit account balance stands at £500.62 after interest. The full report is attached. b) It was RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement. It was RESOLVED to approve the Accounting Statements. c) It was RESOLVED to declare the council an exempt authority for the purposes of the audit.	

<p>18.32</p>	<p>The Clerk explained that following Government legislation it was no longer necessary for the council to appoint a Data Protection Officer. However, the Privacy Policy would have to be updated and a Privacy Notice had been posted on the website. Privacy notices specific to Councillors and staff would be emailed or posted.</p>	
<p>18.33</p>	<p>Highways Nothing appears to have been done about the problems reported at previous meetings. Some potholes had been filled in but so poorly that the rain had washed them out again. It was felt that this was a waste of time, money and resources. The bushes on the road from Blackpool Gate to the Dog & Gun and down the Bailey Road to Sleetbeck had not been cut back and were still a hazard to traffic. The bushes on the B6318 opposite the Ash were now impeding visibility. Cllr Tarbitt said she would ask what was being done about the warning signs at Blackpool Gate bridge.</p>	
<p>18.34</p>	<p>Planning The applications for Cleughside and Coldside had both been approved.</p>	
<p>18.35</p>	<p>Summer Playscheme An application would be made to the Community Fund for a grant towards a playscheme this August. The Council approved a contribution of £100 towards any shortfall. The Clerk would consult with Stapleton & Solport and Nicholforest Parish Councils to see if they were interested in joining in a joint scheme.</p>	
<p>18.36</p>	<p>There were no items for the next meeting which will be on June 18th.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.55pm.</p>	