

**Minutes of the Bewcastle Parish Council Meeting
Monday 18th March 2019 at 7.30 pm in Roadhead Hall**

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

Item No		Action
19.12	Apologies were received from Andrea Nicholson and Cllr Val Tarbitt.	
19.13	Requests for Dispensations – none received.	
19.14	Declarations of Interest – none received.	
19.15	Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2019. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and signed as a true record of the meeting.	
19.16	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>19.05 AONB and Country Fest. The Chairman was continuing to explore the possibilities of applying for an AONB for Bewcastle and was being greatly assisted by the Friends of Lake District who have also generously promised to fund publicity, materials and other expenses for the Country Fest in the sum of £500. In addition the County Council have donated £130 towards the cost of the hire of the Hall for the weekend.</p> <p>19.09 Playing Field. Luke Graham has very kindly fitted the swing seats free of charge. The Parish Council is most grateful for this service.</p> <p>19.10 Highways. The Clerk had received an email from Cllr Tarbitt detailing Highways’ responses to her questions. They are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blackpoolgate Bridge – “there is an order in place to erect two signs at the location in question.” 2. Blocked drains/gullies – “should be reported by the public via our online website or by contacting our call centre.” 3. Repair of minor roads – “all minor roads are on an Annual inspection, where any defects are picked up, they are repaired accordingly to service procedure.” 4. Statutory cleaning of gullies – “there is a schedule that gullies are cleaned once every 2 years at the moment, that’s all the funding we have at the moment, this could end up one clean every 3 years the way the budgets are.” 5. Cyclists’ safety on the road to the Myre – “The roads are all inspected and pass safety inspections as per our service procedure.” 	

19.17 Financial Report

The Clerk reported that once all cheques had been cleared the current balance would stand at £5091.62 including the deposit account of £500.62. The full report is attached.

Donations were discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to give £600 to Roadhead Hall, £100 to GNAAS and £250 each to Bewcastle Church and the Knowe Church. It was further **RESOLVED** to transfer £500 to the Deposit account.

19.18 Highways

The total closure of the B6318 between Sleetbeck and the Penton crossroads has been extremely difficult for residents and the confusing, unhelpful signage has been a problem for visitors and delivery vehicles. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that Highways should be asked to consult with them about further road closures so that signage could be made clearer.

It was reported that there was flooding at the Lordstown Livery which was continuing down the road to Graham's Onsett.

19.19 Planning

Application Ref: 19/0136 – Greenrigg
There was no objection to this proposal.

19.20 Solway Aviation Museum

Councillors were informed of the invitation to the pre-opening show day.

19.21 Election – nomination forms were distributed to those councillors wishing to stand for re-election.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.