

Minutes of the Bewcastle Parish Council Meeting Thursday 21st January 2016 at 7.30pm in Roadhead Hall

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

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| 16.01 | Apologies were received from Steven Pattinson, County Cllr Val Tarbitt and City Councillor David Shepherd. |
| 16.02 | Requests for Dispensations – none received. |
| 16.03 | Declarations of Interest – none received. |
| 16.04 | Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2015 –two minor amendments were made to the minutes and initialled by the Chairman. RESOLVED: to authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes as a true record. |
| 16.05 (15.12) | Matters arising Bewcastle Fund - two spray courses had been completed and cheques received and paid in for the first. The Clerk was waiting for the cheques from the second course to be collected. The third course would take place on 13 th February. By then thirty six farms will have been represented. RESOLVED: the Bewcastle Fund Committee would take over the administration from the Parish Clerk. |
| (15.33) | Mobile Phone Mast – Catherine Anderson had replied to the Council's letter to Rory Stewart stating that the MP had tried to change the Secretary of State's mind but been unsuccessful. It was agreed to write back expressing the Council's disappointment in his response and asking again for his support in our media campaign. ACTION: the Clerk to write Rory Stewart. |
| (15.13) | Right to Bid – this item to await the outcome of the Steering Committee's meeting to consider the proposed changes in the geographical layout of the parishes in the diocese in view of the inevitable reduction in stipendiary clergy. The PCC was very unhappy with the proposed parish groupings and had requested the Parish Council to support their request that the Benefice of Bewcastle and Stapleton and Kirklington with Hethersgill should remain in its present form. The Councillors each signed letters to this effect. |
| (15.46) | Website – the Clerk reported that there had been no news on the grant and that therefore the agenda and papers had been published on the CALC website as before. She would make further urgent enquiries. However Cllr Renwick had already purchased an external hard drive which had been discussed previously. It was agreed that the bill for this would be considered at the February meeting. ACTION: the Clerk to contact CALC. |
| (15.43) | First Responders – the Clerk apologised for omitting this item from the agenda. Five people had taken and passed the exam and the sixth volunteer was taking it shortly. The Council agreed that congratulation cards should be sent to the volunteers. It was hoped to 'go live' in 10-14 days. It would be necessary to raise funds for renewable supplies and extra pagers starting with a Social on 20 th February. |

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| <p>16.06</p> <p>16.07</p> <p>16.08</p> <p>16.09</p> <p>16.10</p> <p>16.11</p> <p>16.12</p> <p>16.13</p> <p>16.14</p> <p>16.15</p> <p>16.16</p> | <p>Financial report (<i>attached</i>). RESOLVED: to accept the report.</p> <p>Highways. The Knowe road was collapsing again and there was a further problem with a ditch. The bollard had not been replaced at the Irish Ford. The ditch at Lordstown had been cleaned which should prevent further flooding on the road. Reflectors were still needed on Sleetbeck bends. No-one from Highways had been to see the Chairman about the blocked drain at Sleetbeck. ACTION: the Clerk to write to Highways about Irish Ford and speak to Barry Mallinson about the other matters.</p> <p>Planning. 15/0939 The renovation of the old telephone exchange had been approved subject to a number of provisos, the work for most of which must be carried out before building commences. 15/1034 Extension at Low Baileyhead – approved 16/0011 Porch at High Baileyhead – the Council had no objection to this proposal. ACTION: the Clerk to inform the Planning Department.</p> <p>Freedom of Information Publication Scheme was reviewed. RESOLVED: to approve the Scheme.</p> <p>Risk Assessment was reviewed. RESOLVED: to approve the Assessment.</p> <p>Parish Charter Planning Agreement. The amendment regarding the Site Visits section was considered. RESOLVED: to approve the amendment.</p> <p>Broadband – the Chairman reported on the meeting with BT Openreach. When the cabinets at Roadhead and Sleetbeck ‘go live’ there will be some dwellings which are still not served. In some cases a government-aided satellite dish would be a possible alternative or if there was still no service there might be other options. Details have yet to be published.</p> <p>New mower for Playing Field. After some discussion it was agreed that estimates would be sought with a view to applying for a grant in the new financial year. ACTION: Cllr Nicholson would obtain at least two estimates.</p> <p>Audit Procurement. RESOLVED: to accept the auditors appointed by the SLB.</p> <p>Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Most of the longer serving Councillors had attended a Garden Party before which excluded them. RESOLVED: to put forward Cllr Andrea Nicholson’s name. ACTION: the Clerk to inform CALC.</p> <p>The Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebrations. It was suggested that The Chairman should speak to Geoff Price with a view to combining with the Scouts. Cllr Holt-Thomas would make enquiries about beacons.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.30pm.</p> |
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