

**Minutes of the Bewcastle Parish Council Meeting  
held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm in Roadhead Hall**

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

Item No		Action
16.30	<b>Apologies</b> were received from Ann Holt-Thomas, Steven Pattinson and Cllr David Shepherd.	
16.31	<b>Requests for Dispensations.</b> There were none received.	
16.32	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b> There were none received.	
16.33	<b>Minutes</b> of the meeting held on Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2016 had been circulated and were accepted. <b>RESOLVED</b> to authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes as a true record.	
16.34	<b>Matters arising.</b>  <b>Mobile phone mast.</b> A meeting had been held with Rory Stewart MP. Steve Pattinson and the Clerk were present. Mr Stewart said there would be no money for a mobile phone mast alone but there was a possibility of funding for a 4G mast which would enable broadband as well as a mobile signal and he would look into it. Cllr Tarbitt said there was to be a second phase involving satellite dishes and she would keep us informed.  <b>Buckingham Palace Garden Party.</b> The nomination of Andrea Nicholson had not been successful.	
16.35	<b>Financial report.</b> The Clerk reported that there was a balance of £9,728.57 in the bank account. This included money raised by the Bewcastle Fund and held at present in the Parish Council account. The report is attached together with the final budget.  <u>Donations:</u> there was considerable discussion about how much could be made available from the surplus. <b>RESOLVED</b> to make the following donations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£600 to Roadhead Hall which is widely used by the community.</li> <li>£100 to Bewcastle First Responders.</li> <li>£250 to the United Reformed Church for the fabric fund.</li> <li>£250 to Bewcastle Parish Church as a contribution to the purchase of a dehumidifier for the Church.</li> </ul>	CML

	<p><u>Deposit account</u>: <b>RESOLVED</b> to open a Deposit Account at the Cumberland Building Society with an initial sum of £150. This account would be kept for unforeseen expenditure and any surplus on the Current Account at the end of the next financial year could be added. The signatories would remain the same as on the Current Account.</p> <p><b>16.36 Website.</b> The Clerk reported that the website was now 'live' and the address is <a href="http://www.bewcastleparishcouncil.org.uk">www.bewcastleparishcouncil.org.uk</a>. Work on it was ongoing.</p> <p><b>16.37 Bewcastle Fund.</b> The invoice for the third spray course has not yet been received. When this is paid the surplus will be £2,517.50. The committee will be holding a meeting to discuss how much to put back into the Fund and how much to hold against expenses for the next event.</p> <p><b>16.38 Planning.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Application ref: 16/0192 High Bailey Head – kitchen extension. <b>RESOLVED</b> - there was no objection to this application.</li> <li>ii. Application ref: 16/0146 Barn at Crookgate – conversion to house. There was considerable discussion about this application and there were a number of objections. <b>RESOLVED</b> – to send the objections to the Planning Department.</li> </ol> <p><b>16.39 Planning Policy. RESOLVED</b> – to adopt a planning policy based on the objections to the above application and those to the previous application for conversion of the old telephone exchange. A copy of the policy is attached to these minutes and will be published on the website.</p> <p><b>16.40 Highways.</b> The following problems were still outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ditch near the road leading to the Knowe</li> <li>• The road to the Flatt</li> <li>• Sleetbeck bends</li> <li>• The road at the Park</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Tarbitt asked that this information be emailed to her so that she could follow it up with Highways. Pat Renwick asked the Clerk to thank Barry Mallinson for the work done on Duncan Telford's ditch which he was unable to carry out himself due to ill health. Mr Mallinson had kindly arranged for it to be done by the Highways team.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9 pm.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Monday May 16th at 8pm. This is the AGM and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.</p>	<p>CML</p> <p>CML</p> <p>CML</p> <p>CML</p>
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