

Minutes of the Bewcastle Parish Council Meeting on 16th May 2016 at 8pm in Roadhead Hall

Present: Barbara Smith (Chairman), Brian Carruthers, Ann Holt-Thomas, Andrea Nicholson, Steven Pattinson, Mary Phillips, Pat Renwick, Frank Waugh, City Cllr David Shepherd

Item No	
16.41	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Dodd and Cllr Val Tarbitt</p>
16.42	<p>Election of Chairman Cllr Waugh proposed Cllr Barbara Smith. This was seconded by Cllr Ann Holt-Thomas. RESOLVED: that Cllr Barbara Smith should continue as Chairman.</p>
16.43	<p>Requests for Dispensations None were received.</p>
16.44	<p>Declarations of Interest None were received.</p>
16.45	<p>Minutes The Chairman moved the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th March 2016. RESOLVED: that the Minutes be received and signed as a true record of the meeting.</p>
16.46	<p>Matters arising 16.35 Deposit Account – the Clerk would arrange for the signatories to meet at the Cumberland Building Society to open the account as resolved at the previous meeting.</p>
16.47	<p>Financial report a)The Clerk reported that there was a balance of £10,298.97 in the bank account. This included £5,412.50 from the Bewcastle Fund. RESOLVED: to accept the financial report and the budget for 2016/17. b)The Clerk said that a letter would be sent to the auditors explaining the variations in the annual return caused by holding monies for the Bewcastle Fund. RESOLVED: to accept the annual return.</p>
16.48	<p>Financial Regulations A copy of NALC's latest amendments was given to Cllr Waugh who would pass it round to those councillors without access to the internet. The Clerk would email a copy to everyone else. The Chairman explained that a council member was needed to verify bank reconciliations (for all accounts) produced by the RFO. The member should sign the reconciliations and the original bank statements (or similar document) as evidence of verification. Cllr Ann Holt-Thomas volunteered for this task and it was agreed it should take place at a council meeting where possible.</p>

16.49 Bewcastle Fund

Cllr Ann –Holt-Thomas, Secretary of the sub-committee, read the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th May in which it was proposed that the surplus funds should be transferred to an account to be opened in the name of the Bewcastle Fund. An application form for grants had been prepared and Cllr Ann Holt-Thomas had also drafted a poster for publicity purposes. The sub-committee thanked the Parish Council for their support and help over the past twelve months.

RESOLVED: to transfer the sum of £1992.50 to the Bewcastle Fund. A cheque for this sum was signed and given to Cllr Pat Renwick, the Fund Treasurer. A copy of the minutes of the sub-committee is attached and a meeting of the Sub-committee will take place at the conclusion of the Parish Council AGM.

16.50 Playing Field

The latest safety report had been received and the repairs required were in hand. The question of maintenance was being considered and the outcome would be reported to the next meeting. Cllr Shepherd offered to help with funds for replacements for which the Council were very grateful. There was a problem with the emptying of the rubbish bin which is locked. The Clerk said she would take a photo of the bin for Cllr Shepherd who would look into the matter.

16.51 Website

A further tranche of the Transparency Fund is available for ongoing costs in 2016/17. **RESOLVED:** to apply for a grant. Cllr Pat Renwick agreed to help the Clerk with the application.

16.52 Planning

Application ref: 16/0146 Barn at Crookgate – decision pending.

16.53 Highways

The condition of the road to the Flatt was still deteriorating and it was suggested that the County council should be asked to place a weight limit on the road and also on the bridge at Blackpool Gate.

There had been no response to our request for signs at the dangerous corner at the Manse nor before the lonning to Whintingstown.

The road had been resurfaced at Sleetbeck Bends but there was still a dangerous drop at one place.

Cllr Dodd and Cllr Pat Renwick asked the Clerk to thank Barry Mallinson for the excellent repair to the ditch at the Stubb.

There had been a complaint about the speed of traffic leaving the 30mph zone down Kinkry Hill. The zone ends just before a sharp bend and a parishioner had to take evasive action to avoid being run over.

The Clerk will ask Highways for warning signs to be placed before the bend. Potholes on the road to Bellbank and at the Common Flatt were reported.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.