

17.32	<p>Pension Scheme for Staff The Clerk explained that under the Pensions Act 2008 employers must choose a pension scheme for their staff. As the Clerk herself is over retirement age pension arrangements do not apply to her but the Council must, nevertheless, decide on a pension scheme so that future staff can be enrolled if necessary. The Government has set up the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) for this purpose. RESOLVED: to join NEST.</p>	CML
17.33	<p>Planning Ref. No: 17/0219 Park Farm, Bewcastle Lean-to extension to existing agricultural building Ref. No: 17/0224 Park Farm, Bewcastle Earth bank silage clamp These two applications have been approved. Ref. No: 17/0411 Mireygate, Bewcastle Replacement conservatory This application has just been received. The Council had no objections.</p>	
17.34	<p>Highways a) Val Tarbitt had reported the problems brought up at the last meeting. It was agreed that there was no need to wait for a Parish Council meeting before reporting potholes etc. In future, Highways matters should be reported to the Clerk who would email the details to Val Tarbitt as the Highways committee member of the County Council. Two further issues were raised. One was the state of the surface between the Myre and the Rack and the other was the potholes at the cross roads on the B6318 at the junctions leading to Easton or Nicholforest. Val Tarbitt had reported the latter a number of times already but the repairs had not lasted. b) The failure to observe the speed limit through Roadhead was discussed. It was agreed that Andrea Nicholson would put an item on Bewcastle Crack asking for volunteers to take a police training course on the operation of speed guns. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting will be on Monday June 19th 2017.</p>	