

Minutes of the Bewcastle Parish Council Meeting Monday 19th March 2018 at 7.30 pm in Roadhead Hall

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

Item No		Action
18.13	Apologies were received from Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Carruthers and County Cllr Tarbitt.	
18.14	Requests for Dispensations – none received.	
18.15	Declarations of Interest – none received. The Clerk reminded Councillors that Registrable Interest forms must be kept up to date.	
18.16	Minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2018. RESOLVED: that the Minutes be received and signed as a true record of the meeting.	
18.17	Financial report The Clerk reported that once all cheques had been cleared the current balance would stand at £5230.61. The deposit account balance remains at £500.15. An additional sum of £600 had been received from the City Council in respect of a grant for the Hall. The full report is attached. Donations were discussed and the following sums agreed: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <p>£250 for Bewcastle Church towards provision of a hard of hearing loop and a similar sum for the Knowe Church for towards the upkeep of the fabric of the church.</p> <p>£100 to the Great North Air Ambulance.</p> <p>Cllr Renwick said that the First Responders were not in need at present of any further funds and proposed that the £100 included in the budget for the Group for should be added to the Hall donation of £600. Cllr Holt-Thomas seconded the proposal.</p> </div>	
18.18	Highways The gullies at Sleetbeck and at Fieldhead had still not been cleared. Due to the very severe weather much of the work requested at the February meeting had not been delivered. However re-surfacing had taken place again on Wellington, only a few months after the previous work and the Council considered that money had been wasted on the original re-surfacing. The 'road closed' signs at Wellington had been put out before any workmen or equipment were there. This would have meant that the waste collection lorries would not have been able to	

	<p>collect household rubbish from houses served by that road. The Clerk had to contact the City Council in an endeavour to prevent this happening. The Council requested that the signs were only erected when work was actually taking place.</p> <p>The road to the Myre is considerably worse following greater use because of the road closure at Wellington and is now a serious hazard to cyclists.</p> <p>An additional pothole was reported on the Sleetbeck side of the Oakshaw Ford bridge.</p> <p>18.19 Speeding through Roadhead A police officer will be attending the Annual Parish Meeting in May to advise on further action. The Council was grateful to City Cllr Shepherd for arranging this visit.</p> <p>18.20 1918 Centenary It was agreed that the possibility of marking the viewpoint near the old telephone exchange with a plaque should be explored and that a site visit should be made.</p> <p>18.21 Ward boundaries for Carlisle – it was RESOLVED that the present boundaries of Lyne ward were satisfactory and the Clerk was asked to report this to the Boundary Commission.</p> <p>18.22 The Forgotten Lands Rural Development Plan. Cllr Pattinson explained that this plan was part of the Borderlands Rural Growth Plan. It was still in development but was an exciting proposal. It was felt that revenue should be channelled into existing venues such as the Hall and the Knowe Church rather than finding new ones. The Council fully supported the plan and offered any help it could provide.</p> <p>18.23 No further items were added.</p> <p>The next meeting is on the 14th May and is the AGM. It will be preceded as usual at 7.30 by the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>	
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