

Blanchland Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting
held in the Village Hall
23rd September 2015

Mr Ray Wealleans from NCC was due to come to the meeting to discuss Public Toilets in general but failed to turn up.

Present: Councillors Mr Kennedy, Mr Patterson, Mr Bowers, Mr Graham, Mr Kilkenny and Councillor Horncastle, Clerk Mrs Ellison,

Apologies: none

Minutes of the previous meetings held on 27th May 2015 were read out and approved as a true record.

Declarations of Interest none

Matters Arising

Hexham bus: Still awaiting decision from NCC (Northumberland County Council) as to the viability of keeping it.

BOAT's: Proposed Footpath 29 on Boat's No 80 from corner of Slaley forest south easterly to 1,000 metres short of Pennypie. The meeting was in July and further information was put forward so still no decision.

Hole in the field and flooding of field and Play Area: Mr Snowdon (Sports Club) is applying to Sports England for a grant.

Review of Public Conveniences. NCC is to keep our Public Toilets open but as to any further information we had hoped to discuss with Mr Wealleans.

Footpath Shildon Road: No response from NCC as to whether they will repair it.

Drain Derwent View and Roadside Verges. Councillor Horncastle was unable to arrange a site meeting with Mr Westbury, Highways NCC. It was decided that a letter would be sent to Councillor Horncastle expressing our dissatisfaction with NCC and he would be able to pass this on to the relevant parties.

Waste Bin next to telephone box: These are now being emptied.

Telephone Box: The glass was replaced quickly but we will have to wait for the painting until teams are in the area.

Planning Applications: Two applications by Newbiggin Hall, 15/01063/FUL extension and 15/01067/FUL proposed gymnasium and sauna. The plans were circulated around the councillors and no objections were forthcoming. NCC granted permission

Transparency Act: Blanchland Parish Council is now on line on the Blanchland.org website and it was agreed to pay the £50 to Blanchland Community Development for setting it up.

New Business

Planning Application 15/02446/LBC listed building consent for replacing sections of existing stone hood moulds and label stops on south elevation including replacement of 1no stone lintel. This application was circulated around the Councillors and there was no objection. The permission was granted by NCC.

Play area. The Sports Club committee have asked if we would consider a grant towards refurbishment of the play area. They are applying for grants from other bodies. It was agreed that we would consider this again when other funding is in place.

Finances:

Interest in May 23p, June 22p, July 20p, Aug 21p

The second payment of the precept has been received £500.

Audit: The Audit has been approved by BDO and has been accepted by this council. The necessary notice has been displayed for fourteen days.

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

Next meeting TBA.

