

Blanchland Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting
held in the Village Hall
20th January 2016

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 25th November 2015 were read out and approved as a true record.

Declarations of Interest none

Matters Arising

Footpath Shildon Road: Awaiting a response from NCC for a site meeting.

Drain Derwent View and Roadside Verges. Awaiting NCC for a site meeting.

New Business:

Flood problems. Councillor Horncastle had been in touch to request information on any flood damages roads. He was informed that Baybridge to Birkside had become dangerous and it had been reported to NCC. Through his prompt action an engineer came out last week and work has commenced today. He is trying to arrange the site visit but due to flooding NCC have a heavy workload but he said he will keep trying.

New Audit regulation are coming into force in 2017 but we need to clarify what this council has to do. Clerk is to attend a training session next week.

Workplace Pensions. This is to come into force by 1st April. Clerk to look into this.

Hedges and Trees: Complaints about overhanging trees along Clapshaw Road. We will Ask Smith's Gore who is responsible for pruning.

Finances:

Interest in Nov 25p.

The precept was discussed and it was agreed to leave at the same rate £1K. Proposed by M Kennedy and seconded by T Bowers.

Next meeting 9th March at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 7.30pm