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**Blanchland Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting
held in the Village Hall
19th May 2016**

Present: Councillors Mr Kennedy, Mr Patterson, Mr Graham, Mr Kilkenny and Councillor Horncastle,

Apologies: Tim Bowers, Alice Ellison

Minutes of the previous meetings held on 9th March 2016 were read out and approved as a true record.

Declarations of Interest none

Matters Arising

Drain Derwent View and Roadside Verges, Footpath Shildon Road: Awaiting an update from Glen Harrison, Clerk has contacted him.

Hedges and Trees: The trimming has not been done and now that the hedges are coming into bloom it is of concern. Clerk to contact Savills urgently.

Planning Permission: Byres Clap Shaw 15/03758/FUL has been granted.

Post office House and Gallery 16/00452/COU has been granted

Litter Bin at the Pant: Thank you to Stan Graham who has repaired the bins and they are again being emptied by NCC.

Damage to Blanchland Bridge: Repairs have done by Durham County Council.

Grant for a Computer and Printer: Awaiting the result of the application.

Parking in The Square: We have once again had complaints. The problem has been exacerbated when The Hotel was resurfacing their car park. It was agreed to get out information to the local community to gather views on the consequences of going down the avenue of no parking, the amount of extra signage which will impact on the look of the village.

Insurance Approval: WE can save £30 this year by changing our insurance provider from AON to Zurich with the same amount of cover. This was agreed.

Finances:

Interest in March 22p, April 23p.

We have received the first half of the Precept £500.

The Audit for 2015-2016 was scrutinised and approved. The Chairman and Clerk duly signed the document, which has been independently audited by Mrs L Snowdon. The balance at the end of the year was £2509.43 which balanced with the ledger which was signed by the chairman.

Next meeting to be arranged

Meeting Closed 8.30pm