

Blanchland Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting
held in the Village Hall
15th September 2016

Present: Councillors Mr Kennedy, Mt Bowers, Mr Graham, Mr Kilkenny and Councillor Horncastle,

Apologies: Mr Patterson who is in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Minutes of the previous meetings held on 19th May 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: Councillor Horncastle is meeting with Kris Westeby and hopefully will be visiting all his Parishes around October. Clerk to forward to Mr Horncastle the email from Glenn Harrison with regard to the work which requires attention.

Hedges and Trees: Note from Kate Rankin (Savills) that Mrs Makepeace has confirmed that she has instructed a contractor to cut the hedge but this will be mid October. However there has been no response from Glenn Harrison about the verges which are the responsibility of NCC. Clerk to chase this up.

Planning Permission: The following plans were circulated to the councillors who voiced no objections Telephone Mast Cowbyers 16/02433/FUL, Guest Accommodation at Newbiggin Hall 16/02020/FUL. Approval has been granted by NCC for the telephone mast.

Grant for a Computer and Printer: We have received £580 pounds. Clerk to purchase next week.

Parking in The Square: Councillors will talk to the hotel manager about parking but it may be necessary to put bollards down one side of The Square at busy times.

Urgent Business

Mr Kilkenny is no longer employed in this Parish and is therefore unable to continue as a councillor. We thank him for his work and support and wish him well in his new job.

The clerk will display the notice for the vacancy and report the vacancy to the electoral team at NCC.

Flash Flooding: Two houses were flooded in the village last week due to the heavy rainfall in a short period of time. The drains could not take the volume of water but it did clear very quickly when the rain stopped. We would like to thank the residents who helped with the cleaning up.

Finances:

Interest in May 25p, June 25p, July 26p, Aug 29p.

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

Payments have been made to NALC £50.57, Village Hall £100, CAN £20.

The Audit for 2015-2016 has been approved by BDO, no matters arising, and has been duly accepted by this council. The necessary notice will be displayed for fourteen days.

Next meeting to be arranged

Meeting Closed 9.00pm