

Blanchland Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting
held in the Village Hall
19th January 2017
(Delayed from 12th because of bad weather)

Present: Councillors Mr Kennedy, Mr Bowers, Mr Graham, Clerk Mrs Ellison. Mr M Forster attended as an observer.

Apologies: Mr Patterson, we wish him a speedy recovery. Councillor Horncastle
Declarations of Interest none

Matters Arising

Drain Derwent View and Roadside Verges, hedges and trees, Footpath Shildon Road: No further progress but Mr Kris Westerby (Highways Engineer) has agreed to meet the councillors within the next two weeks.

Telephone Mast: The foundation for the mast at Cowbyers is going in this week.
Approval has been granted by NCC for the telephone mast.

Grant for a Computer and Printer: Now purchased at a cost of £534.97 including inks. All council business is been carried out on this with a dedicated email: blanchlandparishcouncil@outlook.com

Parking in The Square: Notice to go in the Arch stating that the council will have to look into permanent parking restrictions if things do not improve.
Bollards to be place down one side of The Square on show day.

Urgent Business

Dogs in playing field: After complaints notices have been placed at the corners of the field asking for dogs to be kept under control and litter disposed of responsibly. If this does not work we will have to go down a more official route with possible fines,

Off roaders: Several bikes have been seen going along the wood footpath north of the river, path has been badly damaged and clerk has reported this to Durham County Council.

Co-opted Councillor. Mr Forster has agreed to be co-opted as a councillor until May elections.

Finances:

Interest in Sept 30p, Oct 27p, Nov 27p, Dec 26p.

Precept for 2017/2018: It was unanimously agreed to keep it at one thousand pound (£1,000) as there is still a threat of losing the Hexham bus.

Next meeting 9th March at 7.30pm