

Blanchland Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting
held in the Village Hall
on Thursday 28th September 2017

Present: Councillors Mr Kennedy, Mr Bowers, Mr Graham, Mr M Forster, Councillor Horncastle, Clerk Mrs Ellison.

Apologies: none

Declarations of Interest none

Matters Arising

Drain Derwent View and Roadside Verges, hedges and trees, NCC are planning to ditching drainage and tree removal starting 9th October.

Footpath Shildon Road: To put forward for next LTP. In progress

Telephone Mast: The mast has been erected but to date the electric is not to it but is working with a generator.

Parking in The Square: We have provisional drafts in place for restricted parking and we will hold an open meeting on Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm. We are putting this forward for LTP

Dogs in playing field: Signage has had some impact, but it was decided to look into cost for a permanent notice board explaining that this is a playing field and to keep dogs on the path and under control. Clerk to progress this.

Hexham Bus: We were informed by NCC that this review would take place this month but to date we have no further information.

From Annual Parish Meeting

Satellite dishes. A new TV System has been installed with several satellite dishes being placed around the village. There was much concern at the village Annual meeting as up to date these were not allowed to be visible because of the nature of the conservation and listed status of the village. Discussions have been on going with Savills and the chair of the trustees but no progress has been made.

Mounting Block The mounting block at Baybridge is to be restored soon.

Lights on Gatehouse. The original lights that were installed on the gatehouse were not in keeping with the village but these have now been replaced.

New Business

Birkside Road Collapse: The state of the road has been reported to NCC and we understand an inspector has been out to assess the damage.

Defibrillator: At present there is no mobile signal in the village which is necessary for the use of a defibrillator. The Hotel has one and said it can be used at any time. Clerk to approach the management to see if we can display a notice to this effect. Clerk will also approach BT with regard to the phone box to see if it will accept the code needed for the use of the defibrillator as at present it is card only.

Local Transport Plan. We have put forward our requests for Parking restrictions plus repair of the road through The Square. Request for repair of footpath Shildon Road and repairs to Birkside Road.

Planning Applications: There were no objections to 17/02527/FUL, Gas tank, water tank and generator, Newbiggin Hall.

Financial report

The Audit has been approved and the matter arising will be rectified next year. Audit conclusion notice to be placed on the notice board for fourteen days.

Second half precept has been received, £500.

Interest: May 28p, June 27p, July 25p, August 26p.

The clerk has given notice that she will retire at the end of this financial year. Post to be advertised.

Date of Next meeting. 8th November 2017 at 7.30pm.