

Blanchland Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting
held in the Village Hall
on Wednesday 22nd November 2017

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

Apologies: none

Declarations of Interest none

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

Drain Derwent View and Roadside Verges, hedges and trees, A lot of work has been done by NCC but the clearing of the debris build up was not done. Councillor Horncastle will try and arrange for Kris Westerby (Highways Engineer) to come out on site.

Footpath Shildon Road: We will discuss this with Mr Westerby at the same time as Clapshaw and repairs to the road in The Square.

Telephone Mast: Fully working.

Parking in The Square: After our open meeting with residents the councillors have agreed by a majority of 3 (one Abstention) that we put plans forward to Mr McKenzie for Double yellow lines. Attached is the outline plan. Councillor Horncastle attended a meeting today which showed that we have 7 points out of 16 on the criteria for the Local Transport Plan for road repair and parking lines. We await the decision.

Dogs in playing field: The cost of notice boards seems to be particularly high so it was agreed to monitor the situation.

Hexham Bus: Awaiting review..

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

Birkside Road Collapse: Glen Harrison has been in touch with Michael Kennedy and it is hoped repairs can be done soon.

Defibrillator: New defibrillators do not require a code to access so we will look into prices and research an electric source next to the phone box. Councillor Horncastle may be able to assist with this purchase.

Planning Applications: There were no objections to 17/03896/LBC Surgery and 17/04088/FUL Cowbyers. It was observed that the water tank would not be big enough for the four bathrooms and the two in the farm. And the wall does not show the railings on the plans but there was no objection to the actual conversion.

Clerk retirement. So far no one has come forward from the local advertisement.

New Business.

Donation for grass cutting. It was agreed to make this decision at the next meeting as it is understood the mower would need servicing also.

Financial report

Interest: Sept 28p. Oct 29.

We will decide the precept at the next meeting

Date of Next meeting. 17th January at 7.30pm.