

**Minutes of the Meeting of West Allen Parish Council - Thursday 12 September 2019 at 7.30 at Middle, Ninebanks, Hexham, NE47 8DL**

**Present:** Helen Adams, Steve Agar (Chairman), Alan Greaves, Colin Horncastle, John Martin, Barbara Ingman (Clerk)

- • Welcome
- • Matters arising from previous meeting –  
Speed limit at Carrshield – in progress. Neil Snowdon is snowed under with work and under staffed.  
Ashes bridge road has improved slightly as Howard has reinstated the drains.
- • Correspondence:  
Local Transport Plan Programme 2019-20 – annual request from NCC to submit requests for the 3 top highway and transport issues in the West Allen Parish Council  
The dip in the road below the Dales was badly repaired and the road is only suitable for cars. The recent work to repair the dip in the road below the Dales was sub standard quality. It was agreed to submit the same requests as last year but extend the area to include Blackpool Bridge to Mohope.  
*Lime kiln collapse - Miners Rest, Carrshield NE47 8AB – request for information from Lisa Beattie on who is responsible for restoration. We will contact Historic England but are not aware of who the land owner is who will have responsibility for this. Lisa will be advised to contact the estate agent who is handling the sale of Small Burns who may be able to tell say if it is part of the property.*  
Carrshield Village Hall, update. There is currently a grant application with Leader to do some work on the floor and windows and put floors in two other buildings and it is expected to hear if the application has been successful in the next month.  
Roland Hull, Redheugh – paving of roads update – a meeting took place with Glen Harrison and an estimate to replace the road was too expensive. In the meantime, the road will be patched. Colin Horncastle reported that the Highways have a little more money now and it is hoped to improve the situation in the future.  
Mill Road End and Blackpool Bridge is also particularly bad.  
Ditch at Mohope - JM pointed out the problem and it still hasn't been repaired. CH will try to move this forward.  
Parish Councils can offer to do some work themselves but a problem with public liability issues.  
Adapt – Getabout Scheme for people who have difficulty getting around Northumberland – they sent details on how to access a volunteer driver. Anyone interested needs to register and pay £6 for a six-month period. Cost of journeys is 50p a mile. Further details on [www.adapt-ne.org.uk](http://www.adapt-ne.org.uk) – BI to request more leaflets.  
Waste Leaflets & Stickers from NCC to be taken to the pop up pub.
- • Planning update –  
1-2 Blakett Terrace Carrshield, refurbishment – permission granted  
Myrtle Bank, Allendale – construction of single storey extension – permission granted  
Land North West of Coalcleugh to facilitate removing elements of flood plain – permission granted
- • Any other Business  
Residents in Ninebanks have requested that a road sweeper in Ninebanks to [david.hunt@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:david.hunt@northumberland.gov.uk) and CH will also follow this up.  
Pop up pub is the last Thursday in the month at Ninebanks Church Hall. Special event licence but village hall have applied for a licence. 30 to 40 people have attended some months.  
CH talked about the work being done at Haydon Bridge High School. Threat of closure has now gone. It is important that there is a High School in Haydon Bridge as QE have restricted their intake into the 6<sup>th</sup> form so an alternative is important.
- • Date and times of next meetings – Thursday 5 December 2019 at 7.30 at Middle, Ninebanks, Hexham, NE47 8DL

