

**Minutes from the Meeting of West Allen Parish Council**  
**Thursday 29 February 2024 at 19:00 – Ninebanks Church & Community Hall**

**Present:** Rowland Hull (Chair), Helen Adams, David Adams, Lee Sutterby and Fiona McIlroy (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Steve Agar

**In Attendance:** Helen Manson and Jane Braybrook

**1. Minutes of last meeting on 7 December 2023**

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

**2. Matters arising**

- a) Defibrillators for Mohope and Carrshield – £3,921 has now been received. Steve Agar has asked for 3 quotes and is getting advice from a friend who was head of First Responders for the London Ambulance Service. David Manson has emailed Steve about which ones the Northeast Ambulance Service use. David Manson has also arranged for a colleague from Mountain Rescue to do a first aid/defib one day course for free for 12 people. The PC will have to cover his expenses. The trainer will be asked to suggest a date.
- b) Verge cutting - the clerk has sent a map to NCC and will remind them in April to put out the signs.

**3. WAPC Resilience Group**

In his absence Steve Agar presented a note detailing the equipment that had been purchased for the resilience group totalling £1,892.47.

Discussions are still on-going about where to store the generator and fuel.

No satellite phones were purchased as B4RN have assured him that the broadband boxes will have a backup electrical supply in the event of a power cut, so the PC just has to ensure that the router in the Hall has power.

**4. Correspondence**

No correspondence had been received.

**5. Planning**

Local planning applications were discussed. The PC has not yet been informed that an enforcement notice has been issued and it is not showing on the planning portal yet.

**6. Any other business**

- a) David Adams gave a brief summary of the new Red Squirrel group whose aim is to control the greys to allow the reds back. He has 4 traps which are all out on loan.
- b) Steve Agar is the WAPC representative on the Almshouses Trust that looks after 4 single occupancy flats in Allendale. The PC are happy for him to be re-appointed to this role.
- c) Helen Adams asked the clerk to raise with NCC the fact that the Ninebanks road is in a bad state after the trees were recently removed with lots of mud on the road. Likewise, the Ouston bank road has so many potholes which are covered with water so impossible to see.

**7. Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 6 June 2024 at 19:30 at Ninebanks Church & Community Hall