

## Minutes of the Meeting of West Allen Parish Council, Thursday 7 June 2018 at 7.30 in Ninebanks Church Hall

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

1. Helen Adams was welcomed as a new Parish Councillor. Helen replaces Jennifer Brown who resigned earlier in the year.
2. **Matters arising from previous meeting:** Andrew Olive, the Senior Maintenance Team Leader at Northumberland County Council and Colin Horncastle will drive around the area and identify urgent road repair work. It was requested that the Mohope Road, the road from Far Pastures to the Ward Way, and Mill Road end to Blackpool Bridge are treated as priorities. Mike Davies, Green Sike, Mohope has asked for the slow signs on the Mohope Road to be enhanced. Colin Horncastle will inspect this when he tours the area.
3. **Correspondence:** Insurance through the BHIB Councils Team, premium £249.19 would be renewed. Steve Agar will check with Blanchland Council to see if their insurance is any cheaper and will also ask NALC for advice on this.

The NALC subscription was renewed and this includes £75 for the website.

Chris Charlton informed the Council that the defibrillator is now installed. The access code is C0147X and the location post code is NE47 8DB. The North East Ambulance Service will organise training.

Road safety Carrshield - Speed monitors have been in place again and agreement has been made to try to get a 40mph restriction plus better signage.

4. **Planning :** Mohope Head –AONB and Building Conservation had no objection and planning was granted. Correspondence set out requirements re drainage and materials to be used can be viewed at: <https://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=P48UXFQSMEW00>

Observations were invited for the following applications but there were no comments to put forward:

Construction of a Check Weir in the River West Allen and access track along river bank	18/01716/FUL
Capture water upstream of the old mining adit and pipe this flow under access track	18/01717/FUL
Notice of Coal Authority proposals application for consent to construct works on Allendale Common	Received from JBA consulting Ref 2016s5347

Decisions on other previous applications:

Lee Vasey, Chapel Cottage Mohope, two storey extension	Granted
Elizabeth Barnes, Corryhill Chapel, new vehicular access from road, plus new dry-stone wall along boundary	18/01552/FUL Pending
Roland Hull, Redheugh, Mohope, two storey extension	18/01404/FUL Pending

5. **Audit:** annual audit documents had been received from PKF Littlejohn LLP who are the appointed auditors. The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements circulated at the meeting.
6. **Data Protection:** NALC have confirmed that Parish Councils do not need to appoint a data protection officer. There is a toolkit on the NALC website which advises Councils on how to become compliant with the new GDPR rules. Login details have been requested.
7. **Any other Business:** It was agreed that Steve Agar should send a letter of support for the Broadband for Allen Valleys scheme.

Colin Horncastle informed the meeting that the post 16 transport charge has now been abolished and it will now cost £25 per year for school transport. It was also reported that Haydon Bridge High school will stay open and no changes expected to Allendale .

8. **Date and times of next meetings:** Thursday 13 September 2018 (moved from 6 September)