

Meeting of West Allen Parish Council

Thursday 14 September 2017 at 7.30 in Ninebanks Church Hall – Minutes

Present: Alan Greaves, John Martin, Ian Reed and the Clerk to the West Allen Parish Council
Barbara Ingman.

Apologies: Steve Agar, Jennifer Brown

1 Matters arising from previous meeting - none

2 Correspondence:

Local Transport Plan Programme 2018-19 – we have been asked to submit top three highways and transport priority issues to Northumberland County Council by 30 September, these are:

(i) From Ninebanks to the top of Clint Hill needs resurfacing

(ii) From the Blackpool Bridge to the Ouston junction water runs down the road and often floods in wet weather so drainage and resurfacing required

(iii) Most of the roads from the Blackpool Bridge to Mohope and the Middle need major repairs, mainly pothole damage

John Martin asked if the Council could be asked why they put some tarmac on a private part of the road leading to Mohope Head and Highlight Shield when the Council road nearby still has potholes in urgent need of repair.

3. AON to cease handling insurance for Local Councils

4. Council members were invited to the launch of the new North Pennines Observatory at Allenheads Contemporary Arts. on Friday 6 October. Alan Greaves and Steve Agar would be attending.

5. Removal of items that litter the sides of the Ward Way email from Liz Barnes–
The items on Ward Way have now been removed and Alan Greaves agreed to write to Kathleen Rumney to ask if she has any interest and if she does she should remove the scrap vehicles within a month, otherwise a scrap merchant will be asked to remove it. John Martin suggested asking Mowden Garage in Alston.

6. Planning –

The following applications have been granted:

Farneyshield Telecoms Mast Ninebanks Hexham Northumberland NE47 8DW

Joe Robinson, Duck House, Barn Conversion

Remediation of a Tailings Storage Facility, Barneycraig

Observations for the following were circulated via email:

Low Hartley Cleugh – single storey garden room extension

Old Post Office, Carrshield, rear extension to ground floor

Removal of condition for Limestone Brae Chapel to be used as holiday accommodation

Observations are invited for Barney Crag – plans available at meeting or on the following website: <https://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications/>

7. Any other Business – None

8. Date and times of next meeting – Thursday 7 December 2017, 7.30, Ninebanks Church Hall