

Minutes of the Meeting of West Allen Parish Council

Thursday 2 September 2021 at 19:00, at Middle, Ninebanks, Hexham, NE47 8DL

Present: Helen Adams, Steve Agar (Chair), Alan Greaves, John Martin, Barbara Ingman

- The minutes of meeting held on 3 June 2021 were accepted as a true record.
- Matters arising from previous meeting
AG will circulate an email from the Planning Department about the caravan at Spartywell which states that the occupants must apply for retrospective planning permission.
- Correspondence:
(a) Local Transport Plan Programme 2021-222 – request from NCC to submit requests for the 3 top highway and transport issues in the West Allen Parish Council.
It was agreed to send the same requests as last year:

Resurface School Bank to Ward Way:

Resurface, C294 COALCLEUGH TOWARDS SWINHOPE BRIDGE

from Coalcleugh junction to near Mutton Hall

Remove water seepage on Leadgate Bank and repair potholes. The problem is caused by a blocked drain which goes under the road.

(b) Ninebanks Church and Community Hall Group are working on a project to upgrade the kitchen and small meeting room in the village hall. A new kitchen will be installed into an insulated and heated, refurbished room. £28,000 out of £35,000 has been raised so far. Unfortunately, the Parish Council have very little funds available and are unable to contribute to this project.

(c) HSBC Banking – The West Allen Parish Council’s bank account is currently classed as a community bank account but from 1 November will change to a charitable account and will incur a £5 a month bank charge. Any transactions not done online will incur further charges. All our transactions are now done online. BI will check to see if any other banks would be suitable.

(d) Proposed modification to right of way. It was agreed to respond stating that there are no objections to plan 17. On plan 18 there is no existing path or track on the area marked from X to Y, and any track from W to X has been caused by farm access so seems inappropriate.

- Planning – the Council looked at the planning applications and had no observations to pass on:

Applicant:	Address:	Details:
Mr Jesse Doyle	Temperance Farm	Change to windows - ok
David Manson	North Chareheads	Porch extension - application granted
Stuart Ian Donald & Natasha Ninnim	Whiteley Shield Chapel	Listed building consent for conversion of former Methodist Chapel check to see if drainage on and if not query
Mr Terrence Page	2 New Houses	Variation on approved application -
Mr Stuart Hankinson	Raby Cottage	Proposed two storey gable extension
Mr & Mrs Chris & Fiona Hewitt	South View	Conversion of byre to create holiday letting accommodation.

- Any other Business
SA will approach Jesse Doyle from Carrshield to join the Council.

The DEFRA funded Farming in Protected Landscapes programme is offering funding to farmers and land managers in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Alan

agreed to investigate applying for funding through the West Allen Parish Council to restore lime kilns in the West Allen which are situated with public access.

- Date and times of next meetings – Thursday 2 December 2021 at 7.00 at Middle, Ninebanks, Hexham, NE47 8DL