

Minutes Meeting of West Allen Parish Council - Thursday 6 June 2019 at 7.30, Middle, Ninebanks, NE47 8DL

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

Apologies: Colin Horncastle, Ian Reed

- Welcome – apologies for absence received from Ian Reed and Colin Horncastle.
- Matters arising from previous meeting – the dip in the road near Dale House is becoming worse as is Mohope Bank.

Speed in Carrshield not progress

Northumberland Strat plan SA perused and comments were only on technicalities.

- Correspondence:
Insurance – renewed from 1 June at a cost of £235.33
- **NALC Annual Subscription – £172.64**
- Dog Bin at Carrshield – invoice for £75. The wheelie bin the Council supplied would not have been in the right location and Steve Agar therefore bought a dog bin which is at the bottom of the track in the dog walk area and is emptied into a Council bin.
- Report received on the number of users accessing the West Allen PC website showed that there are very few readers. (circulated at the meeting)
- **NALC have sent a link to The Northumberland National Park's Draft Local Plan which can be forwarded by email to anyone interested**
- An email from Roland Hull has been received regarding the state of the roads in Mohope, particularly near Park House, Redheugh and the Nether. He requested support from the Parish Council and Alan Greaves agreed to attend a meeting on 27 June at Redheugh with Glen Harrison, the Highway Maintenance Senior Team Leader. Some patchwork repairs have been carried out on the Mohope roads but these are regarded as unsatisfactory as they won't last for long.
- Audit – annual audit documents have now been received from PKF Littlejohn LLP who are the appointed auditors. As part of the audit the Council approved the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements. It was agreed to request an increase in the Precept for future years.
- Alwyn Woodcock sent a request for a donation towards the village hall project in the Mineshop at Carrshield. The Allen Valleys Enterprise Ltd (AVEL) is involved in the development of the Mineshop at Carrshield. They would like to use the rooms to hold village events. The funding would be for tables, chairs, heaters and lights. The Council agreed to inform Alwyn that we are keen to support the village but don't have funds readily available but if they are unsuccessful in gaining Leader funding the Council can reconsider a possible donation.
- **Planning –**
Planning for the construction of rear extension (18/03894/FUL) Greenley Cleugh Farm was granted
Retrospective planning for installation of UPVC windows at Low Turneyshield was granted
Planning applications received for:
There were no comments regarding planning applications from: The Nook Farm, Ninebanks, Change of use from paddock to outdoor arena (19/01109/COU) and 1-2 Blackett Terrace, Carrshield, planning for refurbishment including windows and internal alterations (19/01172/LBC)
- **Any other Business**

It was agreed to contact the Council about the state of the road near Ashes Bridge where trees have been felled and the traffic associated with this project has caused the road condition to become dangerous. This is located at map reference NY783536. The field drains have been damaged by the heavy equipment and water from the fields is running on to the road which is covered by debris from the felled trees and the muddy conditions are proving hazardous for drivers.

- - **Date and time of next meeting** —Thursday 12 September 2019 and Thursday 5 December 2019.