PLENMELLER WITH WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting 14th November 2022
Approved Minutes

Present 7.10pm	Cllr J Blackett-Ord Cllr A Johnston Cllr J Cousin Cllr O Norris	Cllr J Johnston Cllr A Dale Cllr V Harmer County – Cllr I Hutchinson Clerk - Mrs Susan Saunders
44/22	**Apologies for absence**	
45/22	**Declarations of Interest** Cllr Hutchinson declared an interest in planning. Cllr J Blackett-Ord declared an interest in Whitfield Estate matters, Cllr V Harmer declared an interest in Plenmeller estate matters.	
46/22	**Public Questions -** No questions	
47/22	**Minutes of the meetings to be approved held on:** Monday 8th August 2022 **Proposed Cllr J Johnston Seconded Cllr J Cousin AGREED**	
48/22	**Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda** The road surfacing at Dodd Bank still needs attention. The defibrillator has been purchased for Plenmeller. It was agreed to check the one in Whitfield is being monitored correctly. Repair to the subsidence on the C322 on the right-hand side of the road above the Blacksmiths shop just outside the village. Cllr Hutchinson reported that this falls under NCC repairs. The widening of the road from Fell House and the Haltwhistle turning was on last years' list and also on this year. It is hoped that half the widening work can therefore be completed with only one road closure.	
49/22	**Correspondence received since the last council meeting.** NALC enews NCC consultation on land available for Gypsies, travellers NCC – iNorthumberland enews NCC Local Plan pack NCC – Bridge Northumberland newsletter NCC – Consultation of public spaces order for control of dogs NCC – Online Consultation of Gambling Policy Statement of Principles and the review of the Street Trading policy Pension Regulator – re-declaration letter Email from Bardon Mill PC asking about signage to stop arctic lorries travelling down The Steel. – Cllr Hutchinson has spoken with NCC and they will assess signs at both ends. The clerk will inform Bardon Mill.	
50/22	**Seat Repair –** the old seat has been removed and the wood has been shaped ready for painting. It is hoped this will be undertaken over the next couple of weeks. Paint has been purchased to co-ordinate with The Elks Head colour scheme.	
51/22	**Planning Applications – No plans**	
52/22	**Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Review** It was agreed that no changes were required for the review. **Proposed Cllr J Johnston Seconded Cllr A Johnston AGREED**	
53/22	**Grant Request** Great North Air Ambulance – It was agreed to defer this until February so it is paid out at the same time each year.	

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53/22 **Reports on Financial and Administration Matters**

54/22.01 Bank Balances & Income and expenditure as at 15th October 2022

54/22.02 Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for Payment 14th November 2022

Appendix 2	**Plenmeller with Whitfield**				54/22.02	
Bank Reconciliation	**For Current Account**					
Bank Balance as at		**15-Oct-22**			**2205.44**	
Plus	o/s Lodgements				0	
Less	o/s Payments	HSBC			8	
					2197.44	
	Bal b/f 31st March 2022			**1855.60**		
	Receipts in the year		2750.00			
	Payments in the year		2408.16			
	Balance at	15-Oct-22			**2197.44**	
	Payments For Approval at 14th November 2022					
	HSBC	Bank Charges	33.00	Nov- Feb	4 months	
	Elks Head		64.80		2 meetings	
	A Dale Exp	Wood for seat	115.20			
	Whitfield V Hall		10.00		Nov & March paid in cash by SMS	
			223.00			
	Balance Forecast to 31st Jan 2023				**2089.64**	

The payments of £223 were approved.

Proposed Cllr A Johnston **Seconded Cllr J Cousin** **AGREED**

54/22.03 Precept 2023-2024

It was agreed to request £2950, a rise of £200. The budget was agreed with a decrease to £100 for the maintenance figure.

Proposed Cllr J Cousin **Seconded Cllr J Johnston** **AGREED**

54/22.04 SAAA – opt out of audit option. It was agreed not to opt out of the internal audit.

Proposed Cllr J Cousin **Seconded Cllr J Johnston** **AGREED**

54/22 **Haltwhistle & District Burial Committee**

Cllr Dale reported about the sad passing of the cemetery keeper Michael Glenwright and that the assistant, Sean Glenton, is to take over the role as cemetery manager.

Nothing has been heard with regard to Melkridge. Cllr Hutchinson has also asked at County for information.

The committee are trying to re-register the land at Haltwhistle Cemetery and Greenhead Cemetery to Haltwhistle Town Council but, as the land is currently registered under the names of Michael Glenwright and Karen Little it is proving to be difficult. The committee may need to obtain legal advice.

55/22 **Any Other Business**

Cllr Hutchinson will request the sweeping of leaves from the paths in Whitfield.

Cllr Blackett-Ord was thanked for cutting back trees.

30/22 **Dates and times of next meetings:**

Parish Council Meeting: Monday 13th February 2023 7.30pm at The Village Hall, Whitfield.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm