PLENMELLER WITH WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting 14th August 2023
Approved Minutes

Present 7.10pm	Cllr J Blackett-Ord Cllr A Johnston Cllr J Cousin Cllr O Norris	Cllr J Johnston Clerk - Mrs Susan Saunders 1 Member of the public
33/23	**Apologies for absence –** Cllr A Dale, Cllr I Hutchinson. Cllr V Harmer could not attend due to unforeseen circumstances and requested a dispensation for 6 months non-attendance. It was agreed to grant the dispensation.	
34/23	**Declarations of Interest** Cllr J Blackett-Ord declared an interest in any Whitfield Estate matters that may be raised.	
35/23	**Public Questions -** No questions but Annette McGlade who represents Northumberland Community Development Company (NCDC) spoke about a project called 'Out and About' which is Supporting and rebuilding rural community connections using village halls.	
36/23	**Minutes of the meetings to be approved held on:** Monday 16th May 2023 **Proposed Cllr J Cousin Seconded Cllr A Johnston AGREED**	
37/23	**Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda** The seat is now finished and has had a second coat of paint.	
38/23	**Local transport Plan –** *to approve 3 priorities:* 1. Widening of road between Fell House and the Haltwhistle turn off. 2. Repair to the footpaths between Whitfield Church and top of the Hall Bank. 3. Repair to the subsidence on the C322 on the right-hand side of the road above the Blacksmiths shop just outside the village. **Proposed Cllr J Cousin Seconded Cllr J Johnston AGREED**	
39/23	**Wildlife Sign on Plenmeller Road** A letter has been received asking for help in notifying drivers of the wildlife in the surrounding area found on the road from Plenmeller to Whitfield as there are many deaths along this stretch. Members agreed to ask Cllr I Hutchinson and Highways if a sign could be appropriately placed. **Proposed Cllr J Cousin Seconded Cllr J Johnston AGREED**	
40/23	**Correspondence received since the last council meeting.** The correspondence was noted.	
41/23	**Northumberland County Council** The road at Steel bank needs 4 signs and these are still in the design stage.	
42/23	**Planning Applications** 23/01574VARYCO– Variation on condition 2 to use 3 smaller conservation rooflights. – Whitewalls. No Objection to approve, subsequently **GRANTED** **Proposed Cllr J Cousin Seconded Cllr A Johnston AGREED** 23/01576 - Whitewalls **-GRANTED**	

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43/23 **Reports on Financial and Administration Matters**

43/23.01 Bank Balances & Income and expenditure as at 30th July 2023

43/23.02 Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for Payment 14th August 2023

Appendix 2	**Plenmeller with Whitfield**						43/23.02
Bank Reconciliation		For Current Account					
Bank Balance as at			30-Jul-23				**£1,854.79**
Plus	o/s Lodgements						£0.00
Less	o/s Payments		HSBC				£0.00
			Elks Head		From 2022-2023		£64.80
							£1,789.99
	Bal b/f 31st March 2023				**£1,327.82**		
	Receipts in the year			£1,515.00			
	Payments in the year			£1,052.83			
	Balance at		30-Jul-23				**£1,789.99**
	Payments For Approval at 14th August 2023						
	HSBC	DDR	Bank Charges	36.00	Aug - Nov	4 months	
	Mrs S M Saunders	Salary		381.60	1st 6 months		
	Mrs S M Saunders	- exp		73.94	Travel, Home All 2 meetiings, ink & paper, room renta		
	HDJBC	CQ	Budget Levy	572.18	2nd tranche		
	Mrs S M Saunders	- exp	Internal Auditor gift	15.00			
	HMRC		PAYE	3.20	DDR		
				1081.92			
	Balance Forecast to 30 Sep 2023						**£2,183.07**

The payments of £1081.92 were approved.

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

44/23 **Haltwhistle & District Burial Committee**

The clerk at Haltwhistle has received communication from NCC with some queries which have subsequently been answered.

45/23 **Any Other Business**

Cllr A Johnston thanked the Whitfield staff as they have tidied all the footpaths in the village.
The conifers at the Blacksmith shop are blocking the view from the road.
The tree next to The Elks Head sign needs removing.
Cllr Blackett-Ord will address the issues.

46/22 **Dates and times of next meetings:**

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 13th November 2023 in Whitfield Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.