

Minutes of the Meeting of West Allen Parish Council held on

Thursday 16 December 2021 at 19:00, at Middle, Ninebanks, Hexham, NE47 8DL –

Present: Steve Agar, Alan Greaves, Helen Adams, John Martin

- The meeting was postponed from Thursday 2 December when power cuts from the damage caused by storm Arwen cut off supplies to the West Allen for 8 days.
- Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting -
Caravan at Spartywell – Planning Officer reported they haven't applied for planning permission and if it isn't forthcoming an order will be issued to remove the caravan. Nothing further will be done re lime kilns as Alan won't be continuing as a Councillor because he is moving out of the area.

Helen Manson reported that a total of £40,761 for the Ninebanks Church and Community Hall Kitchen has been raised for the refurbishment project and work will begin shortly.

- Correspondence:
Almshouse Trustees – Jim Brown informed us that Steve Agar has agreed to carry on as the Trustee member for the East Allen.

Precept requirement for the financial year 2022-23 –£850 was agreed.

Storm Arwen: David Manson from North Chareheads sent a note to see whether the Parish Council can take an active role in determining the local needs and putting appropriate things into place in case of future storms. It was agreed to ask David to prepare a questionnaire for everyone in the West Allen Parish. Steve agreed to look at costs for a mail drop. Colin Horncastle informed us that Northumberland County Council are holding an enquiry into what happened and will be holding Northern Powergrid and Northumbrian water to account. NCC are suggesting that the council produces a blueprint/action plan for Parish Councils in case anything like this happens again. This would cover who and how to contact the council, lists of vulnerable people, emergency Hubs with power and food for shelter and any equipment a Parish may need. Colin will keep us informed on the progress of this.

It was agreed to donate £250 to the Great North Air Ambulance.

- Planning –

Applicant:	Address:	Details:
Mr Jesse Doyle	Temperance Farm	Change to windows – pending
Stuart Ian Donald & Natasha Ninnim	Whiteley Shield Chapel	Listed building consent for conversion of former Methodist Chapel - refused
Mr Terrence Page	2 New Houses	Variation on approved application – pending
Mr Stuart Hankinson	Raby Cottage	Proposed two storey gable extension - pending
Mr & Mrs Chris & Fiona Hewitt	South View	Conversion of byre to create holiday letting accommodation. – granted
John Blackett-Ord	Low Haber Caravan Site	Application to create 3 additional pitches refused
Joseph Colin Reed	Lynn View Limestone Brae	Restore and re-build existing derelict dwellings. Steve sent comments. Pending.

- Any other Business – new Councillors and replacement Parish Clerk:

Helen agreed to ask Michelle Scorer in Carrshield and David Adams in Mohope if they would like to join the Parish Council.

Barbara will ask Joanne Sutterby if she would be interested in taking over as Clerk.

Steve thanked Barbara and Alan for the work they had done as Clerk and Councillor.

- Date and times of next meetings – Thursday 3 March 2022 at 7.00, venue to be decided.