

## Minutes of the Meeting of West Allen Parish Council

Thursday 2 March 2017 at 7.30 in Ninebanks Church Hall

**Present:** Steve Agar, Jennifer Brown Alan Greaves, John Martin, Ian Reed and the Clerk to the West Allen Parish Council Barbara Ingman.

1 Matters arising from previous meeting

War memorial to Private Fairless, Limestone Brae burial ground has been added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The memorial is now listed at Grade II.

Correspondence:

- (i) Letters of thanks received from Air Ambulance and Natural Ability were circulated at the meeting
- (ii) Removal of items that litter the sides of the Ward Way - correspondence from Liz Barnes was circulated and discussed. Steve Agar agreed to contact Mr Bob Smith, Enforcement Officer at Northumberland County Council with a view to asking the Council to remove the litter. Stephen Rickett from NALC said that the County Council might have rights under the environment act. If the NCC doesn't do anything the Parish Council will continue with their efforts to try and remove this. It is believed that the litter belongs to Les Clark, but no one has his contact details. It was agreed to find out who owns the land through the Land Registry and then contact the owners. If the owners don't object the Parish Council will investigate the costs to have the litter removed. BI agreed to inform Liz Barnes of the action the PC is planning to take.
- (iii) A complaint was received about a proposed motor rally through Carrshield and Ninebanks. Following our correspondence the rally was re-routed away from the area.

2 Planning – <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/westallen>

Farneyshield Telecom Proposal Ninebanks Hexham Northumberland NE47 8DW – permitted **Installation of high speed Broadband cabinet**. Opposite Galloway House Carrshield Hexham NE47 8AA

**Certificate of lawfulness for proposed repairs to annex**. Youth Hostel Orchard House Mohope Hexham Northumberland NE47 8DQ

3 **West Allen PC Website**

An image or photograph of the West Allen will be uploaded for the home page. Once the site is set up agendas, minutes of meetings will be uploaded. The website address is: <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/westallen>  
NALC have still to finalise the system. Barbara will look after the website and Steve will also have access.

Steve and Barbara attended a course on transparency organised by NALC in December and it appears there aren't any audit procedures in place regarding the grant we received. At this present time there is no call to spend the grant. Barbara will spend more time on setting up the website and uploading documents. It is proposed therefore to use part of the grant to pay for her time. There may be a time in the future when there is a need to spend the grant on IT equipment.

4 Northumberland Elections May 2017 – Nominations packs, Expenses forms and timetables were distributed. Some documents have to be hand delivered and Barbara will check and inform everyone where they have to be sent to.

5 Any other Business:

John Martin reported that Public notices and Planning notices aren't published in the Hexham Courant now but in the Northumberland Gazette.

Road sinking 50 metres north of The Dales, Water running over Blackpool Bridge and a drain blocked on the Mohope Road. All problems will be reported to the Council.

6 Date and times of next meetings – Thursday 1 June 2017, Thursday 14 September 2017 (moved from 7 September)