

Minutes of the Meeting of West Allen Parish Council Thursday 5 December 2019 at 7.30 at Middle, Ninebanks, Hexham, NE47 8DL

Present: Alan Greaves, John Martin, Ian Reed Barbara Ingman (Clerk)

Apologies: Helen Adams, Steve Agar

- The Minutes from the meeting held on 9 September 2019 were accepted as a true record.
- Correspondence:

Parish Precepts 2020-21 – It was agreed to request £800 for the precept for the financial year 2020-21

Roland Hull, Redheugh is having another meeting with Glen Harrison next week and John Martin and Alan Greaves plan to attend and show him the problems on Mohope bank and some other problems near the Youth Hostel.

Joanne Sutterby sent an email to the West Allen Parish Council asking what the Parish Council's views are on the matter of road repairs and what action is or could, be taken next to improve the situation for local residents. Subsequently Steve approved the following reply to Joanne: At its recent meeting the West Allen Parish Council supported your efforts to try and improve road conditions. We are also continually trying to get road conditions improved but financial restraints seem to prevent NCC from making satisfactory repairs. Councillor Horncastle is aware of our efforts and normally responds to correspondence. We realise the situation is unsatisfactory and if we can provide any assistance in improving matters, please don't hesitate to ask for our further support.

Allendale Exhibition Endowment Trust – Mr. Ian Baker is one of the nominated Trustees of West Allen P.C. who serve on the above charity. His term of office expired in November 2019 and it was decided to invite him to continue as our representative as he has expressed his willingness to continue as a Trustee.

Isaacs Tea Trail Race - Mark Marchant sent an email re a proposed race in June 2020, but this date is subject to change following consultation with Councils and Landowners. The event is planned to start and end in Allendale and we will hopefully use the village hall for the race HQ as well as a few other key locations along the trail for check points. Entries approx 300-400 adults whom potentially will be requiring accommodation and food etc in the local area which will provide an income boost for the local economy as well as the race purchasing supplies for feed stations etc from the local retail outlets. This is being organised through Roger Morris and the West Allen PC did not have any objections to proposal to hold this event.

Lime kiln collapse - Miners Rest, Carrshield NE47 8AB – Lisa Beattie contacted the Conservation team at Northumberland County Council to make them aware of the condition and asked them to take action to arrest further decline. The Local Authority has the statutory powers to deal with neglected listed buildings (Historic England can advise and support, but enforcement powers for improving the condition of grade II listed structures is not within their remit). Lisa has been in touch with the Conservation Team but has had not response from them. Barbara also agreed to contact the Conservation Team at NCC about this matter. Great North Air Ambulance – it was agreed to donate £200 as a response to the annual request for a donation from the West Allen Parish Council.

4. Planning –

Coalcleugh Allendale - Extension to north gable

Wall Nook – single storey rear extension

Land North West of Coalcleugh – to facilitate a change to the proposed works removing elements of flood plain lowering in the north of the application area was granted

- Any other Business

It was reported that the speed limit signs are now in place in Carrshield and start at 40mph go to 30mph through and 40 again

Ian Reed asked if the NCC could be asked to cut back the overhanging trees between Carrshield and Ninebanks. Anything on the roadside of the wall should be cut back as the overhanging trees are forcing drivers to drive in the middle of the road.

- - Date and times of next meetings – Thursday 5 March 2020 at 7.30 at Middle, Ninebanks, Hexham, NE47 8DL