

PLENMELLER WITH WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Approved Minutes

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| Present<br>7.05pm | Cllr J Blackett-Ord<br>(19.18pm)<br>Cllr J Cousin<br>Cllr O Norris  | Cllr J Johnston<br>Cllr A Dale<br>Cllr V Harmer | Clerk - Mrs Susan Saunders<br>County Councillor Ian Hutchinson |
| 01/25             | <p><b>Apologies for absence.</b> Cllr A Johnston-indisposed.<br/>Cllr JBO gave apologies as he would be late. It was agreed that Cllr Dale would take the chair until he arrived.<br/><b>Proposed Cllr J Johnston                      Seconded Cllr J Cousin                      AGREED</b></p>   |   |  |
| 02/25             | <p><b>Declarations of Interest</b><br/>Cllr V Harmer declared an interest in any Plenmeller matters that may be raised.</p>   |   |  |
| 03/25             | <p><b>Public Questions</b> - No questions.</p>  |   |  |
| 04/25             | <p><b>Minutes of the meetings to be approved held on:</b><br/>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – the minutes were approved as a true record.<br/><b>Proposed Cllr J Johnston                      Seconded Cllr J Cousin                      AGREED</b></p>  |   |  |
| 05/25             | <p><b>Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda</b><br/>Speed Warden Training – an email has been received from the police to ask if the volunteers have received their induction sessions and to pass on any names of volunteers who have not been contacted by the police. Cllr J Blackett-Ord has been sent this request.</p>   |   |  |
| 06/25             | <p><b>Correspondence received since the last council meeting</b> - noted</p>  |   |  |
| 07/25             | <p><b>Northumberland County Council</b><br/> <b>7/25.01</b> Slow signs at Plenmeller - these have now been sited and ask that drivers drive carefully.<br/> <b>7/25.02</b> Haltwhistle/Whitfield Road improvements – Both Phase 1 and 2 are now classed as 'scheme unlikely to proceed' though Cllr Hutchinson will still pursue this with NCC.<br/>                     The road slip at Common Bank is due to have the vegetation removed by the end of February. Cllr Hutchinson will remind NCC they will need landowner's permission to access the area.<br/> <i>19.18 Cllr JBO arrived and took the chair.</i><br/> <b>7/25.03</b> Bus Shelter and route updates – An email was received to inform members that they had missed the grant funding this time round but may be included if there should be another round for bus shelter repair. The buses should stop if a traveller indicates they would like to be picked up.<br/>                     In the meantime, it was agreed that NCC should be asked for bus timetables to display in the shop and notice board as there are no signs at the bus stops.<br/> <b>7/25.04</b> Plenmeller Gritting Request – the request was completed.</p>   |   |  |
| 8/25              | <p><b>Speed Sign</b><br/>The council have previously been informed that the incorrect parts were originally quoted for the damaged sign and that there would be an extra cost. The insurers have now agreed to pay the extra £553.17 and, the council can now proceed with the payment. Unipart will attend both the speed signs as soon as the payment is made.<br/>Members agreed to pay the extra £663.80 (VAT £110.63) and include in the payments below. A VAT request will be submitted before the year end.<br/><b>Proposed Cllr A Johnston                      Seconded Cllr J Cousin                      AGREED</b></p>  |   |  |
| 9/25              | <p><b>Planning Applications</b> <i>No Plans</i></p>   |   |  |
| 10/25             | <p><b>Haltwhistle &amp; District Burial Committee – Report</b><br/> <b>10/25.01</b> Amended Constitution–the constitution, as agreed by the Burial committee on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024 has now been received. However, there are some inconsistencies that members picked up. The clerk was asked to write back with the following suggested amendments:<br/>                     1. <i>The date on the constitution should show that it was agreed in 2019 and this is an updated version agreed on 29<sup>th</sup> October. The minute reference could also be included.</i><br/>                     2. <i>Finances (i) – Originally, the councils thought that all the accounts of JBC would be included with Haltwhistle, as the host council and, this section addressed this. However, the auditors never agreed to this and stated that each council should show its share in their accounts. Members thought this would be a good opportunity to update this section accordingly.</i><br/>                     3. <i>Finance (ii) – many of the smaller councils have their budget meeting in November and so, it was thought that the burial budget decision and levy proposal should be by the end of October to give the councils the correct figure for agreeing their precepts.</i></p> |   |  |

