

# PLENMELLER WITH WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Approved Minutes

Present 7.00pm	Cllr J Blackett-Ord Cllr J Cousin Cllr O Norris Cllr A Johnston	Cllr J Johnston Cllr A Dale Cllr V Harmer	Clerk - Mrs Susan Saunders County Councillor Ian Hutchinson
<b>48/24</b>	<b>Apologies for absence.</b>		
<b>49/24</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr J Blackett-Ord declared an interest in any Whitfield Estate matters that may be raised including the review of the PROW no.s 165 and 22 Cllr V Harmer declared an interest in any Plenmeller matters that may be raised.		
<b>50/24</b>	<b>Public Questions</b> - No questions.		
<b>51/24</b>	<b>Minutes of the meetings to be approved held on:</b> Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 – the minutes were approved as a true record. <b>Proposed Cllr J Johnston      Seconded Cllr J Cousin      AGREED</b>		
<b>52/24</b>	<b>Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda</b> The community speed watchers have had no training to date. The clerk will contact Inspector Benson. The speed camera repairs are due to take place this week but the council has been advised that there will be a battery cost as it will need replacing. The company are not charging for time and disposal but, it will be an extra £140. This amount will be added to the payments for approval.		
<b>53/24</b>	<b>Correspondence received since the last council meeting</b> - noted		
<b>54/24</b>	<b>Northumberland County Council</b> <b>54/24.01</b> County Councillor – Cllr Hutchinson reported that the signs for The Steel are going ahead and there will be 7 signs sited to warn traffic on all roads approaching The Steel hill. The land slip at Common Bank is anticipated to be an expensive repair as work will need to begin at the bottom and work up. It needs to go to the design team first. There are to be 'Welcome to Plenmeller, please drive slowly' signs sited at either end of the village. Cllr Hutchinson is donating £3500 from his capital members scheme to fund this. <b>54/24.02</b> Town & Parish Autumn Conference – the clerk attended and spoke to an NCC officer from Highways about the plans along the Haltwhistle/Whitfield Road. There was to be a meeting held and the clerk asked that members are invited along. However, this has not occurred. <b>54/24.03</b> Wildlife and Countryside Act – <i>review of definitive map and PROW No.s 165 and 22</i> <i>JBO &amp; IH declared an interest. JBO took no part in the vote.</i> The following comment was approved: 'Members expressed concern over the use of these Byways for horses. At section E, where there is a road crossing, the cars drive along here quite fast and there are frequent organised shoots taking place in close proximity to the road crossing with a high volume of shots being fired close enough to startle a horse – and that is the concern. The path, in general, is not suitable for horses and would need extensive upgrading.' <b>Proposed Cllr J Cousin      Seconded Cllr A Johnston      AGREED</b>		
<b>55/24</b>	<b>Statutory Policies</b> <b>55/24.01</b> To adopt the recent NALC recommended standing orders and financial regulations: The standing orders were approved and in the financial regulations delegated amounts were amended to appropriate amounts for the size of council. These were then approved. <b>55/24.02</b> To approve the Freedom of Information Policy – the updated version (taken from the Information Commissioners Office) was approved. <b>55/24.03</b> To review the GDPR policy – it was agreed no amendments were necessary. <b>Proposed Cllr A Johnston      Seconded Cllr J Johnston      AGREED</b>		
<b>56/24</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b> <i>No Plans</i>		
<b>57/24</b>	<b>Haltwhistle &amp; District Burial Committee</b> – <i>Report</i> <b>57/24.01</b> Melkridge Withdrawal and updated constitution The withdrawal of Melkridge has now been formally approved as of 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021. The amount owing at this point was £787.30. The constitution will need to be revised and sent out to the		



