

**Hepple Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hepple Parish Council  
held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 6.30pm in the Village Hall**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Mr C France</b>	<b>Chair</b>
	<b>Mr J Hasson</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
	<b>Mrs C Buckley</b>	
	<b>Mr S Whitfield</b>	
	<b>Mr W Woolley</b>	
	<b>Mrs C Bell</b>	<b>Clerk</b>

**1. Public Participation**

2 members of the public attended

**2. Apologies for absence**

None – all councillors were present.

**3. Declarations of interest/grant of dispensation or co-options**

None.

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were read and agreed as true and correct.

**5. Matters arising**

See below

**6. Items for Discussion and Potential Decisions**

- 6.1 – 6.7 Castron road end to Flotterton. Councillor Hasson has discussed this section of road with Stephen Bridgett; and was assured that drainage works are to be carried out, after which resurfacing will be done. Councillors would like written confirmation of this from Stephen Bridgett. The chairman will take up the matter with the Highways Department representative at the next cluster meeting.
- 6.8 In an effort to reduce the amount of paper & ink used, it was agreed that the core documents in a planning application should be printed and circulated to councillors, and a note directing them to the additional documents that are available online.

**7. Items for Information**


- 7.1 NALC/CAN email newsletters are forwarded to councillors by the clerk. Hepple Village Hall features in the latest copy as one of 11 halls in Northumberland to receive a Lottery grant. Hepple has been awarded £30,000.00.
- 7.2 The Keep Northumberland Tidy campaign poster has been displayed on the parish notice board.
- 7.3 As part of Village Halls Week, Allied Westminster are running a photo competition and have teamed up with ACRE, Plunkett Foundation and 30+ to spread the word to the parishes – the first prize is £1000 for the village hall and £500 for the photographer. A poster is on the notice board and parishioners to be made aware of the competition by word of mouth where possible. Closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**8. Correspondance received**

- 8.1 Cheques payable in May - carry forward to the May meeting.
- 8.2 A request for donation from Bailiffgate Museum has been received. A decision will be deferred to May.

**9. Finance**

- 9.1 The up to date balance sheets, income & expenditure, cash flow, predicted monthly balance sheet and bank

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statement were presented to the councillors; it was agreed the accounts balanced.

#### 10. Planning

- 10.1 The planning application – No. 19NP0105, Whitefield Hall, installation of ground mounted photovoltaic panels has been passed.

#### 11. Meetings attended by Councillors or the Clerk

- 11.1 The chairman attended 2 Northumberland National Park Authority (NNPA) meetings. At the first a review of the parks business plan took place in anticipation of the new bill to be passed following Brexit. Now that the Lottery award constraints have ended the Sill board discussed the future business plan. More details can be found at <https://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/about-us/committees-and-plans/>

#### 12. Future Events

- 12.1 Cluster Meeting - 12<sup>th</sup> March - Chairman will attend.

#### 13. Any other business

- 13.1 Several properties in the village and Caistron still do not have access to the promised faster Broadband. Apparently there is a backlog of villages which are not fully connected even though 31<sup>st</sup> January was the deadline. Assurances have been made that the work will be completed, and engineers have been working in the area; however, it may be necessary to keep a close watch to ensure this work is carried out.
- 13.2 A resident has brought a dog fouling issue to the attention of a councillor; the Kilnway area has become increasingly blighted by uncleared dog fouling. It was suggested that a polite notice asking people to clean up after their dogs should be circulated to residents. However, there were doubts over status of the land involved and Stephen Ricketts is to be consulted on the matter. **Action clerk.**
- 13.3 A resident has raised concerns over the potentially dangerous mud on the Hepple to Flotterton road and to the length of delays caused by the movement of livestock on this section. Stephen Ricketts to be consulted. **Action clerk.**
- 13.4 The Village Hall Committee have enquired about the possibility of adding events to the calendar on the Parish Council website. Councillors agreed that this is a good idea and should go ahead.

#### 14. Date of next meeting

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm.

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