

HEPPLE PARISH COUNCIL Ref 0815

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Minutes of meeting of Hepple Parish Council held on Monday 10th August 2015 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

<i>Present:</i>	<i>Mr J Hasson</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
	<i>Mr S Whitfield</i>	<i>Vice Chairman</i>
	<i>Mr C France</i>	
	<i>Mr W Woolley</i>	
	<i>Mrs C Buckley</i>	
	<i>Mrs J Hasson</i>	<i>Clerk to the Council</i>

The minutes from the May meeting were read, agreed & signed.

MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman gave an update on the highways issues raised at the last meeting.

The road between Hepple and Elsdon has now been repaired but there were still some issues with the Bickerton Road. Hedges and trees still need to be cut back as they are encroaching onto the highway and the Japanese Knotweed is still prevalent and needs respraying. The Chairman will contact N'thd CC about these issues

Mitch Young of Highways who allocated Hepple Whitefield the 2 new grit bins has advised us that if they are not where we want them then just to move them. Stewart Whitfield and John Robson have offered to resite them to a better location.

County Cllr Steven Bridgett says that the notice board for Flotterton should be fitted within 2 weeks

WEBSITE

The new website is now up and running but still under construction and hopefully will be fully functional within the next few weeks.

The Parish Council discussed the NALC complaints procedure and agreed that this could be included on the website.

A publications price list scheme should also be placed on the website

CORRESPONDENCE

1) Dawn Citizens Advice Bureau – asking for a donation. The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £20

2) N'thd CC Local Transport Plan Programme 2016-17. The Parish Council agreed that the clerk should again request a footpath from Kiln Road to the bridge.

3) N'thd & Newcastle Society – Wind Turbine Development Update

4) Coquetdale Cluster Group – Minutes of meeting of 19th March

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance at Lloyds Bank at 26th May 2015

£ 954.26

Payments made		
27/5/15	Website advert removal	£ 24.95
27/5/15	N'thd Assoc. of Local Councils	£ 73.16
27/5/15	Community Action N'thd	<u>£ 25.00</u>
		£ 123.11
	Balance after payments	£ 831.15
Payments due		
	Insurance	£ 165.20

The cost of the Insurance has risen by £10 since last year (£155.47). However this is still cheaper than the other quote obtained by the clerk which was for £193.34.

Donations are made under expenditure power S137 and subscriptions to Local Government Associations under section 143 of the 1972 Local Government Act

The Audit for 2014/15 has been returned by the Auditors at BDO LLp . The return was found to be correct and there were no issues arising from the audit. It was presented to the Parish Council for their final approval and accepted by them.

The notice of conclusion of audit will be displayed in the village notice board for the statutory 14 days commencing 13th August. There were no charges for the audit.

PLANNING

- 1) Agricultural determination in respect of proposed shed for storage of hay and straw Hepple Whitefield Farm, Hepple. Determination approved 2/7/2015*
- 2) Rebuild of HV line: Overhead power lines Hepple for Northern Powergrid.
(No papers received from N'thd CC for this planning application)*

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1) The clerk has made enquiries about the e-mail requesting information under the Data Protection Act but as it is not directly addressed to her or the Parish Council she has been told to initially ignore it by N'thd Assoc of Local Councils as it is thought it may have been sent by an IT company as many other councils in the area have also received one.

*2) Cllr Chris France has agreed to attend the Coquetdale Cluster meeting
Wednesday 16th September*

3) Town & Parish Council Conference – Thurs 24th Sept at West Hartford Fire Station. The Chairman & Cllr Bill Woolley have agreed to attend the evening session.

4) The clerk has announced that she would like to step down from the position as she feels she does not have the IT skills now necessary for the job. She has thoroughly enjoyed working with the Parish Council and will continue in her role until a replacement can be found.

DATE of NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th November at 8pm in the Village Hall