

**HEPPLE PARISH COUNCIL Ref 0516**

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*Minutes of meeting of Hepple Parish Council held on Monday 9th May 2016 at 8pm in the Village Hall.*

*Present: Mr J Hasson Chairman  
Mr C France Vice Chairman  
Mr S Whitfield  
Mr W Woolley  
Mrs C Buckley  
Mrs J Hasson Acting Clerk*

*The meeting was also attended by David McKechnie from Caistron who has agreed to become the new Parish Clerk.*

*Also at the meeting was Acting Sergeant Paul Sykes from Rothbury  
The minutes from the February meeting were read, agreed & signed.*

**MATTERS ARISING**

*The Chairman gave an update on the highways issues that had been done following the previous meeting. Work is still being carried out at Kiln Road and the bunds are not yet in. The chairman is awaiting a reply call from Highways manager for an update on the current position. The Parish Council thanked the Chairman on the amount of work he had put in regarding the flooding in the village.*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

*N'thd CC – Letter about LOVE Northumberland awards 2016*

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Balance at Lloyds Bank at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 £ 612.95*

*Payments received*

*13/4/15 Parish Precept 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment £ 475.00*

*£1087.95*

*Payments due*

*N'thd Assoc. of Local Councils  
Insurance*

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

*The Risk Assessment and Financial Procedures documents were reviewed by the Parish Council together with the internal control and the management of risk guidelines supplied by BDO and found that all the key areas were fully covered and complied with.*

*The acting clerk has completed the Audit for 2015/16 and it was approved by the Council at the council meeting. The internal audit will be completed by Larry Lampert our internal auditor and the papers forwarded to the Auditors at BDO LLP for final audit.*

*The “Period of Exercise of Public Rights Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016” will be available from 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and details will appear in the Parish Council website together with the Annual Governance Statement and the Statement of Accounts as required by the audit commission.*

### ***POLICE REPORT***

*By Sgt Sykes: There continues to be minor burglaries in Rothbury so please be alert. There have been calls about suspicious fish sellers etc. calling at houses so please report any instances like that to police. Or if anyone innocently asks for the time etc please take care.*

*The lease on the police station in Rothbury has been extended until 2020*

### ***PLANNING***

*Farnham Park Bungalow – Conversion of existing agricultural dwelling into two workers agricultural dwellings*

### ***ANY OTHER BUSINESS***

- 1) The Chairman attended the Coquetdale Cluster meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Minutes of the meeting were circulated to everyone*
- 2) Cllr Chris France attended the planning training session in Alnwick. He said it was a very poor presentation. Interesting but not well presented.*
- 3) There is to be a demonstration on Saturday at Silverton Lane by “CRAG” about over building in Rothbury by the Duke of Northumberland*

### ***DATE of NEXT MEETING***

*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm in the Village Hall*