## Hepple Parish Council Ref 0217

# Minutes of meeting of Hepple Parish Council held on Monday 6th February 2017 at 8pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mr J Hasson Chairman

Mr C France Vice Chairman

Mr W Woolley

Mr D McKechnie Clerk

#### 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest/grant of dispensations or cooptions

There was an apology from Mrs C Buckley.

## 1.2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th November, 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

## 1.3 Matter arising

It was noted that the recently installed bund at the top of the Kiln track by Mr Woolley had satisfactorily withstood electricity board working with tracked vehicles and was showing no ill effects

The Vice Chairman reported that Northumberland National Parks would be prepared to contribute up to 60% of the cost of the notice board. It was agreed that other sources of funding should be investigated to complete the funding of the approximately £1350 required.

Approach County Council re funding and to establish VAT situation.

Action - Clerk.

Ascertain when the telephone box might be removed so that a larger notice board can be fitted.

Action - Clerk

It was agreed at the meeting, and after subsequent discussions, that application should be made to the Green Rigg Wind Farm fund for 2 solar powered speed indicators with data logging facilities, with the object of reducing traffic speed, especially of large vehicles, through Hepple. Location to be decided later.

\*\*Action - Clerk\*\*

Obtain a camera to establish current speeds of vehicles to measure the improvements that speed indicator cameras would make.

\*\*Action - Chairman\*\*

## 2 Parish and County Council Elections

Timetable:-

Publication of Notice of Election Monday 20th March 2017 Delivery of Nomination Papers 20/3/17 to 4pm Tuesday 4th April, 2017

## 3 Correspondence received

- **3.1** Transport in Hepple/working with CAN on their Getabout Scheme. It was agreed that we should find out more about what would be involved and at what cost if any. Also ask via our website who might need assistance with transport.

  \*\*Action Clerk with website administrator\*\*
- **3.2** Dates for Parish council meetings requested for a year ahead by the police. It was agreed that the minutes of the meetings would be sent to the police Sgt Neville Wharrier with the next meeting date shown.

Action - Clerk

**3.3** Flood Risk Protection project, Rainwise (<u>www.nwl.co.uk/rainwise</u>) Agreed we should invite Janine Rillands and the Project Manager of Northumbrian Water to talk about the project at our next Parish meeting.

\*\*Action - Clerk\*\*

#### 4. Finance

## 4.1 Financial report

Date	Description	<b>Payments</b>	Receipts	Bank Balance
14/11/16	Balance b/f			£1280.09
14/11/16	Donation to Village hall	£300.00		£980.99
14/11/16	Donation to Christmas lights	£20.00		£960.99
14/11/16	Donation to Xmas party	£50.00		£910.99
06/02/17	Balance c/f			£910.09
Payments Agreed and Due				
	Parish Cluster Fees	£6.45		£903.64
Donations Agreed in Principle not yet due				
	North East Air Ambulance	£100.00		£803.64
	Dawn/Citizens Advice	£20.00		£783.64
	N'lnd & N'cstle Society	£25.00		£758.64

#### 4.2 Effectiveness/Risk Assessment of the Internal Audit

It was agreed that the current arrangements for the internal audit were very satisfactory, and that, if willing, Mr Larry Lampert should be asked to do the Internal Audit for the financial year end 31/3/2017.

## 5. Planning

No items raised

## 6. Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

22/11/16 Planning Development Meeting, Morpeth attended by the Clerk. Copies of the notes issued at the meeting (19 pages) are available from the Clerk.

23/11/17 Local Services Meeting Rothbury attended by the Clerk. This meeting was attended by 2 members from Northumberland County Council - Bob Hodgson who deals with litter and grass cutting and Graham Bucknall who deals with Highways, plus representatives from some of the parishes in the Coquet Valley. Potholes, footpath signposts and obstructions and road repairs were discussed. It was agreed that future meetings would be annually in Rothbury and would be for all parishes in the Coquet Valley area.

## 7. Any Other Business

The Chairman raised a concern that there was no backup for the website administrator, Mrs Buckley and her husband. It was agreed that the Clerk should be able to administer the website as the backup person.

\*\*Action - Clerk\*\*

The Vice Chairman raised the problem of trees and vegetation encroaching on to the road between Hepple and Elsdon. It was agreed to ask the Council to take action now before the spring growth.

\*\*Action - Clerk\*\*

## 8. Date of Next Meeting

8pm on Monday 8th May 2017 in Hepple Village Hall