# Hepple Parish Council Ref 1708

# Minutes of meeting of Hepple Parish Council held on Monday 7th August 2017 at 8pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mr J Hasson Chairman

Mr C France Vice Chairman

Mr S Whitfield

Mr D McKechnie Clerk

# 1. Public Participation

No members of the public were present

# 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mrs Buckley and Mr Woolley

# 3. Declarations of interest/grant of dispensations or co-options

None

# 4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

# 5. Matter arising

The clerk reported that:-

- application to the Green Rigg fund for funding for the Speed Indicator for the village would be made before the next deadline of August 18th 2017 <u>Clerk</u>
- the new Sergeant for Rothbury is Sergeant Sharon Wilmore-Greaves, who will be kept informed of our future meeting dates

  Clerk
- a new Parish Notice Board has been ordered and should be in place in September
- Mr John McFarlane, the NCC Definitive Map Officer, has been informed that the Parish Council had no objection to the upgrade to a restricted byway of the footpath from Caistron to High Farnham

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

# Local transport plan 2018-2019

**Clerk** 

It was agreed to request, yet again, that a footpath be provided from Kiln Road to the River Coquet bridge. Many people, locals and tourists, park near the river bridge, as the only safe parking in Hepple, to walk up to the village and Kiln Road, where many local walks begin.

It was also emphasised that anyone pushing wheelchairs, carriages or pushchairs could not step out of the road to avoid any sudden large vehicles such as timber and quarry wagons.

The provision of a footpath therefore would contribute to the National Transport Goals by:-

- supporting Economic Growth (supporting Tourism)
- promoting Equality of Opportunity (for pedestrians and people without transport)
- contributing to Better Safety, Security and Health
- improving the Quality of Life and a healthy Natural Environment

# It is considered to be a Community Priority to avoid any future potentially serious injury!

Hospice Care <u>Clerk</u>

As Hospice Care is not provided by the NHS, and bearing in mind the possible impending loss of Rothbury Community Hospital beds, it was agreed to contribute £25 to Hospice Care, North Northumberland. Proposed Mr C France, Seconded Mr S Whitfield

#### 7. Items for Information

A letter from Northumberland County Council gave details of contacts with the Community Regeneration Team, following the creation of new Local Area Councils.

The contact for North Northumberland is Iain Hedley, <u>iain.hedley@northumberland.gov.uk</u> DD:- 01670 620 379 Mob:- 07747 473 687

The Chairman requested a copy of this letter. (See attached/shown separately)

# 8. Correspondence received

#### 9. Finance

The clerk was asked to change the bank instruction to an annual payment of £25 to the Northumberland and Newcastle Society.

Clerk

# 9.1 Financial report

See attached/shown separately

#### 10. Planning

West Croft Hepple It was noted that, although the parish council had not objected to the application to modify the Section 106 agreement, Northumberland County Council had refused the application. The applicant has now appealed to the Secretary of State.

Hepple Parish Council did not wish to amend their previous comments.

**East Hepple Woodstore.** The Parish Councillors comments had been passed to the NCC Planning Department.

# 11. Meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

Mr C France had attended the Northumberland National Parks AGM and the opening of The Sill on Hadrians Wall (<a href="https://www.thesill.org.uk/visit/">https://www.thesill.org.uk/visit/</a>).

Because of the drastic reduction in funding by the Government to National Parks, it will take a huge effort to make The Sill self funding within two years. Mr France encouraged as many people as possible to go, not only to support The Sill, but for an unforgettably stimulating experience.

# 12. Future Events

Parish Cluster meeting 14th September Annual Town and Parish Conference, Thursday 5th October, 2017 - County Hall, Morpeth Register from 2.30pm, Meeting starts 4pm

# 13. Any Other Business

The Chairman reported on the drainage work still to be done, specifically the drainage in the fields above the road at the bottom of the village. Mr J Walton had the matter in hand and was confident the work would be completed before the winter rains arrived.

# 14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th November 2017 at 8pm in the Village Hall

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