

the local County Councillors and Town/Parish Councils. Issues are scored against LTP criteria and the highest 'scoring' issues are recommended for inclusion in the programme. The final draft programme is consulted on at the Local Area Councils in the first quarter of each year and the committee papers are publicly available. <http://committee.northumberland.gov.uk/Meetings.aspx>

The meeting referred to was held at the end of January, so this item will be on our next Local Transport Plan submission. **Clerk**

6. Items for Discussion and Potential Decisions

EU Funding. It was agreed not to pursue this further as the money available was almost completely allocated, and it was unlikely that Hepple could justify a project which would create jobs, which was the main aim of the funding.

The BDO report on Rothbury Parish Council was discussed to ascertain what implications if any there were for Hepple Parish Council. A number of actions were agreed for the clerk to follow up. (*Notes to follow, which will also be placed on the website). **Clerk**

Complaints Procedure. It was agreed that the model complaints procedure, produced by the Northumberland Association of Local Councils, should be posted on the website to be used if required. Should changes be needed to fit more appropriately to Hepple's requirements, these would be discussed, and where appropriate be agreed and implemented by the Council. **Clerk**

7. Items for Information

None

8. Correspondence received

It was noted that the county Parking Plans currently published covered Alnwick, Hexham and Morpeth, but not Rothbury. <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Highways/Parking.aspx#parkingstudies>

Consultation has started on the Strategic Transport Plan <http://transportforthenorth.com/stp/> but there seems to be little effect on Northumberland, north of Morpeth.

Ethics Review. It was agreed that no formal evidence to this review <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/local-government-ethical-standards-committee-calls-for-evidence> would be given by the Council, but that individuals were encouraged to respond if they had points they wished to raise.

On this subject, the vice chairman informed the meeting that the Northumberland National Parks Authority had recently introduced a Health and Wellbeing Policy for its staff

9. Finance

9.1 Financial report

The accounts (available on the website) for the quarter from November were presented and agreed.

9.2 Budget

It was agreed that a budget for the year to 31/03/2019 would be produced for the next meeting. **Clerk**

9.3 Precept

The first precept payment of £475 for 2018 is expected mid April.

10. Planning

Nothing in progress. The repositioning of the LPG meter at the Old Plough Cottage had been approved by the NCC.

11. Meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

The clerk attended the Alnwick North of Tyne Devolution Consultation. The report is on the website.

12. Future Events

Planning training sessions organised by NCC were due this week, but several of the people present at the meeting had already attended similar sessions.

13. Any Other Business

Annual Meeting of the Parish. Note this is not the same as the **Annual Parish Council Meeting**, as it concerns all parish members, not just the Council. It was agreed the clerk would produce a summary description of the point and purpose of such a meeting. (*Notes to follow, which will also be placed on the website).

The Chairman, as deputised by the council, would subsequently set and publish a date and time for such a meeting.

Clerk & Chairman

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14th May 2018 at 8pm in Hepple Village Hall

***Notes to follow, which will also be placed on the website**

In the interest of issuing these minutes promptly, the following notes will be produced by the clerk, emailed to councillors, and placed on the website as soon as possible.

1. Notes on the proposed project, "The Out of Town Museum" by the Bailiffgate Museum, Alnwick
2. Actions arising from the BDO report on Rothbury Parish Council
3. A summary description of the point and purpose of the Annual Meeting of the Parish

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