

6. Finance

The Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation was noted and accepted.

12. Future Events

- Coquetdale Parish Cluster Meeting, Thursday 6th September 2018, 7.30pm Dovecote Room, Jubilee Institute.
- NALC AGM & Annual Report at The Sill, 29/9/2018
- 5th Annual Town and Parish Council Conference 11/10/18 @ County Hall
- NALC Briefings on Highways and Rights of Way 4th, 11th, 17th September

13. Any Other Business

The clerk was asked to put on the agenda for the next meeting the question of the future of Hepple Parish Council - to disband, amalgamate with an adjoining parish or continue as now

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12th November 2018 at 7 pm in Hepple Village Hall. This date is subject to the hall being available. Mr Whitfield will check and suggest an alternative night if one is available.

Appendix 1

Rural Economy Consultation - submission to NALC

"The greatest potential for rural growth would be most likely to be achieved by providing

- a) business class internet and mobile phone access which is currently patchy and unreliable
- b) better roads and public transport. In many areas there are more potholes than smooth surfaces, and local public transport is quite inadequate. Businesses will not come to rural areas if staff cannot get reliable transport to business locations.
- c) A level and college students no longer have help with transport to their educational establishments. This is a short sighted short term cost saving which will result in a long term shortage of future business people. In rural areas some students travel 70 miles - 4 hours - per day. Paying for this, on top of the time absorbed, is extortionate."

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