

Minutes of the Meeting of Nicholforest Parish Council
7.00 pm on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at Nicholforest Village Hall

Attendees

Cllr J Sisson (Chair), Cllr C Dunn, Cllr K. Robinson, Cllr E. Smith, County Cllr Val Tarbitt, Cllr G Noble, Cllr D. Shepherd, Clerk Mrs Norma Wright

Member of the Public attended also: Ken Ruthven as Netherby Hall Estates Manager

Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Ireland, Cllr D. Hammond

Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensations

None made

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting 22nd May 2017 were agreed and signed as true

Report on the activities of the Parish Council

- 4.a Road repairs: all resurfacing now complete some edges left ravaged by traffic diversions to be made good.

Planning Matters

- 5.a **Pentonbrigde Inn**, Penton; Ken Ruthven talked about the re-siting of the Phone Box outside the Inn and suggested a replacement Vintage Red phone box could be sited in the car park at the side of the inn and would be lit so it is easy to find, it was agreed by all and suggested that a Wayleave was placed on the Deeds of the Inn that would state it had to be kept for Public use always. Update: Letter received from Ken at Netherby Hall Estates stating that he was contacting BT to make the existing Box serviceable and ask them to refurbish it and that he was exploring the cost and implication of the re-siting of the box in the future.
- 5.b It was agreed that the email from Peter Fox was a reasonable result to address the concerns of the Residents of Bushfield as the boundary of the planting had been moved back in a 4th version of the Application.

Correspondence

- 6.a Letter from Campaign for Borders Rail from Nick Bethune was given the support of the PC as the Waverley Line runs through our Parish and the letter received from the Langholm Rail Committee would not be supported as it was not in our interest..
- 6.b Letter of complaint received from the Nicholforest Art Group whose Annual Exhibition of works became impeded by the POP UP bar Update; Art Club has moved the venue to Canonbie Village Hall.

Financial Matters

- 7.1 The Clerk's timesheet and costs of £480 were agreed to be paid by the Council to Norma Wright
- 7.2 Donation of £240 was agreed to Nicholforest First Responders
- 7.3 BDO form now finalised and complete
- 7.4 Website – ongoing costs – Transparency fund grant of £504 received from Calc for ongoing costs from Oct16 to Mar 18.
- 7.5 Other payments agreed: Water bills 2@ £18.41; Insurance £144.59; Electrician (Hall)£200; New Fire Extinguisher £113.83
- 7.6 Cllr D Shepherd has issued a £300 grant towards the cost of New Notice boards.

Village Matters

- 8.1 The Post Box at Kershopefoot has now been found a new site near the end of the Cul de Sac and its re-instatement is now to be requested.
- 8.2 All Hedges previously noted had been cut back but a suggestion that the hedges at the top of the Le Gair are now overhanging was tabled; Update the hedges were trimmed back in December.

Date of Next Meeting

Suggested date of the next meeting to take place on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7pm,.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.