

**Minutes of the Meeting of Nicholforest Parish Council**  
**7.00 pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Nicholforest Village Hall**

**Attendees**

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

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr K Ireland, County Cllr Val Tarbitt

**Minutes**

**Resolved;** that the Minutes of meeting held on 26th September 2016 be signed by Chairman as a true and correct record.

**Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensations**

None

**Report on the activities of the Parish Council**

Website construction – Website now up and running, corrections by the Councillors and further Finance information from the Clerk are to be provided and Maps for footpaths will be provided by Cllr D. Shepherd. The Road sign at the Bridge Inn junction is not visible due to foliage, also the hedge is encroaching on the road and may be a hazard also the hedge near Beyond the Moss and on the area around the bridge at Catlowdy, a letter is to be drafted to Cllr V. Tarbitt to see what can be done with these problem areas and for an update on the ongoing pot hole problems in the area. Cllr D Hammond has provided a list of road defects to add to the letter.

Forestry felling near Kershopefoot queries were answered in an email from Cllr V Tarbitt so a wait and see is in progress

**Planning Matters**

**6.A** The meeting acknowledged the complaint from Margaret Robb and Cllr D. Shepherd is to attend the Building site with a Planning Officer to view the problem.

**Correspondence**

**8.1** Email from Margaret Robb regarding visibility issues from the New Log Cabin building in sight from her property.

**Financial Matters**

**9.1** The Clerk's timesheet and costs of £180 were agreed to be paid by the Council to Norma Wright

**9.2** Other payments agreed were; Water bill £17.80;

**9.3** A Spending plan was agreed after reviewing the available funds; to purchase at least 2 Outdoor Notice Boards (3 if finance allows) a Grant of £200 from Carlisle CC has been provided towards this.

Drainage works between the new and old Graveyards to allow dual access and footpath and wall repairs to the same area. To discuss with the land owners that the PC could take responsibility for the upkeep of the wood in the future so there would be another exit from the Church available.

A Bus Shelter to be provided near Penton House.

To take on the Landline costs of the Telephone in the Village Hall for next year.

Finance Cont.

The Annual Precept was discussed and was decided to remain the same as last year at £6000, the form was signed by the Chairman and forwarded to Carlisle City Council to be processed.

### **Village Matters**

No further info on the progress of Broadband in our Parish has become available. Fibre is now in Newcastleton and will become available in Kershopefoot in due course though no date is known yet.

A meeting has now been arranged for the discussion of the state of the roads in our parish with Highways.

### **Councillor Matters**

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Suggested date of the next meeting to take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March **2017 at 7pm**,.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.