

Minutes of the Meeting of Nicholforest Parish Council
7.00 pm on Monday 14th May 2018 at Nicholforest Village Hall

Attendees

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

Cathy Hooper (member of the public)

Apologies for Absence

Cllr D. Shepherd, Cllr K. Robinson, Cllr D. Carlyle

Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensations

None made

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting on 8th January 2018, were agreed and signed as true

Annual Election of Chairman and Deputy

4.1 Re-Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman were undertaken;

Chairman - Cllr C Dunn nominated Cllr J Sisson for Chairman and was seconded by Cllr G Noble and passed by the council.

Vice Chairman - Cllr J Sisson nominated Cllr C Dunn for Vice Chairman and was seconded by Cllr D Hammond and passed by the council.

Report on the activities of the Parish Council

4.a Cllr V Tarbitt has acquired a Bus Shelter which was previously sited in Longtown and is available Free for Nicholforest Parish – it was agreed to be of use and may be sited at the end of Station Road if the Highways dept agreed to the position.

Planning Matters

5.b PLANNING Cross House – Replacement Front Porch – No comment from the Council to be submitted to the Planning Dept.

Correspondence

6.a A Card of thanks was received from the 1st Responders for the Grant sent to them in February and was passed around the attendees.

Financial Matters

7.a The Clerk's timesheet and costs of £240 for the final quarter and the previous quarter £240 also were approved for payment, this is the final payment as Norma is retiring at the end of June and a new Clerk is being sort to replace her. Cathy Hooper is attending the meeting as a candidate for the post.

- 7.b Calc Annual membership £168 agreed to be paid.
- 7.c New Annual Audit rules and regulations were discussed and the Completed Annual BDA form shown to the Council and approved to be sent off after the internal Audit is completed, also the updated JPAC and Nalc documents discussed and agreed to be read as they had been distributed by email.
- 7.d Cllr V Tarbitt had requested discussing the 127A funding which is a £500 Grant we need to pay every 3 years for the continuation of the twice weekly Bus service to Carlisle and was agreed by the Council as it is due now for payment this year.

Village Matters

- 8.1 Cllr V Tarbitt is arranging a meeting and a site visit with the Highways dept to see what improvements can be made to make the roads safer and to look at the Crossroads works that have been left in a bumpy state after the latest repairs.
- 8.2 Broadband – Cllr D Hammond says that Openreach estimate £87,000 to bring Fibre to Kershopefoot, Paul Cretney suggested Scotland and England could pay half each, the Borderlands initiative may give some money as well. Rory Stewart says there are pots of money for individuals to get access for better broadband too.

Council Matters

- 9.1 Cllr D Hammond has been invited to attend the Border Rail extension meeting of the Waverly line route in Hawick in June after support from people in our area. He will attend and update the Council at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

Suggested date of the next meeting is yet to be agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.