

SIMONBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 3rd December 2014 in Simonburn Village Hall

03-12-01 Present

Mrs V Allgood (Chairman), AW Langford, NA Ridley, RA Hadley and D Bulman
Also County Councillor RM Gibson and Clerk R Macfarlane

03-12-02 Apologies for absence

Cllr P Rowcroft

03-12-03 Declaration of Interest

Councillors (all of whom are residents in the parish) made a Declaration of Interest (Budget Dispensation) section 33 of Localism Act 2011.

03-12-04 Public First Focus

No members of the public present

03-12-05 Standing Orders

In line with Nalc advice and Nalc Model Standing Orders the following was added to Simonburn Parish Council Standing Orders;

Paragraph 3.2 The public may record and transmit electronically the proceedings of a meeting of the Council and of any of its committees. No recording may be made of the public who are in attendance at the meeting, or of matters that occur in the meeting-place immediately prior to or following the meeting, without the Council's prior consent.

03-12-06 Minutes

The minutes taken at the council meeting held on 3rd September 2014, having been circulated and approved by the Council were signed by the Chairman.

03-12-07 Matters arising from last meeting

Wark Bridge

Most of the work (£3.1m) has been completed and the bridge is open now. However the painting needs finishing and scaffolding may take up to six weeks to dismantle and remove.

Neighbourhood Beat Managers

PC Ian Robertson is on long term leave and we don't seem to have a Neighbourhood Beat Manager for the North Tyne Valley and we still await information on Farm Watch.

Neighbourhood officers can be contacted by phoning **101** and asking for extension **69191**

03-12-08 Reports

Northumberland County Council

Cllr Gibson showed the Council his Ward map which showed road repairs and maintenance

Village Hall

The Committee is in the process of applying for grants to get rid of dry rot.

03-12-09 **Communications**

All councillors were circulated with a list of correspondence. Joint NCC and PC Meetings, First Annual Town and Parish Council Conference, NALC's AGM, Northumbrian CAB, Tynedale Hospice, Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy consultation. CAN AGM, CPRE newsletter.

- **Insurance Quotes** Quote for the parish insurance from Zurich Municipal - (cheapest and also giving better cover) renewal date - 1st June.
- **Grass Mowers** Border Counties insures the mower - renewal date 1st June.

03-12-10 **Roads**

Winter Services NCC have produced a map of gritting priorities and associated routes.

Also a list of grit bins in the parish. The bin (1691) at the end of Red Lion Terrace is on the NCC list but not the bin on Hall Barns road at Burnside. Clerk to inform NCC Highways.

Ward Lane Road Users A resident has reported cyclists misusing the lane and riding three abreast. It was also noted that some cyclists had disturbed the minute silence during the Remembrance Service, in their way through the village and again when they left.

Safety Mirror A resident is concerned about the damaged traffic mirror at the end of Ward Lane at junction of C2205 and B6320. This issue was identified in one of the top three priorities included in the NCC draft Local Transport Plan Programme 2015-2016 :-

Traffic Regulation Orders *Replace the mirror sign at the B6320 junction and Ward Lane. Reposition the road signs at this junction to improve the obscured vision.*

03-12-11 **Footpaths** No issues

03-12-12 **Planning** No issues

03-12-13 **Budget and Precept**

The clerk provided an outline budget for the following year. It is anticipated that spending this year may be slightly over budget. It was RESOLVED that the precept should remain at £2,000 for the financial year 2015-2016

03-12-14 **Finances**

Bank Statements The latest statements were approved and signed. Balances at 1st December Deposit Account £1,715.24 and Current Account £1793.33

Approved Payments Clerk's salary £250 (£50 tax) and Clerk's expenses £15.24 (£0.42 vat)

Grant Aid

Section 137 Payments Great North Air Ambulance £50 and Tynedale Hospice at Home £50

03-12-15 **Date of next meeting**

Regular Council Meeting Wednesday 18th March 2015, 6.30 in Simonburn Village Hall.