

SIMONBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 2nd December 2015 in Simonburn Village Hall

03-12-01 **Present**

Mrs VS Allgood (Chairman), RA Hadley, P Rowcroft and D Bulman
Also Councillor RM Gibson and Clerk R Macfarlane

03-12-02 **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs NA Ridley and AW Langford

03-12-03 **Declaration of Interest**

None

03-12-04 **Public First Focus**

No members of the public present

03-12-05 **Minutes**

The minutes taken at the council meeting held on 9th September 2015, having been circulated and approved by the Council were signed by the Chairman.

03-12-06 **Matters arising from last meeting**

Traffic Census The Clerk asked NCC Highways for a copy of the Ward Lane Census recently conducted and is still waiting for a response.

Simonburn Bridges

Both bridges have now been inspected.

Grass Cutting

The Chairman commented how good the village looked and gave thanks to those who gave up their spare time to keep it tidy and cut the grass. It was agreed that Hexham Garden Machinery would service the Councils gardening machinery.

03-12-07 **Reports**

Northumberland County Council

Cllr Gibson gave a brief verbal report.

03-12-08 **Communications**

All councillors were circulated with a full list of correspondence.

Electoral Register – voter registration, CPRE, SLCC, War Memorial Trust Bulletin, DVLA askMID, Tynedale Hospice at Home, Fibre Broadband –Garry Winship, Roger Albert Clark Rally, Dawn Citizens Advice Bureau, Northumbrian Citizens Advice Bureau, GNAA, Tynedale Sport, NCC Area Committee West meeting, CAN Newsletter and NALC AGM.

- Joint NCC and PC Meeting
- Second Annual Town and Parish Council Conference
- NCC Planning Core Strategy Consultation
- Hackney Carriage Licensing Consultation

03-12-09 **Budget and Precept**

The clerk provided an outline budget for the ensuing year. Looking at next year's spending the Council considered grant aid to support the village projects, website (Transparency Code) cost of running and maintenance of the grass mower and strimmer. It was RESOLVED that the precept should be increased to £2,200 for the financial year 2016-2017

03-12-10 **Roads**

Heavy Goods Vehicles

The driver of a large lorry attempted to take the road into the village at the junction of B320 and u8147 but realised his error and in trying to rectify this reversed into the listed features at the Nunwick Hall gateway. The Council discussed various actions in order to prevent this in the future.

Roadworks

Vattenfall have arranged a meeting at Birtley on 9th December to discuss the impending roadworks disruption when Ray Wind Turbines are connected to the substation at Warden.

03-12-11 **Footpaths**

No issues

03-12-12 **Planning**

No issues

03-12-13 **Transparency Code and Council Website**

The Clerk was asked to apply to the NALC Transparency Fund for grant aid.

03-12-14 **Finances**

Bank Statements

The latest statements were approved and signed. Balances at 1st September Deposit Account £1,714.76 and Current Account £1508.24

Income Half precept £1000 and vat repayment £472.09

Approved Payments

Clerk's salary £250 (£50 tax) and Council's expenses £30.93 (£3.33 vat) and SLCC £21

Grant Aid (LGA 1972 s137)

Tynedale Hospice £50, GNAA £60 and CAN £20

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

Regular Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 16th March 2015, 6.30 in Simonburn Village Hall.