

# **SIMONBURN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in Simonburn Village Hall

## 02-09-01 **Present**

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

## 02-09-02 **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs NA Ridley, RA Hadley and AW Langford

## 02-09-03 **Declaration of Interest**

None

## 02-09-04 **Public First Focus**

No members of the public present

## 02-09-05 **Minutes**

The minutes taken at the council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016, have been circulated all Councillors. These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 02-09-06 **Matters arising from last meeting**

### **Simonburn Bridge**

The bridge is still closed and the work is quite intense.

## 02-09-07 **Reports**

### **Northumberland County Council**

Cllr Gibson gave a brief report about the move of County Hall from Morpeth to Ashington. He also commented on the state of the roads due to the connection of Ray Wind Farms and the Electric Sub-station at Warden.

## 02-09-08 **Website**

TWDA are designing the new site and all the relevant documents have been prepared for publication. The Clerk requested contributions that may enhance the site.

## 02-09-09 **Communications**

The following correspondence has been forwarded to all councillors:

CAN Newsletter, Nalc e-news & CPRE newsletter

- **NCC Proposal** Public Spaces Protection Order for the Control of Dogs
- **Go North East** Simplified Fares for Young People, Students and Apprentices.
- **NCC Approved Proposal** Alternative Household Waste Recovery Centre Opening Arrangements and Opening Timetable.
- **Correspondence from Wark Clerk** Wark PC were concerned about the state of the roads due to the work carried out by Vattenfall Uk. A Simonburn resident had complained and the condition of the roads has been improved.

## 02-09-10 **Roads**

### **Local Transport Plan Programme 2016-2017**

The Council is requested to identify top three priorities to include in the draft programme.

### **The 2017-2018 Priorities**

Because of the NCC response to replacing the mirror sign at the B6320 junction and Ward Lane, it was decided to remove it from the priorities and in its place insert-

### **Minor Improvements**

The Council requests gully/drainage improvements on Castle Lane. The ditch under the road is too small and other ditches get blocked regularly causing flooding in No 2 The Green.

## 02-09-11 **Footpaths**

No issues

## 02-09-12 **Planning**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) 2010 Northumberland Council Planning Application – Statutory Consultation. Applications **16/00956/FUL** Barn conversion to provide 2 no. dwellings Conshield Farm Simonburn NE48 3PW Granted permission 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016

## 02-09-13 **Annual Audit and Annual Return**

The Annual Audit in accordance with Audit Commission Act of 1998 and the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 (Regulations 12-16) the audit for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 was completed on 12<sup>th</sup> August; this was presented to the Council. The audit opinion having been given by BDO LLP, there were no matters arising. Proposed by Cllr Rowcroft and seconded by Cllr Bulman; the Annual Return and the BDO Certificate was approved and accepted by the Council. The accounts are now available for inspection by local electors in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Audit and accountability Act 2014. As defined by Section 13 (1) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 the mandatory Conclusion Notice will be displayed publicly for the prerequisite period of time (14 days) with the requisite information.

## 02-09-14 **Finances**

**Bank Statements** The latest statements were approved and signed. Balances at 3<sup>rd</sup> September Deposit Account £1,717.28 and Current Account £2,800.17

**Income** Half precept £1100 and vat repayment £472.09, Transparency Fund grant £2,255

**Approved Payments** Clerk's salary £228 , HMRC £57, Council's expenses £31.80 (£1.71 vat), NALC Subscription £57.26, Mower Insurance £186.53, Hexham Machinery Centre £29.58 (vat £4.93), TWDA Website Design and Build £750, Website Preparation £540.

## 02-09-15 **Date of next meeting**

Regular Council Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 6.30 in Simonburn Village Hall.