

SIMONBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 27th September 2017 in Simonburn Village Hall

02-09-01 **Present**

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

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

Cllrs NA Ridley 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 17th May 2017, have been circulated all Councillors. These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

Proctor's Bridge (Humpy Back Bridge)

The bridge has some loose stones on its parapet; Clerk to notify NCC.

02-09-07 **Reports**

Northumberland County Council

Cllr Gibson gave a verbal report.

02-09-08 **Website**

TWDA have designed the new site and all the relevant documents have been published. The Contributions that may enhance the site, are requested.

02-09-09 **Communications**

The following correspondence has been forwarded to all councillors:

CAN Newsletter, Nalc e-news & CPRE newsletter

- **Community Champion Awards** – Nomination are asked for.
- **Chollerford Bridge Repairs** – Public notice of closure 9th October to 5th November
- **NCC Joint Meetings with Town/Parish Councils** - 10th October
- **Correspondence John Kerwin** – Dirtbike-Action motorcycle events weekends.

02-09-10 **Roads**

Local Transport Plan Programme 2018-2019 Priorities

The NCC Highways is in receipt of a large grant (£5m) to carry out road repairs and it is anticipated that some work will be carried out on Ward Lane.

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. Application **17/02508/COU** Proposal for a change of use from a field to an outdoor equestrian arena. The Council has no objection to this application.

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 31st March 2016 was completed on 31st July; 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 have been 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. **NB** It was noted that BDO LLP will not be our appointed auditor for the year ended 31st march 2018 onwards. Smaller Authorities’ Audit Appointments, to date, have not advised this Council of future duties and obligations.

02-09-14 **Finances**

Bank Statements The latest statements were approved and signed. Balances at 3rd September Deposit Account £1,718.00 and Current Account £922.17

Income Half precept £1200 and vat repayment £135.15,

Approved Payments Clerk’s salary £240 , HMRC £60, Council’s expenses £32.36 (£1.71 vat), Nalc booklets £7.70

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

Regular Council Meeting Wednesday 6th December 2017, 6.30 in Simonburn Village Hall.

Signed Chairman.....

Date6th December 2017.....