

SIMONBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 13th March 2019 in Simonburn Village Hall

03-03-01 Present

Cllrs VS Allgood (Chairman), NA Ridley, P Rowcroft, D Bulman and AW Langford
Also Clerk R Macfarlane and County Councillor RM Gibson

03-03-02 Apologies for absence

Cllr S Tilson

03-03-03 Declaration of Interest

Cllrs VS Allgood, NA Ridley, P Rowcroft – St Mungo’s Church Simonburn PCC

03-03-04 Public First Focus

No members of the public present.

03-03-05 Minutes

The minutes taken at the council meeting held on 12th December 2018, have been circulated all Councillors. These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

03-03-06 Matters arising from last meeting

- **Website** – At present TWDA are dealing with the website and domain hosting.
- **Section 137 Limit for 2019/2020**
The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has confirmed the appropriate sum for local (parish and town) councils for 2019/20 is **£8.12.**

03-03-07 Communications

The following correspondence has been received: GNAA newsletter, CAN Newsletter, Nalc Enews, Consultation – NCC Local Plan, Rev Steve Wilkinson St Mungo’s Church Bells Appeal, Consultation – Healthwatch Northumberland, War Memorials News, Tynedale Local Area Council meeting on 12th March.

Letters of thanks from, CAN, GNAA and Tynedale Hospice.

03-03-08 Roads

There are concerns about the gully/drainage systems on Castle Lane. The ditch under the road is too small and other ditches get blocked regularly causing flooding in No 2 The Green. Clerk has contacted the appropriate highways inspector.

03-03-09 Footpaths

NCC will also be progressing measures to try and control and restrict the future use of the Byways, particularly Byway 24, by consulting on a proposal for voluntary restraint on the use of the route and further consultation on a TRO for seasonal use. It turns out the CC want some sort of barrier at either end of the byway which will have a gap somewhere to let horses and motor bikes through. This is not very helpful.

03-03-10 **Planning**

No applications

03-03-12 **Auditors**

Internal Auditors – GD Scorer

External Auditors -PKF Littlejohn (PKF) 2018/19 AGAR

Are appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA) as the external auditor for the 5 financial years from 2017/18 to 2021/22.

NB Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) is a Limited Assurance Review only. The Common Period for Inspection of Accounts (6-week period) must include the first 10 working days in July.

Publications and Website

As required by recent legislation the Parish Council website is fully compliant with GDPR and the Transparency Code.

03-03-13 **Finances**

Bank Statements The latest statements were approved and signed.

Approved Payments Clerk's salary £276, HMRC £69 tax, Council's expenses £25.43, SLCC subscription £45, St Mungo's Church Simonburn PCC (Grass cutting) £100, St Mungo's Church Simonburn PCC (Church Bells Appeal) £150,

03-03-14 **Date of next meeting**

Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 14th May 2019, 6.30 in Simonburn Village Hall.