

BRANXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2018, In Branxton Village Hall at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman N Allen Vice- Chairman P Turnbull
Parish Councillors R Neill & J Wilson
Clerk I Hunter
John Carr

Public Question Time- None

Community Police – No report

Apologies for Absence: County Councillor A Murray

Declaration of Interests: None.

Request for Dispensation: None

Minutes of the Meeting: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th September 2017 previously circulated were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Minutes of the Planning Meeting: The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 26th February 2018 previously circulated were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Min 355 (Min 347)- Highway's Issues- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact the Highway's Department at Northumberland County Council again raising the concerns about vehicles being overtaken by vehicles whilst waiting to turn right from the A697 on to the Branxton Road at the north junction, stating the tourism season will be commencing shortly and this junction is used by tourists visiting Flodden battlefield site. Parish Councillors agreed there are still issues with the state of the roads at Branxton Buildings, Dickies Den, & Branxton Hill as well as the footpaths within Branxton village, it was agreed the Clerk report these issues to Highway's Department at Northumberland County Council. Parish Councillor R Neill advised the meeting that there had been flooding at Branxton Buildings, however Northumberland County Council have attended and resolved the situation.

Min 356 (Min 340)- Parish Councillor vacancy- The Clerk informed the meeting that no written requests have been received.

Min 357- Financial Statement

- Bank of Scotland Account £845.07

Min 358- Accounts for Payment –

- Mrs E I Hunter £ 62.67 Clerk's Salary 7.75 hours @£10.099 per hr
- HMRC £ 15.60 PAYE
- Mrs E I Hunter £ 54.37 Clerk's Salary 6.75 hours @£10.099 per hr
- HMRC £ 13.80 PAYE

- Requests for donations: Parish Councillors agreed not to make any donations, however they agreed to undertake a Sponsored walk in September in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance.

Min 359- Correspondence

- **PKF Littlejohn-** External Auditors
- **Historic England-** Confirmation of Marmion's Well listing
- **Clerks & Councils Direct-** Newsletter
- **CPRE-** Winter newsletter
- **NCC-** Post 16 transport consultation
- **NALC-** Data Protection information
- **Clerks & Councils Direct-** Newsletter

Min 360- Precept for 2018/19- Parish Councillors ratified the decision that the precept for 2018/19 would remain at £800, informally agreed in December 2017.

Min 361- First Aid Training & Emergency Services- The Chairman advised the meeting that he is compiling an Awards for All grant application, for 2 people to attend a 5-day course to become First Aid Trainers as well as purchase necessary equipment i.e. bandages etc. If successful, then the trainers will be able to hold courses locally for interested residents.

Min 362- Internal Auditor- Parish Councillors agreed Mr E Rathbone as the Internal Auditor for the Parish Council accounts for year ending 31st March 2018.

Min 363- Asset Register- Parish Councillors reviewed and agreed the Asset Register previously circulated.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Min 364- Snow clearance- Parish Councillors agreed to thank Northumberland County Council for the treatment of the roads, and the use of the snow blower in the recent bad weather. Parish Councillors also thanked local farmers for their hard work at this time.

Min 365- Dog fouling- Parish Councillor J Wilson raised concerns about the increased level of dog fouling. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council to see if they can supply more "No Dog Fouling" notices which Parish Councillors will erect.

Min 366- Stones- The Chairman informed the meeting that he will speak to the landowner of Branxton Buildings regarding the stones on the edge of the Highway.

Date of the Annual Parish & Annual General Council Meetings will be held on 15th May 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in Branxton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Chairman _____