

**Minutes of the meeting of Hexhamshire Parish Council held on Thursday 8th October 2020 at 7.30 pm
in the Malcolm Caisley Meeting Room, Whitley Chapel Parish Hall**

- 10.1 Apologies for Absence Hilary Kristensen, Davy Short, Gillian Whatmough, Colin Horncastle (County Councillor)

Councillors present Marge Rastall (Chair), Roger Rutherford, Edward Parker, Greg Finch, Alastair Stevens, Nicola Matthews, Alison Tweddle, Gaynor Scandle (Clerk)

- 10.2 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 9th September 2020
It was agreed the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

- 10.3 Declarations of interest
None

- 10.4 Matters Arising

2.8.2 Rushwood – Issue has been taken to head of enforcement to make a decision/plan of the way forward.

Neighbours are concerned over the state of some trees, most of the trees in Rushwood have TPO's attached to them, this has also been passed to NCC for urgent intervention.

5.10.1 Lilswood Caravan Site – We have been informed that a new planning application will be submitted in the next couple of weeks.

9.10.1 – Request for road improvements to NCC to include 20mph in Whitley Chapel

- 10.5 Neighbourhood Plan

The steering group are drawing up a questionnaire to be sent to everyone in Parish.

- 10.6 Public Participation
No members of the public were present

- 10.7 Correspondence

- 10.8 Finance

10.8.1 Balances as at 6th Oct 20 – precept has been received.

Treasurer's Account	£17,724.16
Sportsfield Account	£858.06
Dukesfield Account	£13040.20
Wetlands Account	£348.59

10.8.2 The Sportsfield account will be replenished later in the year.

- 10.9 Matters for discussion with the Unitary Councillor

- 10.10 Planning
No new applications.
The Parish Council did formally object to the proposed building of 300 houses at Intake.

10.11 Highways, footpaths and BOATS

- 10.11.1 Highways have been informed regarding the damaged road in the dip on the Lee Road.
- 10.11.2 The sign at the Mill Bank Top is programmed to be replaced in the next 3-4 weeks.
- 10.11.3 The signage at Dalton Bridge, there appears to be a conflict of signage (all old) either side of the bridge and prior to replacing any of this, NCC want to confirmed what the appropriate and correct signage is for this location so no confusion is caused by whatever is installed.
- 10.11.4 Meeting has taken place with Duncan Lovett from NCC regarding motorcycles using the Peth Footpath – this will continue to be monitored. Duncan is also looking into Raw Green BOAT regarding the permanent traffic regulation order excluding all vehicles on the stretch of the byway from Rawgreen to the wood.
- 10.11.5 The hedges in the Parish still require attention, especially near Dalton Bridge and some junctions. How do we find out who has the contract to cut the hedges? Can they be done sooner?
- 10.11.6 Damaged gate posts on common boundary ground - North West of Lord Lot and another on High Eshells Road. NCC to be informed.
- 10.11.7 Concern over the state of the road in Juniper and the drop from the road into the burn could be dangerous.
- 10.11.8 Footbridge at the Vicarage in Whitley Mill is missing a hand rail.

10.12 Reports

Wetlands - we have been allocated some trees via the Northumberland carbon neutral by 2030 scheme, we can collect the trees in December.

Dukesfield Arches - The sign to the Arches on the gate at Low Mill has disappeared – GF to replace.

The 5 year inspection for the arches should take place this month.

Hall - Meeting next week

School -

Sportsfield – The storage containers at the top of the field – Who’s are they? What is in them? who has the keys? Davy Short and Gill Whatmough to both look into this. We believe one container has YFC equipment in and one has old hall equipment.

10.13 Any Other Business

Nicola Matthews kindly agreed to be Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.

Meeting was held at the Village Hall as WIFI signal is very intermittent for many of the Cllrs we were advised by Cllr Horncastle to not have meetings in person until advised that we can.

The meeting closed at 8.35