**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 14TH June 2017 at 6.00pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall**

**Present:** Councillors: J Hall (Chair); R Batten; A Nation;

Clerk: I Hunter

11 Members of the public

**Public Question Time:**

A member of the public raised concerns the following concerns about the Planning Meeting held on 17th May:

* The Declaration of Interests & Dispensation were ignored
* Comments from members of the public were ignored
* The Parish Council read out a prepared statement
* Parish Councillors were not being transparent.
* There was no debate by Parish Councillors
* Within the Parish Council submission there was no reference to the NPPF policy numbers.

Another member of the public also raised the following concerns from the Planning Meeting held on 17th May:

* The Good Councillors Guide states that Parish Councillors should undertake research work ahead of the meeting.
* There was no discussion by Parish Councillors & no vote.

The Chairman apologised, however she confirmed that Parish Councillors did not ignore the comments made by the public, and the Clerk of the meeting retained the hard copy comments.

A member of the public raised concerns that not all the payments of cheques from March & April have been included with the recent Minutes.

The Chairman agreed these would be included within the July Minutes.

A member of the public stated that the Annual Parish Meeting Minutes state that the Vice-Chairman was not present, which is incorrect as there has been no Vice-Chairman since September 2016. It was agreed to amend the Minutes.

**Apologies for Absence:** County Councillor G Renner-Thompson

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**Min 47/17- Annual Audit:**  Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated Annual Accounts for the year ending March 2017, which had been agreed by the Internal Auditor Colin Brunt. Parish Councillors agreed to accept the Annual Accounts for year ending March 2017. Parish Councillors agreed the Annual Governance Statement and the Chairman signed the Annual Return which completed the Annual Accounts for Beadnell Parish Council for 2016/17. The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Colin Brunt for undertaking the Internal Audit for the Parish Council.

**Min 48/17-** **Finance:** To ratify the payment of the following cheques:

* NALC £ 204.19 Annual Subscription
* Aon UK Ltd £ 262.52 Annual Insurance Premium
* Northumberland County Council £ 1655.96 Play Area Inspections
* Jen Hall ( reimburse) £ 45.00 Transportation of Parish records
* J Smith & Son £ 1488.00 Repairs to Play Areas
* Stableyard Landscapes £ 515.00 Grass Cutting

Cheques for payment

* Beadnell WI £ 88.00 Hire of Hall March/April
* L Gray £ 22.70 Cemetery handover

The Chairman thanked L Gray carrying out a handover of the Cemetery functions with the Interim Clerk, and offering to help with the initial function if required.

All payments were agreed.

**Min 49/17- Co-option:** Parish Councillors considered the request from Michael Dawson to the join the Parish Council and agreed to accept him as a Parish Councillor. Michael Dawson to sign the appropriate paperwork at the end of the meeting.

**Min 50/17- Additional litter bin-** Parish Councillors agreed to consider that request for a litter bin to be installed at the Bull Ring at the July Parish Council Meeting.

**The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 26th July 2017 at 6pm**