

Minutes of Westlinton Parish Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in Blackford School at 7pm.

There was an open invitation to the community to discuss Hespian Wood Landfill site. This preceded the normal PC meeting. David Coulthard chaired this meeting. The main concerns of those who attended were as follows:

The number of wagons going into the site has increased enormously.

The smell and rubbish blowing off the tip is dreadful.

Do we know exactly what waste is going into the site?

Are there constraints on the number of vehicles that can go in per day?

Is there a height restriction and safety measures in place to guard against a landslip?

A private company has taken over the site and since then things have deteriorated but the council is still the leaseholder.

Rockcliffe PC has asked for a copy of the report by the environment agency but was told it was confidential.

There are concerns that a planning application is in the wings for a tyre burning plant there.

Action:

Need as many letters of complaint as possible.

Contact MP and press and get a meeting.

Ask the company questions with a Freedom of Information Request.

DC will join with Rockcliffe Chair to organise discussions with the Environment Agency.

PC meeting:

1. Apologies: Fiona Kay, John Wharton, Ian Hewson.

2. Present: David Coulthard, Stephen Nicholson, Helen Forester, Alex Forbes and the clerk

3. Declaration of Interests: none.

4. Minutes and matters arising: Minutes Accepted. Traffic problems outside Tuers are getting worse again. If need be contact Highways again.

5. Accounts: These are healthy and there is enough to help Rockcliffe PC if needed.

6.. Rockcliffe Incinerator: Westlinton parish have been asked to help object to this project. It was turned down by the Planning Dept. but the company have appealed. HF will draft a letter of objection and as many residents as possible to email letters of objection to head of appeal. Up to £1,000 can be offered to help support this from Westlinton Parish funds.

7. Wind farm Grants: The PTFBA have asked if they could have a contribution towards the new roadside fence to make it vehicle proof. A grant of £2,000 was agreed.

8. Planning: Ongoing objections to proposed National Grid new substation and mega pylons.

9. Highways: Since Amazon put in the new cabling there has been flooding along the road around Alstonby. Contact highways about this. There is a big litter problem. Ask if there could be signs put up to try and stop this.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm