

**Minutes of the proceedings of Pride in Pitlington Committee meeting held in the Village Hall, 6.00pm High Pitlington Monday 26 Sept 2016**

Present: Councillors, D Turnbull, R Newlove

Also in attendance: Mrs M Toal (Parish Clerk) Mrs K Fall and Mr M Fall

**PIP 21/16 Apologies**

Cllrs J Steer, B Fenwick, B Whitaker, G Patton, D Hall

**PIP 22/16 Declaration of Interest**

None

**PIP 23/16 Minutes approved**

Minutes approved and signed from 13 June 2016. Action points carried out. Clerk requested the removal of the BT kiosk at High Pitlington crossroads to be removed. Clerk identified the land ownership at High Pitlington crossroads. Durham Aged Miners Association to trim and cut back overgrown trees and hedges.

**PIP 24/16 Matters Arising**

None

**PIP 25/16 War Memorial**

War Memorial restoration still in application process. Clerk has received an email from Peter Dunn DCC stating that repairs should be imminent.

**PIP 26/16 Cemetery**

Work to tidy up corner of cemetery from rubble and weeds was authorised at Parish Council meeting in September. Damaged Commonwealth war grave headstone has been repaired. Cllr Newlove suggested possible CCTV at entrance to St Laurence after recent flytipping.

**PIP 27/16 Northumbria In Bloom**

Clerk and Cllr Newlove recently attended the Northumbria in Bloom awards where all three villages were presented with bronze awards. Free wild flower seeds have been donated by Thompson and Morgan after request from Clerk. Areas for planting to be identified for autumn planted. Mick Fall and Clerk agreed to sow seeds.

**PIP 28/16 Parish Appearance**

Litter picking sticks requested for monthly picks. Clerk has recently spoken to DCC regarding this where equipment could be loaned. Kath Fall from litter picking group requested owning the sticks rather than loan. **AP\* Clerk to enquire**

**PIP 29/16 Annual Garden Show**

Feedback received from recent Autumn Garden Show at Pitlington Village Hall. Overall feedback suggests poor organisation. Average attendance from the public. Requests for next year to have better planning, local advertising and more entertainment for children to take part in. Feedback to be put forward to the Village Hall committee.

**PIP 30/16 Date of Next Meeting**

Clerk to arrange next meeting for February 2017

Meeting ended at 7.15pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
AP\* Action Point