

**Minutes of the proceedings of Pittington Parish Council held in  
the Village Hall, 7pm, High Pittington on Tuesday 15 September 2015**

Present: Councillors: B Fenwick, B Patterson, B Whitaker, G Patton, J Steer, R Newlove, D  
Turnbull (Chair)

Also in attendance: M Toal (Parish Clerk), 2 Members of the public

**58/15 Apologies**

Councillors: D Hall, A Sowerby

Resolved: Apologies accepted and approved

**59/15 Declarations of Interests**

None received

**60/15 Public Participation**

Member of public commented on concerns regarding drainage for Coalford Allotments. Clerk asked to contact Northumbria Water and DCC to enquire about possible drainage connection to alleviate the problem. Concerns regarding overgrown hedgerow and trees in Littleton. Also road heading towards Haswell regarding overhanging trees. Clerk asked to contact DCC regarding the concerns. Mrs A Smith expressed concerns regarding conflicting minutes of previous meetings. Councillors agreed to look further into issue by contacting previous clerk and having laptop assessed.

**61/15 Minutes**

Minutes of meetings from 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015 approved and signed.

**62/15 Updates/Matters arising**

Parish Councillor David Turnbull to represent the parish at the opencast appeal in October. Councillors to contact DCC to enquire about the lease of the playing area at St Johns Road. The boundary review requires further discussions and information needed with a possible questionnaire to put out to residents involved.

**63/15 Police Report**

Police report was read out by the Chairman in the absence of PC Madsen. 1 crime reported: theft of garden furniture overnight 19<sup>th</sup> August from rear yard of property Hallgarth View. Antisocial behaviour: Group of youths throwing eggs near to the park, 5 youths names given and parents informed. Other issues: Reports from numerous residents re loud music from Hallgarth Manor, referred to Licensing Dept and Environmental Dept for follow up.

**64/15 Planning**

Planning application received: Erection of detached dwelling (use class C3) within rear garden area. The Shieling St Johns Road High Pittington Durham DH6 1AY Ref. No: DM/15/02396/FPA, Received: Wed 29 Jul 2015, Validated: Fri 31 Jul 2015, Status: Awaiting decision.

**65/15 Play Equipment/Provisions**

Inspection Report - Clerk to contact B Anderson, DCC regarding repairs.

Play provisions for older children at St Johns Road playing area to be looked into.

**66/15 Finance**

**Finance 02.06.2015 – 01.07.2015**

Cheque	Date	Recipient	Details	Amount
210360	16/6/15	A Simpson	Audit	170.00
201362	16/6/15	CDALC	Subs	253.80
201363	16/6/15	CDALC	Course	27.00
201364	16/6/15	UK Fuels	Petrol	71.70
201365	16/6/15	Olivers	Tree Services	462.00
201366	16/6/15	DCC	Grass Cutting	1,012.88
201368	16/6/15	Village Hall	Donation	5,000.00
201369	4/7/15	Coronation	Newsletter	224.00
201370	14/7/15	HMRC	Tax/NI	360.00
201371	14/7/15	Petrol	Fuel	47.91
201372	14/5/15	D Turnbull	Flowers	30.00
201373	3/8/15	A Sutherland	Supplies	67.92
201374	3/8/15	St Johns	Room rental	10.00
201375	3/8/15	Petrol	Fuel	50.00
210376	4/8/15	K Stock	Hardware	29.82
201377	18/8/15	K Stock	Petrol	23.45
201378	18/8/15	M Toal	Stationary	10.38
201379	20/8/15	UK Fuels	Petrol	48.00
201380	24/8/15	M Toal	Florist	33.00
201381	25/8/15	M Toal	Wages	448.00
201382	22/8/15	EW Allen	Mower repair	534.00
201383	28/8/15	K Stock	Fuel	22.91

No full finance report available due to accounts at Auditors. Full up to date report will be available at next meeting October 2015

Councillor Steer left meeting

**67/15 Pittington To Sherburn Path**

All 3 routes out of High Pittington discussed. Council agreed to have a full report from DCC before future funding is approved. Correspondence acknowledged from Mr David Steckles regarding funding.

**68/15 Correspondences**

Date	Subject	From	Post/Email
20.07.15	FOI	Individual	Email
28.07.15	Financial Plan	Technical Accountancy	Email
29.07.15	Donation	STOWR	Email
04.08.15	Footpath	DAAP	Email
04.08.15	Fuel Bill	Shell	Email
06.08.15	Audit	Council Audit	Email
06.08.15	FOI	Individual	Email

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07.08.15	Graffiti	DCC	Email
09.08.15	Footpath	Individual	Email
10.08.14	FOI	Individual	Email
11.08.15	FOI	Individual	Email
12.08.15	Planning	DCC	Email
14.08.15	Neighbourhood Report	DCC	Email
17.08.15	Planning	DCC	Email
20.08.15	Invoice	Savills	Post
21.08.15	Invoice	E.W.Allen	Email
24.08.15	Planning	DCC	Email
28.08.15	FOI/ongoing	Individual	Email
29.08.15	FOI/ongoing	Individual	Email

Clerk to chase up letter from Savills regarding invoice for poles located in the Parish

#### 69/15 Cemetery

Clerk to contact handyman re overgrown weeds and bushes to be cut. Concerns regarding the elaborate adornment of graves on churchyard to be addressed by Clerk by contacting families to ensure they adhere to the regulations set out in the ERB, Exclusive Rights of Burial. Bottom corner of churchyard to be assessed by landscaper for possible removal of rubble/weeds and further discussed at next meeting. Possible cemetery budget to be put in place for the upkeep of the area for next year. Suggestions to contact probation services/voluntary groups to assist with parish maintenance

#### 70/15 I.T. Equipment

Clerk to look at cost of replacing the 5 year old laptop and printer.

#### 71/15 Mower Repairs

Cllr Turnbull to assess the cost of future purchase of replacing the ride on mower.

*Cllr Jon Steer returned to meeting' JN*

#### Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 20 October 2015 at 7.00pm Pittington Village Hall

#### 72/15 Clerks Pay Scale

Pay scale agreed by councillors for clerk.

Meeting ended at 9.20pm



Cllr D Turnbull  
Chairman