

**Minutes of the proceedings of Pittington Parish Council held in  
the Village Hall, 7pm, High Pittington on Tuesday 17th January 2017**

Present: Councillors: D Turnbull (Chair), J Steer, (Vice Chair), P McCutcheon,  
B Fenwick, B Whitaker, J Lee

Also in attendance: M Toal (Parish Clerk) 7 members of public

**1/17 Apologies**

Councillors: G Patton,  
Apologies accepted and approved.

**2/17 Declarations of Interests**

None.

**3/17 Public Participation**

Members of public concerned about work due to begin on the West Rainton opencast site. Street lighting out from Pittington to Littletown raised, public informed this is due to cost cutting measures by DCC. \*AP Clerk to enquire if all lighting is intended to be off instead of alternate. Street light in Littletown flickering, public informed this needs to be reported to DCC not Parish Council. \*AP Clerk agreed to contact DCC on their behalf. Pot holes reported in the off road track leading to Littletown Cricket Club. \*AP Clerk to enquire about filling them in.

**4/17 Minutes**

Minutes of meeting 20th December 2016 not approved, alteration needed to 134/16. Extra Ordinary meeting required next week to sign. \*AP Clerk to arrange

**5/17 Updates/Matters arising**

Council agreed to another year's entry for all 3 villages into the Northumbria in Bloom competition. Pride in Pittington meeting to be scheduled in the near future \*AP Clerk to arrange. New PACT meeting dates and venue announced, 19/Jan, 2/Mar, 13/April and 11/May all 7.30pm Village Hall.

**6/17 Planning**

Reference	DM/16/03936/FPA
Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Thu 8 Dec 2016
Application Validated	Mon 09 Jan 2017
Address	Land to the East of Littletown Cricket Ground Moor View Littletown
Proposal	Erection of double polytunnel for the housing of livestock.
Status	Pending Consideration
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not available

Reference	DM/17/00046/FPA
Alternative Reference	PP-05731045
Application Received	Wed 04 Jan 2017
Application Validated	Thu 05 Jan 2017
Address	106 Priors Grange High Pittington Durham DH6 1DE
Proposal	Two-storey Rear Extension
Status	Pending Consideration
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not available

Land Registry Office	
Notice of an application for registration of a person in adverse possession.	B149
Reference	DU359993
Application Correspondence Date	Thu 05 Jan 2017
Address	Land South Side of The Farmhouse High Street Low Pittington DH6 1BE

Council have no objection to 3 applications

## 7/17 Finance

Finance Report/January 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 Meeting

Cheque/Cash	Date	Recipient	Details	Amount
DD	05/12/16	UK Fuels	Fuel	£2.40
Deposit	21/12/16	PPC	Plot Fee	£100.00
201502	23/12/16	Employee	Wages	£448.00
201503	23/12/16	M Toal	Phone	£19.99
DD	28/12/16	Employee	Wages	£405.60
201496	29/11/16	Coronation Press	Newsletters	£229.00
DD	01/12/16	Northumbrian Water	Invoice	£36.31

Balance Current Account £10,599.88 ending 28/12/2016

Balance Business Account £10,502.45 ending 11/01/2017

## 8/17 Precept

Council agreed to set the precept for 2017/2018 so that there is no change (0% increase) to the amount charged for a Band D property.

## 9/17 Correspondences

01/12/2016/Letter/Co-Op/Statement

03/12/2016/Email/Peter Dunn/War Memorial

03/12/2016/Email/PC Robin Raymond/PACT

05/12/2016/Letter/Peter Dunn/War Memorial

06/12/2016/Email/Stephen Ragg/Casey Review

12/12/2016/Email/Member of Public/Missing Signs

26/11/2016/Email/Member Public /Footpath Low Pittington

27/12/2016/Email/Public/Headstone Enquiry

29/12/2016/Email/Pensions Regulator

30/12/2016/Letter/Co-Op/Statement

Correspondence received from Pitlington Village Hall 16/1/17 requesting donation of £60 for replacement wheelie bin, item to be put on Agenda of Extra Ordinary meeting.

**10/17 Police Report**

Reported Crimes - 2

1)South End-Theft from motor vehicle, spare tyre removed from works vehicle, overnight 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

2)Theft of lead from school roof, quantity of lead and flashing removed, overnight 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Antisocial Behaviour – 2

1)Reports of off road bikes/quads in Littletown Woods/farm land towards Easington Lane and Haswell.

2)Youths taking Pitlington Village Hall wheelie bin/residents bins and setting them alight in woods.

**11/17 Footpaths**

No reports

7.45pm Cllr Hall arrives

**12/17 Cemetery**

No reports

**13/17 Allotments**

Clerk and Chairman to arrange inspection visit **\*AP** Clerk and Cllr Turnbull to agree suitable date and time.

**14/17 Mining History Commemorative Monument**

Pitlington Village Hall has been chosen to situate a Pit Pony commemorative statue to mark the mining history within the Parish. Planning application will be needed to place it within the grounds.

**15/17 Parish Plan**

Councillor Hall has proposed the idea of a Parish Plan for the community. A meeting with Durham Community Action is to be planned to discuss further development of the plan.

**16/17 Date and Time of next meeting**

21st February 2017 at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 8.04pm

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Cllr D Turnbull, Chairman

**\*AP Action Point**