

**Minutes of the proceedings of Pitlington Parish Council held in
Pitlington Village Hall, High Pitlington, 7pm,
Tuesday 17th April 2018**

Present: Councillors: D Turnbull (Chair), R Newlove (Vice Chair), B Fenwick,
S Mitchell, A Toal, J Lee, D Hall
M Toal (Clerk) 6 members of public

31/18 Apologies

All Councillors present.

32/18 Declarations of Interests

Councillor A Toal declared an interest in Agenda item 16

33/18 Public Participation

Taylor-made contacted Kath Fall regarding litter-picking, they were instructed to get in touch with Parish Council, Clerk awaiting email. Resident noticed an increase in litter. Concerns regarding large logs at Lady Peace road layby being sawn, DCC and Environmental Health contacted.

34/18 Minutes

Minutes of meeting March 20th 2018 approved and signed.

35/18 Updates/Matters arising

Visits from Northumbria in Bloom for spring judging took place at High Pitlington and Littleton.

36/18 Planning Applications

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| Reference | DM/18/00962/TCA |
| Alternative Reference | PP-06857409 |
| Application Received | Thu 29 Mar 2018 |
| Application Validated | Thu 29 Mar 2018 |
| Address | The Parlour Hallgarth High Pitlington Durham DH6 1RE |
| Proposal | 1 x sycamore tree prune back approximately 3 foot maintaining the trees shape (T1), 2 x sycamore tree prune back the branches overhanging the car park (T2/T3) and 1 x mature sycamore tree fell as this tree has lost two lateral branches, the most recent one shows a large amount of decay running through it, there is also Dryads saddle growing on the tree with a significant amount of deadwood in the crown (T4) |
| Status | Pending Consideration |
| Appeal Status | Unknown |
| Appeal Decision | Not available |

No objection

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| Reference | DM/18/01056/FPA |
| Alternative Reference | PP-06879133 |
| Application Received | Mon 09 Apr 2018 |
| Application Validated | Tue 10 Apr 2018 |
| Address | 56 Priors Grange High Pittington Durham DH6 1DB |
| Proposal | 2 storey pitched rood side extension |
| Status | Pending Consideration |
| Appeal Status | Unknown |
| Appeal Decision | Not available |

No objection

37/18 Finance

No finance report due to all accounts with internal auditor.

38/18 Correspondences

13/03/2018/Email/Steve Ragg/Minimum wage
14/03/2018/Email/NIB/Judging Dates
14/03/2018/Email/PC Kevin Hall/New Speedwatch Details
19/03/2018/Email/Came and Co/Motor Insurance
19/03/2018/Email/Hargreaves/ Update
20/03/2018/Email/Mazars/ New Audit Details
20/03/2018/Email/CiLCA/Registration
21/03/2018/Email/Public/FOI
21/03/2018/Email/Shell Invoice
23/03/2018/Email/Hargreaves/Draft Minutes
23/03/2018/Email/ICO/Renewal Confirmation
24/03/2018/Email/Durham Constabulary/Crime Update
28/03/2018/Email/Public /Fly Tipping Report
29/03/2018/Email/PCSO Waddingham/New PCSO
04/04/2018/Email/DCC/ BACS Invoice
09/04/2018/Phone/NE Granite/Memorial Enquiry
10/04/2018/Email/NE Granite/Memorial Enquiry

39/18 Audit 2018

Governance Statement 2017/18 approved and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

40/18 Allotments

Both allotment sites are at full occupancy. There are concerns regarding plots at Coalford Lane allotments, site meeting scheduled for tomorrow with Chairman and Clerk.

41/18 PACT Report

PACT Report read out. 1 incident of theft, 3 ASB reports, 3 incidents of criminal damage: Van damaged Manor View, car damaged near Elemore School and tyres slashed on two vehicles in Priors Grange. Residents can access local reports of crime on the website police.co.uk

42/18 **Parish Plan**

After recent feedback from residents regarding development and refurbishment of Littletown play area and St Johns field, the first stage will be to introduce new equipment to Littletown initially.

43/18 **Littletown Crossroads**

Councillor David Hall has recently had a site visit with DCC to establish possibilities for road safety improvements. A proposal has been made for possible road markings and cats eyes to be situated on the crossing area. There will be no alterations to the current speed limit or physical changes to the road.

44/18 **Coalford Lane Lighting**

After considerations no funding is available for the cost of the running and maintenance of the lighting on Coalford Lane, therefore current lighting will cease.

***AP Clerk to contact DCC and inform them**

45/18 **Date and time of next meeting**

15th May 2018 7.00pm

46/18 **Clerks Employment**

Clerks hours of work revised. An increase of 2 hours per week requested. All Councillors in agreement. Clerks working hours are now 14 hours per week.

Meeting ended at 8.35pm.

Cllr D Turnbull, Chairman

***AP Action Point**