

**Minutes of the proceedings of Pittington Parish Council Meeting held in
Pittington Village Hall, High Pittington, 7pm,
Tuesday 18th September 2018**

Present: Councillors Turnbull (Chair), B Fenwick, S Mitchell, A Toal, J Lee, D Hall
M Toal (Clerk) 4 members of public

86/18 Apologies

Councillors R Newlove, J Lee, apologies accepted

87/18 Declarations of Interests

None.

88/18 Public Participation

Member of public enquiring about a Community Plan and if we would be interested in joining neighbouring Parish Councils. More information would be needed by the Council which can be presented at the next meeting for consideration.

89/18 Minutes

Minutes of meeting July 17th 2018 approved and signed by Cllr Turnbull.

90/18 Updates/Matters arising

PACT report received from PCSO Stephen Waddingham: 02/07/18-12/09/18
Burglary; July 16th Residential burglary at Priors Grange, no suspects identified, crime closed. July 17th Paintball Equipment stolen from Elemore Lane. No suspects identified, crime closed.

Theft; July 7th Plantation Avenue, Littleton, theft of gardening tools

Criminal Damage; A car was deliberately set on fire following a crash at Low Pittington Crossing. Enquiries carried out unable to identify driver or owner of vehicle. September 5th Unknown persons throw brick at car windscreen causing to break, investigation ongoing.

Anti Social Behaviour; July 14th Flytipping near to Pittington Crossing, details passed on to DCC.

Also, there has been one report of someone trying to prise a garage door open with a metal bar on August 28th in High Pittington. Please be vigilant and report anything suspicious via the 101 police number.

The cemetery bin has been mistakenly removed by DCC, the Clerk has reported it and a new one is being returned.

Footpaths have recently been resurfaced in High Pittington.

An application has been received for the one of the vacancies of Parish Councillor. The application was readout, considered and accepted by all Councillors. Mrs Julie Everett is now Parish Councillor for Pittington Parish Council. One vacancy still remains.

91/18 **Planning Applications**

Reference	DM/18/02434/FPA
Alternative Reference	PP-07150968
Application Received	Fri 10 Aug 2018
Application Validated	Mon 13 Aug 2018
Address	108 Priors Grange High Pittington Durham DH6 1DB
Proposal	Erection of Single Storey Pitched Roof Extension to side
Status	Decided
Decision	Approved Fri 14 Sep 2018

Reference	DM/18/02622/FPA
Alternative Reference	PP-07201089
Application Received	Wed 29 Aug 2018
Application Validated	Wed 29 Aug 2018
Address	1 Station Road Low Pittington Durham DH6 1BJ
Proposal	Alteration to existing highway access, formation of additional garage door and construction of additional length of boundary wall
Status	Pending Consideration
Decision	Not Available

No objection

92/18 **Finance**

Cheque/Cash	Date	Recipient	Details	Amount
DD	02/07/18	UK Fuels	Invoice	£2.40
DD	05/07/18	Co-Op	Commission	£2.15
DD	05/07/18	Co-Op	Service Charge	£5.00
201581	09/07/18	Came & Co	Insurance	£773.54
*Deposit	12/07/18	PPC	Cemetery Fees	£150.00
201580	20/07/18	EW Allen	Repairs	£272.40
DD	20/07/18	Currys	Insurance	£5.00
201584	23/07/18	Employment	Wages	£588.76
201586	24/07/18	R Newlove	Plants	£40.00
DD	30/07/18	Employment	Wages	£441.09
201583	01/08/18	CDALC	Training	£27.00
DD	03/08/18	Co-Op	Commission	£5.00
DD	03/08/18	Co-Op	Service Charge	£5.00
DD	06/08/2018	UK Fuels	Invoice	£2.40
*Deposit	07/08/2018	PPC	Cemetery Fees	£190.00
DD	13/08/2018	UK Fuels	Invoice	£34.25
201588	17/08/2018	M Toal	Skip Hire	£192.00
DD	20/08/2018	Currys	Insurance	£5.00
DD	28/08/2018	UK Fuels	Invoice	£41.88
DD	28/08/2018	Employment	Wages	£441.09
201585	29/08/2018	Employment	Wages	£588.76
201587	30/08/2018	K Stock	Sundries	£22.93

Balance Current Account £23,572.09 ending 30/08/2018

Balance Business Account £10,507.64 ending 11/07/2018

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93/18 **Correspondences**

13/07/2018/Email/Hargreaves/Update
15/07/2018/Email/Public/Waste Bins Request
15/07/2018/Email/Police/PACT Report
17/07/2018/Email/Classic Masonry/Quote
17/08/2018/Letter/Northumbrian Water/Invoice
18/07/2018/Email/DCC/Trade Waste Contract
21/07/2018/Email/Public/Truck Complaints
25/07/2018/Email/LCC/Minutes Request
26/07/2018/Email/DCC/Resurfacing Information
28/07/2018/Email/Taylormade/Path Sweeper Request
01/08/2018/Letter/Co-Op/Statement
01/08/2018/Email/UK Fuels/Invoice
09/08/2018/Email/Skip Hire/Receipt
23/08/2018/Email/Bill Kellett/Truck Complaints
04/09/2018/Email/NIB/Presentation Info
04/09/2018/Email/Steve Ragg/Ongoing FOI
05/09/2018/Email/HMRC/VAT Registration

94/18 **Allotments**

A skip was provided to allotment holders at Coalford Lane for the opportunity to improve and prepare their plot.

95/18 **Littletown Junction**

A meeting has been arranged following requests from residents with Michelle McIntosh, Senior Engineer, of DCC Traffic Assets Team at Pitlington Village Hall on Thursday 4th October. There will be 2 sessions, 1-2pm and 6-7pm. Residents will be invited to ask Michelle any questions or concerns they have regarding the recent traffic report for Littletown junction.

96/18 **Littletown Cricket Club**

The ongoing plan for a loan to purchase the grounds from the Church Commissioners was discussed, Figures from the PWLB were estimated. Council await exact figures from the club to carry on with discussions and considerations at future meetings.

97/18 **Ride on Progress**

It was agreed that the mower is to be ordered from EW Allens. It will be a replacement for the current machine which has become unusable. £5,000 from the Co-Op savings account will be used as part of the payment. ***Clerk to order**

98/18 **Cemetery**

There has been a complaint received regarding the placing of decorations and stones on graves. A reply to the complainant confirmed the cemetery policy of no stones or decorations are to be placed on the grave area. The complainant was also informed that the sensitive process of reaching all families to ask to remove them is ongoing. Also the problem of fallen and broken headstones was discussed. After the clerk's discussion with the handyman and looking how other cemeteries deal with the problem, it would be a suggestion to remove them and place them at the perimeter of

the cemetery. Council to discuss at next meeting with Councillor R Newlove who is cemetery officer.

99/18 **Northumbria in Bloom**

Award's is to take place on 26th September. PIP meeting to be arranged to discuss next year's entry into Northumbria in Bloom. Council suggest not entering as the public participation and lack of helpers make it difficult to achieve the criteria for entry.

100/18 **Date and time of next meeting**

16th October 2018 at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 8.55pm.

Cllr D Turnbull, Chairman

***AP Action Point**