

**Minutes of the proceedings of Pittington Parish Council Meeting held in  
Pittington Village Hall, High Pittington, 7pm,  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Present: Councillors A Toal (Chair), V Patton (Vice Chair), G Patton, J Everett, C Hicks  
Also: M Toal (Clerk), 3 members of public

**83/19 Apologies**

S Mitchell, D Hall, D Hughff, apologies accepted

**84/19 Declarations of Interests**

None

**85/19 Public Participation**

Members of public complained about the overgrown bush encroaching onto the path near Glens Flats.

**86/19 Minutes**

Minutes of meeting July 16th 2019 and September 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 approved and signed by A Toal (Chairman).

**87/19 Updates/Matters arising**

Previous minutes: Action point, Clerk purchased memorial bench for Councillor Brian Fenwick, unveiling will be Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm. Clerk attended a meeting with Hargreaves Community Fund to offer further details on the War Memorial restoration request of £2,000. Following a request to look at the possibility of planting a tree at Littleton village green, a site meeting took place with the Clerk and Vice Chair who met with Barry Kirtley from DCC. We are now awaiting an official report regarding utilities siting. Concerns regarding safety have been raised by residents about the siting of the tree on the corner. PIP meeting to take place 28<sup>th</sup> September 11am.

**88/19 Councillor Vacancy**

Following the recent application from Dawn Tate for the Councillor vacancy, the Council considered the application and approved the request. **\*AP Clerk to inform Dawn Tate of her acceptance of office to Pittington Parish Council.**

**89/19 Planning**

<b>Reference</b>	DM/19/02335/FPA
<b>Alternative Reference</b>	NA
<b>Application Received</b>	Wed 17 Jul 2019
<b>Application Validated</b>	Wed 28 Aug 2019
<b>Address</b>	92 Priors Grange High Pittington Durham DH6 1DB
<b>Proposal</b>	Single storey extension to and conversion of existing garage to office
<b>Status</b>	Pending Consideration
<b>Decision</b>	NA

**\*AP Clerk to inform DCC of no objections**

## 90/19 Correspondences

13/07/2019/ Email/DCC/Fly tipping reported  
17/07/2019/Email/ Northern Power/Sub station  
19/07/2019/Email PCA/Newsletter draft  
22/07/2019/ Email/Came and Co/Renewal Insurance  
29/07/2019/Email/Public/Invoice  
30/07/2019/ Email/Co-Op Funeral/Interment  
31/07/2019/ Email/UK Fuels/Invoice  
01/08/2019/Email/Public/Vacancy Enquiry  
01/08/2019/Email/Public/Xmas Tree  
01/08/2019/Email/Public/ Xmas Tree  
01/08/2019/ Email/Public / Xmas Tree  
01/08/2019/ Email/Public/ Xmas Tree  
01/08/2019/Email/C Bussey/ Fence Invoice  
12/08/2019/ Email/Mazars/Audit Query  
12/08/2019/Email/Hargreaves/Acknowledgement  
13/08/2019/Email/Scotts memorial/Replacement  
30/08/2019/ Email/Public/Vacancy  
02/09/2019/Email/PCA/Invoice Newsletter  
04/09/2019/Email/Sloane and sons/Invoice Bench

## 91/19 Finance Report

Business Current Account Opening balance £20,264.50

Cheque/Cash	Date	Recipient	Details	Amount
DD	05/07/19	Co-Op	Commission	£4.20
DD	05/07/19	Co-Op	Service Charge	£5.00
201709	08/07/19	A Simpson	Audit Invoice	£220.00
DD	08/07/19	UK Fuels	Invoice	£29.04
DD	19/07/19	Currys	Insurance	£5.00
DD	22/07/19	UK Fuels	Invoice	£51.61
201713	23/07/19	Came and Co	Insurance	£796.75
201714	23/07/19	Employment	Wages	£615.16
DD	29/07/19	Employment	Wages	£441.09
201716	02/08/19	Employment	Wages Adj	£21.41
201717	02/08/19	Employment	Wages Adj	£22.41
DD	05/08/19	UK Fuels	Invoice	£3.60
DD	05/08/19	Co-Op	Commission	£2.80
DD	05/08/19	Co-Op	Service Charge	£5.00
*Deposit	16/08/19	PPC	Cemetery Fees	£265.00
DD	19/08/19	UK Fuels	Invoice	£53.42
DD	21/08/19	Currys	Insurance	£5.00
201718	22/08/19	C Bussey	Fence Repair	£850.00
DD	23/08/19	Water Charge	Invoice	£39.24
DD	27/08/19	UK Fuels	Invoice	£20.20
201715	28/08/19	Employment	Wages	£615.16
DD	28/08/19	Employment	Wages	£441.09

Balance Current Account £16,283.32 ending 28/08/2019

Balance Business Account £5,519.08 ending 05/04/2019

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### 92/19 Cemetery

Concerns raised regarding trees and bushes growing inside the plot perimeter of graves. **\*AP Clerk to ask handyman to address problem.** 2 requests received by families to restructure the base and surround of existing plots. Clerk and Cemetery Officer G Patton had a site visit to ensure correct details were received.

### 93/19 Allotments

New fence has been erected at Coalford Lane allotments. Allotment Officer V Patton attended a site visit and reported that several allotment plots were severely overgrown and not being maintained. **\*AP Clerk to write an informal warning to plot holders to remind them of the policy regarding cultivating.**

### 94/19 Police Report

PACT report received with following incidents logged:

16/8/19 – Allotments – Off road bikes

17/8/19 – Theft of lawn mower

### 95/19 Electricity Substation

A request has been received by Northern Power Grid for a proposal to relocate the current sub station at Church Vale to the Parish Council owned, the Buddle (village green). Council discussed proposal and requested more information to be given before any considerations are taken into account.

### 96/19 HGV Traffic

Following a request by a member of the public for concerns regarding HGV traffic to be discussed again, no action could be taken due to the insufficient information regarding the problem. Regardless of this, the Chairman said he would approach DCC Highways again asking for a consideration to be looked into initial complaint and subsequent report of November 2018. Information received by Councillor Hall stated no updates, but 20mph zone still pending.

### 97/19 Date and time of next meeting

15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 8.10 pm.

Signed

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**\*AP Action Point**