

**Minutes of the extra ordinary meeting of Pittington Parish Council held in the Village Hall, High Pittington on Wednesday 2 April 2014**

Present: Councillors, Mr GB Fenwick, Mr A Sowerby, Mr J Steer, Mr D Turnbull and Mr A White

Also in attendance: Miss A Sutherland (Parish Clerk)  
8 Members of the public

**1/14 Apologies**

Cllr D Hall, Cllr R Newlove and Cllr G Patton

**2/14 Declarations of Interests**

No declarations noted

Councillor Sowerby suspended standing orders to let members of the public ask questions:

Residents asked what the PC was going to do with the land and why buy it. Residents also asked how much the land was to buy/rent.

It was also reported that DCC are cutting the grass in the rain and are re-cutting the grass within a few weeks of it being cut and leaving the cuttings to blow around the paths etc.

Mrs Smith commented that the agenda had not been displayed on the notice board at Littletown

**3/14 Allotments**

Council discussed quotes for maintenance, Drainage and repairs at Coalford Lane allotments

**Resolved:** Council agreed quote for £2,800 for asbestos and rubbish removal. It was not agreed for drainage work to go ahead. Clerk to obtain a report from an independent consultant regarding drainage at allotments and report back to Council.

Council discussed the land at Church Vale that is for sale. The Council could buy the land £14,500 or rent the land £1000 per year for 25 years (to be reviewed by DCC every 3 years within the 25 year period) or not proceed with either.

**Resolved:** Council to hold a public meeting to ask residents their opinion on the issue. If they would like the Council to buy/rent it and what they would like to see the land used for. Invitations to be delivered to each house within the Parish.

**4/14 Environmental Issues**

Item not discussed due to reports being available in time for the meeting.

**5/14 Finance**

Item not discussed due to Council agreeing to have a public meeting with regards to land at Church Vale and drainage solution to be looked at further.

**6/14 Newsletter**

**Resolved:** Council agreed to have quarterly newsletters. Clerk to collect information for newsletter and collate and Cllr Steer agreed to put newsletter together digitally. Newsletter will be printed out by a company and delivered by volunteers to all houses within the Parish. Newsletter to be put together in draft for approval by PC at May meeting along with quotes for printing.

**7/14 Northumbria in Bloom**

Council discussed NIB and the planting for tubs etc.

**Resolved:** Council to have Environmental Sub-committee to discuss NIB further and Environmental Issues (4/14) Members of public are welcome to join sub-committee.

**8/14 Action plan for coming year**

Item deferred to next meeting

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Cllr A Sowerby  
Chairman