

**Minutes of the proceedings of Pittington Parish Council held in
the Village Hall, High Pittington on Tuesday 18 June 2013**

Present: Councillors, Mr A Sowerby (Chairman) Mr GB Fenwick, Mr D Hall (arrived 19.40hrs) Mr S Metcalf, Mr R Newlove, Mrs G Patton, Mr J Steer and Mr A White

Also in attendance: Miss A Sutherland (Parish Clerk)
PC I Madsen
14 Members of the public

50/13 Apologies

No apologies received.

51/13 Declarations of Interests

No declarations received.

52/13 Public Participation

Member of the public requested feedback from no ball game signs for Priors Grange, Clerk reported DCC no longer fund/erect signs. **Clerk to write to DCC with regards to costing if PCC paid.**

Member of the public informed Council there maybe asbestos at the allotments. **Clerk to contact DCC**

Member of public commented on grass cutting/strimming around graves at cemetery and fencing that needs repairing. **Clerk to contact handyman**

Complaint regarding wood chippings in gutter from local timber yard. **Clerk to contact DCC**

Members asked about bus services. Clerk read out letter from Go Northeast. Members of the public asked to write letters and send to Council by 2 July. **Clerk to type covering letter and send resident's letter to Go Northeast.**

53/13 Police Report

Police report given by PC Madsen. PC Madsen to liaise with Road Policing Unit to combat speeding between Belmont and Low Pittington

54/13 Co-option of Councillor

Councillors voted with a show of hands. Both candidates not present at meeting.
A Dick 0 votes D Turnbull 7 votes. Cllr Hall did not vote.
Resolved D Turnbull duly co-opted for Littletown Ward

55/13 Planning

No objections raised.

Cathedral Farm (ongoing application) – Grass poisoned on left hand side of road. **Clerk to write to DCC to investigate.**

56/13 Finance

Monthly finances agreed by Council. Council approved June payments. Handyman's wages to be paid by Standing order.

57/13 Cemetery

Clerk commented on no signs to mark sections in cemetery for visitors. Council discussed idea of digital mapping. Item to be added to next agenda. Chairman to look at previous material on digital mapping.

- 58/13 **Handyman Poisons Licence**
Costings for training to be looked at.
- 59/13 **Allotment**
Council discussed drainage at Coalford Lane . Chairman to speak to local farmer for quote on field drain down to bank. Tennants on Coalford Lane who have not maintained upkeep on allotments will have warning Chairman to speak to Jocaster Lawson Re Sale of Land next to Church Vale allotments – Quotes for next meeting. 21 Year lease agreed. Money available through 106 agreement. Current lease will run until a decision is made: a) sell land b) how much (buying V renting)
- 60/13 **Bus Services**
Item covered under Public Participation.
- 61/13 **Environmental Improvements**
Draft version and statement report given out by Cllr Newlove. Cllr Newlove reported on improvements that are needed to maintain the villages. Cllr Newlove proposed to Council that:
1. Accept this report
 2. Accept further reports
 3. Members identify sites for future reports
 4. Set aside funds for repairs/maintenance.
- Council agreed to proposals and funding to be on next agenda.
- 62/13 **Correspondences Received**
See List
- 63/13 **Dog Walkers event**
PC Madsen gave an update during Police Report of how exercise will run. Clerk to give update at next meeting.
- 64/13 **Parish Plan**
Item deferred to next meeting
- 65/13 **Audit**
Item deferred to next meeting as report not available from IA
- 66/13 Entrance to Prior Grange
Clerk to write to DCC to request them to contact Gas Board to tidy up area and return to previous condition.
- 67/13 **Items for next Agenda**
Environmental Improvements
Donation requests
Dog Walkers Event
Parish Plan
Audit
Cemetery
Allotments
- 68/13 **Date and time of next meeting**
Tuesday 23 July 2013 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 20.50hrs

Cllr A Sowerby
Chairman