

Minutes of the proceedings of Pittington Parish Council held in the Village Hall, High Pittington on Tuesday 19 November 2013

Present: Councillors, Mr GB Fenwick, Mr D Hall, Mrs G Patton, Mr A Sowerby, Mr J Steer, Mr D Turnbull and Mr A White

Also in attendance: Miss A Sutherland (Parish Clerk)
PCSO Gilley and Strawbridge

126/13 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Metcalfe and Cllr Newlove

127/13 Declarations of Interests

No declarations received.

128/13 Public Participation

Bus service 260 did not turn up today at 11.40 and also same bus did not turn up on 11 November 2013 – **Clerk to write to Go Northeast. Cllr Hall to request representative from DCC to attend a meeting.**

Residents asked when the springer ride was going to be removed from Littletown Play area as it is unsafe. **Parish Handyman to remove immediately**

Resident raised concern again about Chicane on road between High Pittington and Low Pittington – **Clerk to write again to Highways Department at DCC and Road Policing Unit.**

Resident raised concern about the path from Homer Hill path to Renny's Lane and Lady Piece Lane to Belmont. –**Clerk to write to Highways Dept at DCC**

129/13 Minutes

Resolved minutes of meetings 09.10.13 and 15.10.13 were a true record and signed as correct.

130/13 Matters arising from minutes

No items to report.

131/13 Police Report

Report read out by PCSO Gilley.

Resident commented that the A690 central island reservation from Low Pittington to West Rainton was dangerous as it is for only one car at a time but 2 cars are waiting to turn making it dangerous for other road users. – **Clerk to write to Highways Dept at DCC**

132/13 Planning

CE/13/00962/FPA -The Sheilings St Johns Road High Pittington – No objections raised.

CE/13/01405/FPA - 34 Plantation Avenue Littletown – No objections raised

CE/13/01153/FPA – Heron House 17A Front Street, Low Pittington – No objections raised.

133/13 Finance

Finance report given by clerk and agreed by Council.

Current Account £10,418.69 (08.10.2013) Current Account £2,763.40 (08.11.2013)

Savings Account £15,479.53 (inc. £3,500 Parish Plan)

Transfers

£7000 from Current Account to Savings Account (as agreed in October meeting)

Payments made 09.10.2013 – 08.11.2013

Wages £615.29

Printing (Snowball & Sons) £40.00

Council to approve payments

UK Fuels Ltd £26.73

Mower repairs (EW Allen) £386.15

134/13 Allotments

Cllr Sowerby informed Council that work is still in progress with regards to:

Quote for drainage work at Coalford Lane Allotments

Land for rent/sale adjacent to Church Vale Allotments

Tenancy agreements

135/13 Speedwatch

Clerk read out email from Durham Constabulary to see if PC wanted to set up a community speedwatch and recruit volunteers

136/13 Hallgarth Lane Crossing Patrol and School Parking

There is no crossing patrol officer. Cars are parking across the lines on the verge and parking on pavements. **Clerk to contact Highways Dept at DCC regarding parking issues.**

137/13 Correspondences Received

20.10.2013 Haswell & District Mencap Society (Carol service invite)

22.10.2013 Co-operative Bank (New bank opening in Bishop Auckland)

138/13 Date and Time of next meeting

21 January 2014 at 7.00pm

139/13 None Payments of allotment rents

Council agreed to evict tenants and clean up the allotments for new tenant – **Clerk to get quote from removal of asbestos**

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm
