

MINUTES OF PITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 17 March 2015

Present: Cllr GB Fenwick, Cllr R Newlove, Cllr J Steer and Cllr D Turnbull
Miss A Sutherland, Clerk

Members of the Public: 7

192/14 Apologies:

Apologies received from Cllr D Hall, Cllr B Patterson, Cllr G Patton,
Cllr A Sowerby and Cllr B Whittaker

Resolved: Apologies approved and accepted

193/14 Declarations of Interest

194/14 Public Participation

No questions from members of public.

195/14 Minutes

Minutes for 17 February 2015 circulated before meeting.

Resolved: Minutes approved as a true record. Chairman signed the minutes.

196/14 Updates

- Clerk updated Council that she is still trying to arrange a meeting with a representative from DCC regarding the cutting of trees at the buddle and this item should be on the next agenda.
- Clerk still waiting for a copy of the title deeds to be received to confirm ownership of cemetery.
- The Clerk has again contacted the Asset Management Team at DCC and is waiting for clarification regarding the lease at St Johns playing field.
- Cllr Steer informed Council and members of the public with details of the site meeting at Coalford bridge. There were a lot of members and residents who attending the meeting. Durham County Council is hoping to resurface the road in the summer and look into the adverse camber. Cllr Turnbull will look into the accidents to see if he can obtain statistic from a web tool and report back at the next meeting.

- Issues regarding traffic accidents and speeding is being looked at by M Stubbs, Police Highways Liaison Officer. Cllr Newlove commented on the accidents that have happened over the years and the lack or any resolution to the problems. Clerk to contact Durham Constabulary to look at volunteer speed watch.

197/14 Police Report

A representative from the Neighbourhood Team was not available to attend the meeting tonight. A police report was received and read out by Clerk.

198/14 Cemetery

Council discussed Terms of Reference

Resolved: Agreed and completed Terms of Reference for committee.

199/14 War Memorial

Council discussed the three quotes for repairing the memorial.

Resolved: Council agreed on quote C for the war memorial

200/14 Planning

Application DM/15/00291/FPA Land north of 102 Priors Grange

Council discussed application

Resolved: Council objected to the application. Cllr Fenwick would like it noting that he did not object to the application as feels that the land would be tidier if developed.

201/14 Signs

At the last meeting the Clerk was asked to look at prices for signs regarding fly tipping and CCTV cameras. Clerk distributed report on different signs and prices.

Resolved: Council agreed on sign and requested Clerk to order 10 which will be displayed in problem areas and erected by the handyman once permission granted if needed from landowner.

202/14 NIB

Clerk informed Council of the dates for judging. Littleton/Low Pittington 7 April 2015 and 7 July 2015. High Pittington 17 April 2015.

Resolved: Clerk to send an email to Councillors to confirm who can meet judges. Clerk to also email Mrs Fall the dates so a litter pick can be organised if possible before the visits.

203/14 Finance

01.02.2015 – 27.02.2015

Current Account

		Balance 30.01.2015	£5,378.29
Debits	Cheque	Payments Cleared	
	201329	11.02.2015 (Paint)	£11.48
	201336	11.02.2015 (Sign)	£2.07
	Wages	13.02.2015	£375.62
	201338	26.02.2015 (CILCA)	£250.00
	201341	27.02.2015 (NIB)	£115.00
		Balance 27.02.2015	£4,624.12

Payments not yet cleared £459.40

Cheque No	Amount	Recipient	Payment for:
201331	£87.60	HMRC	Tax
201332	£87.60	HMRC	Tax
201339	£87.60	HMRC	Tax
201340	£109.00	SLCC	Membership
201342	£87.60	HMRC	Tax

Payments to be made

Motor Insurance Renewal £191.00

Northumbria Water £9.94

Cemetery Waste £ 131

Wages £1,107.94 (till end of March)

Savings Account (£4,500 is parish plan funding)

	Balance 30.01.2015	£10,489.28
	Balance 27.02.2015	£10,489.28

Clerk informed Council on finance report, which was distributed to Councillors before the meeting.

Resolved: Council agreed report and bank statement checked and signed by Chairman.

204/14 Training Courses

Clerk distributed a list of training courses to Councillors before the meeting from CDALC.

Resolved: Council agreed Clerk to attend all courses listed.

205/14 Beautiful Durham Sponsor

Clerk distributed email to all Councillors from Mr Lee. Council discussed email.

Resolved: Councillors felt they could not sponsor competition at this time.

206/14 Donation Request

At the last meeting, 17 February 2015, Council asked the Clerk to obtain further information. Clerk obtained further information and circulated to all Councillors in advance of meeting. Council discussed information and donation request.

Resolved: Council agreed to donation request for £1,750

207/14 Correspondences

Council approved correspondences received

Date	From	Re:	Email/post
12.02.2015	Individual	Minutes	Email
12.02.2015	DCC	Training	Email
16.02.2015	DCC	Election Costs	Email
18.02.2015	Individual	FOI request	Email
19.02.2015	DCC	Legal Topic Note 5 update	Email
23.02.2015	DCC	Beautiful Durham 2015 competition – sponsorship	Email
02.03.2015	Individual	Coalford Bridge	Email
04.03.2015	LCC	Pavilion Project overview 2015	Email
06.03.2015	Durham Community Action	North Durham CCG Spring Patient Congress 2015 and Focus Groups	Email

In accordance with the Provision of S1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended by S100 of the Local Government Act 1972 Council excluded Press and Public from the remaining item of the agenda by reason of confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to public interest.

208/14 Right of Way

Council discussed the Deed of Easement regarding grant of a right of way at Coalford Lane Allotments.

Resolved: Council agreed to defer to next meeting until further information was available and some queries highlighted from discussion were answered.

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