

**Minutes of the proceedings of Pittington Parish Council held in
the Village Hall, High Pittington on Tuesday 16 June 2015**

Present: Councillors, Mr GB Fenwick, Cllr B Patterson, Cllr G Patton
Mr J Steer and Cllr Whittaker

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

29/15 Apologies

Cllr R Newlove and Cllr D Turnbull
Resolved: Apologies accepted and approved

30/15 Declarations of Interests

None received

31/15 Public Participation

Member of public commented on the open cast mine appeal and hoped the appeal was not granted. Cllr Steer informed residents there will be a public enquiry held over a six week period in the village hall regarding the appeal.

Resident asked Council if Council were charging potential new land purchaser of filed behind Coalford Lane allotments as well as other questions regarding the Grant of Rights of Way. Council confirmed that the GROW was between the Council and DCC and that any costs involved reaching an agreement would be incurred by DCC. Council went on to say that they could not respond to the questions asked as they had not discussed and agreed the agenda item.

32/15 Minutes

Resolved: Minutes of meetings from 19 May 2015 were agreed and signed as correct following an amendment to Apologies. Cllr Patton had given her apologies for the meeting but they were not recorded at meeting.

33/15 Matters arising from minutes/Updates

No items noted.

34/15 Police Report

Police report was read out by the clerk in the absence of PC Madsen
9 reported crimes (5 shed/allotment burglaries, 1 dwelling burglary, 2 thefts from gardens and 1 criminal damage) Anti-social behaviour reported around village hall – patrols and attention have been given.

35/15 Allotments

No issues discussed.

36/15 Planning

Listed Building Consent for the erection of 2400mm high green powder coated mesh fence to north and east of barn and to eastern and southern boundary of MUGA/School (including matching double gates to southern boundary element).

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Application for Certificate of Lawfulness of existing use for access to a classified road.

East Durham Cathedral Farm High Pittington Durham DH6 1EY

Ref. No: DM/15/01550/COL | Received: Mon 18 May 2015 | Validated: Thu 21 May 2015 | Status: Unknown

Extension to existing building and new amenity building.

P J I Engineering East Durham Cathedral Farm High Pittington Durham DH6 1EY

Ref. No: DM/15/01403/FPA | Received: Wed 06 May 2015 | Validated: Thu 21 May 2015 | Status: Unknown

Reserved matters for plots 1 & 2 erection of 2 no. detached dwellings in regards to permission 11/00006/OUT.

Plot 1 And 2 Ramside Park Pittington Lane High Pittington

Ref. No: DM/15/01380/RM | Received: Fri 01 May 2015 | Validated: Wed 06 May 2015 | Status: Unknown

Resolved: No objections noted

Open Cast objection not discussed as Cllr Newlove not present to advise.

37/15 **Boundary Review**

Clerk informed Council that petition was needed and 187 signatures were required.

Resolved: Clerk to enquire if any requirements on petition – Can it be tear off slip, does all signatures have to follow on one sheet. Can each Councillor have a sheet and will signatures be collectively counted.

38/15 **Document Shredding**

Clerk explained that there was a lot of papers that in line with Document Retention Policy could be shredded however there was approximately a backlog of 10 year's worth and was impossible to shred using a home electric shredder. Clerk requested Council to approve Clerk to have documents shredded by a company.

Resolved: Council agreed to quote from Home Shred UK.

39/15 **Pride in Pittington**

Resolved: Clerk to arrange meeting before 17 July 2015 due to temporary closure of village hall for 6 weeks. Clerk to email Councillors date and agenda when meeting set up.

Agenda for meeting will be displayed on noticeboard within the Parish.

40/15 **Finance**

Report on Monthly Finances

Finance 14.04.2015 – 01.06.2015

Current Account

		Balance 13.04.2015	£27,541.21
Debits	Cheque	Payments	
14.04.2015	201345	Coronation Press	£224.00
15.04.2015	201342	Max Recycling	£131.40
	S/O	Wages April and May	1483.58
07.05.2015	201346	K stock (petrol)	£23.11
07.05.2015	201353	K Stock (petrol)	£46.11
13.05.2015	201351	Max Recycling	£666.38
13.05.2015	201352	Lloyds Ltd	£529.56
13.05.2015	201354	Able Skip Hire	£185.00
19.05.2015	201350	Courses	£197.00
		Balance 01.06.2015	£24,055.07

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

	Balance 13.04.2015	£10,492.53
	Balance 01.06.2015	£10,492.53

Payments to sign

£23.95	201358	K Stock	Seed + plants
£22.50	201359	A Sutherland	Office supplies
£170.00	201360	A Simpson	I/A
£11.52	201361	Northumbria water	
£253.80	201362	CDALC	Subs
£27.00	201363	CDALC	Course
£71.70	201364	UK Fuels	Petrol
£462.00	201365	Olivers	Buddle tree cutting
£1012.88	201366	DCC	Littletown green

Ratify Payment for Councillor Course

Council retrospectively approved fee for Councillor Course £27.00

Plants for Planters

Item not discussed due to Cllr absence for amount and receipt

End of Year Accounts 2014/2015

Council approved End of Year Accounts. External Audit form Section 2 was completed at meeting and signed off by Council.

41/15 **Nominations for County Association**

Email 05.06.2015 from S Ragg asking for nominations.

No nominations were put forward.

42/15 **Correspondences**

Date	From	Subject	Email/post
27.04.2015	Individual	Letter of complaint	Email

06.05.2015	Individual	Land are rear of Priors Grange	Email
07.05.2015	Individual	Message of congratulation	Email
09.05.2015	Individual	Littletown Village Green	Email
10.05.2015	Individual	War memorial	Email
11.05.2015	Individual	Request letter	Email
19.05.2015	Individual	War Memorial	Email
22.05.2015	Individual	War Memorial	Email
28.05.2015	Individual	End of year accounts	Email
30.05.2015	Individual	War memorial	Email
05.06.2015	DCC	Nominations for County Ass'	Email
08.06.2015	DCC	Council tax support /tax base	Email

Council approved correspondences received.

Email from member of public regarding incorrect date on war memorial Council agreed to look into the issue as part of the war memorial maintenance scheme/grant.

43/15 Date and time of next meeting

Due to village hall closing 20 July 2015 for 6 weeks Clerk will confirm a date and agenda's and date will be displayed on noticeboards.

Exclusion of Press and Public

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 members of the public left the meeting were excluded from remaining items on agenda.

44/15 Clerk Vacancy

Council agreed to use current clerk's job description and contract. Cllr Steer to oversee. Clerk to book a room at village hall for interviews.

45/15 Grant of Right of Way

Council agreed to amendments. Clerk to send amendments to solicitor for advice.

Cllr D Turnbull
Chairman