

Minutes of the proceedings of Pittington Parish Council held in the Village Hall, 7pm, High Pittington on Tuesday 16 February 2016

Present: Councillors: D Turnbull (Chair), B Fenwick, G Patton, J Steer, R Newlove, B Whittaker

Also in attendance: M Toal (Parish Clerk), 4 Members of the public

- 18/16 **Apologies**
Councillors: D Hall
Apologies accepted and approved
- 19/16 **Declarations of Interests**
None received
- 20/16 **Public Participation**
Member of public still concerned about the drainage on Coalford allotment, informed the investigations regarding improvement are still on going by Cllr Turnbull. *AP* Cllr Turnbull to pursue further improvements*
- 2/16 **Minutes**
Minutes of January 2016 to be amended, not approved, to be signed at next meeting. *AP* Cllr Newlove to update Clerk on amendments*
- 22/16 **Updates/Matters arising**
Updates regarding War Memorial, Cllr Steer to forward previous quotes to Clerk. Extra names to be considered when restoration goes ahead. *AP* Cllr Steer to forward previous quotes to Clerk*
- 23/16 **Police Report**
Reported Crimes
Criminal damages to motor vehicles –
Hallgarth View – overnight 24th to 25th of January unknown person(s) have ripped off wing mirrors from vehicle
South End – vehicle scratched overnight 11th February, enquiries ongoing with possible suspect.
Antisocial Behaviour
Issues re parking in the village especially around Manor View, Hallgarth Lane – working with Council and Highways, site visit arranged to discuss options available
- 24/16 **Planning**
No planning applications received.

25/16 Footpaths

Clerk reported hole in footpath alongside Coalford Allotments, reported to DCC for repairs. *AP* Clerk to ensure repairs are carried out*

26/16 Finance

Cheque	Date	Recipient	Details	Amount
201399	19/01/16	DCC	Invoice	858.24
201400	31/01/16	Parish Employment	Wages	476.62
201451	19/01/16	Parish handyman	Invoice sundries	54.37
201452	19/01/16	J Brown, Pitt Village hall	Keys invoice	19.00
DD	28/01/16	Parish employment	Wages	366.17

Balance on current account £5,236.45 –statement dated 01/02/2016

27/16 Correspondences

04/01/16/Email/DCC/Electoral Register
 05/01/16/Email/DCC/Available homes
 08/01/16/Email/Public/St Johns Enquiry
 08/01/16/Email/Public/FOI follow up
 12/01/16/Email/Public/FOI follow up
 14/01/16/Email/DCC/Website update
 14/01/16/Email/Public/FOI follow up
 16/01/16/Email/I. Madsen/Police Report
 21/01/16/Email/Public/FOI follow up
 24/01/16/Email/Public/FOI
 26/01/16/Email/DCC/Precept
 31/01/16/Email/Public/FOI follow up

28/16 Cemetery/War Memorial

Notice board to be erected in the cemetery, *AP* Cllr Turnbull to contact handyman to assist.*

29/16 Vacancy/Co-option

Councillor Barry Patterson has resigned from his post, resignation received. *AP* Clerk to arrange election and co-option details via County Hall*

Co-option applications read out, 2 applicants, John Lee voted via co-option. *AP* Clerk to contact Mr Lee asking him to accept his application for Pittington Parish Council*

30/16 Northumbria in Bloom/PIP

PIP meeting scheduled for 29th February. All 3 villages. High Pittington, Low Pittington, Littletown, all applied for NIB.
AP Clerk to send application form and fees for NIB*

31/16 Littletown Cricket Club

Littletown Cricket Club currently applying for planning permission. They are looking for support from the Parish Council, awaiting correspondence regarding parking and clubhouse.

32/16 Village Signs

Concerns by Cllr Newlove regarding the current state of village signs at Low Pittington. Current signs in disrepair. *AP* Clerk to contact DCC with report supplied by Cllr Newlove to DCC*

33/16 Air Quality

Discussion of air quality measurement prior to Hargreaves opencast. *AP* Cllr Newlove to forward Clerk a draft letter to forward to DCC*

34/16 Greenbelt

The greenbelt in the Parish looked at to ensure future plans from any future developer to not encroach greenbelt area. *AP* Cllr Newlove to draft letter to be passed on to DCC*

35/16 Funds Request

Request from Cllr Hall regarding funding for footpath from Pittington to Sherburn rejected. Councillors agreed funding is not available in this financial year.

36/16 Website

PPC Website discussed. Reject a move to start a new website provider. Council agreed to stay with the current website. *AP* Cllr Steer to amend and update when needed.*

37/16 Date of next meeting

15th March 2016

Meeting ended 8.20 pm

Cllr D Turnbull, Chairman

***AP Action Point**