

Minutes of the proceedings of Pittington Parish Council held in the Village Hall, 7pm, High Pittington on Tuesday 15 March 2016

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

Also in attendance: M Toal (Parish Clerk), 10 Members of the public

38/16 Apologies

Councillors: D Hall

Apologies accepted and approved

39/16 Declarations of Interests

None received

40/16 Public Participation

Member of public concerned about the drainage on Coalford allotments and pathway between plots is hazardous walking conditions due to heavy rain. *AP* Cllr Turnbull to pursue further improvements, possible loose stone laying.*

19.11 Cllr Patton left meeting

Member of public concerned about lighting from Pittington to Littleton road. *AP* Cllr Hall and Cllr Kellett to be asked to pursue if possible.* Member of public asking about the update of the war memorial in St Laurence Church, informed it is still ongoing.

41/16 Minutes

Minutes of February 2016 to be amended, not approved, to be signed at next meeting. January 2016 minutes approved and signed. *AP* Cllr Newlove to update Clerk on amendments*

42/16 Updates/Matters arising

Footpath repairs at Coalford Lane completed. Notice board at cemetery needs erecting. *AP*Cllr Turnbull to contact handyman to erect notice board in cemetery.*

43/16 Police Report

Reported crimes – 4

Theft from motor vehicle – spare wheel taken from van parked unattended in St Lawrence Close (overnight 29th Feb) no one seen, no other similar reports in area, this is a common trend though in other areas where work vans are targeted and spare wheels removed from casing under the vehicle – recommendation to remove spare wheel and store in van itself

Theft of Hunter boots from doorstep in Littleton by passing scrap man (7th March) offender traced and dealt with – property returned to owner

2 x garage burglaries Low Pittington overnight 10th to 11th March – similar MO break into garages make untidy search, disturbed by alarm sounding small amount of tools stolen – similar burglaries occurred same night in the Bowburn area which may be linked .

Antisocial Behaviour

No reports of ASB in area

Any Other Issues –

Site visit carried out with Highways, residents, Councillors, Council re parking issues outside of school some improvements to be considered and proposed to residents which may alleviate issue.

44/16 Planning

Reference	DM/16/00394/HPN
Application Received	Fro 05 Feb 2016
Address	98 Priors Grange High Pittington Durham DH6 1DB
Proposal	Prior notification for the erection of a single storey extension to the rear elevation, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 3.5m, for which the maximum height would be 3.106m, and for which the height of the eaves would be 2.28m.
Status	Pending Consideration
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available

Reference	DM/16/00474/VOC
Alternate Reference	PP-04836622
Application Received	Mon 15 Feb 2016
Application Validated	Wed 17 Feb 2016
Address	The Shieling St Johns Road High Pittington Durham DH6 1AY
Proposal	Variation of condition 2 of planning approval DM/15/02396/FPA to alter layout and design of the approved dwelling.
Status	Pending Consideration
Appeal Status	Pending

Resolved: That the Parish Council offer no objection to applications DM/16/00394/HPN and DM/16/00474/VOC.

45/16 Footpaths

Coalford Lane footpath fully repaired. Kissing Gate at Low Pittington still not repaired. *AP* Clerk to pursue update on repairs.*

46/16 Finance

Cheque	Date	Recipient	Details	Amount
201453	26/2/16	Parish Employment	Wages Sundries	463.77
201454	16/2/16	Northumbria In Bloom	Entry fee	155.00
201455	16/2/16	Handyman	Sundries	15.96
201456	2/3/16	Clerk	Battery for grasscutter	58.00
DD	26/2/16	Parish Employment	Wages	366.17

47/16 Correspondences

01/02/16/Email/Public/FOI ongoing
01/02/16/Email/Public/FOI ongoing
01/02/16/Email/Public/Littleton Road Safety
01/02/16/Email/Public/Littleton Road Safety
02/02/16/Email/Cllr Patterson/Resignation
03/02/16/Email/Stuart Wright/Burial
08/02/16/Email/Public/Newsletter enquiry
08/02/16/Email/St Johns Chapel/Newsletter enquiry
11/02/16/Email/Church Vale allotments/AGM
13/02/16/Email/I. Madsen/Police report
15/02/16/Email/Stuart Wright/Funeral enquiry
16/02/16/Email/Northumbrian in Bloom/Spring judging
17/02/16/Letter/ Northumbrian Water/Invoice
18/02/16/Email/Sherburn Parish Council/ Greenbelt
21/02/16/Email/Public/ Family history enquiry
22/02/16/Email/Public/Family history enquiry

48/16 Littleton Road

Email received about safety concerns after recent fatal RTA. Ideas raised on how to deal with problem. Also suggestions to downgrade Plantation Avenue from 30pmh zone to 20 mph. Flooding also noted from Littleton to Haswell Road. *AP* Clerk to contact DCC highways to raise concerns. Clerk to liaise with Councillors to represent the Parish at a meeting with DCC when it occurs.*

49/16 School Parking

Parking concerns raised regarding the extremely dangerous parking at Pittington School. Issues raised included obstructing homes,

congestion, abusive parents, speeding and adjacent parking. Cllrs Turnbull and Kellett recently visited with Durham Police with DCC to address the situation. *AP* Cllr Turnbull to pursue.*

50/16 Potential Green Belt Extensions

Cllr Newlove drafted a report for suggestions to extend greenbelt within the Parish. Report approved. *AP* Cllr Newlove to forward full report to Clerk to pass on to DCC.*

51/16 Date of next meeting

19th April 2016

Meeting ended 8.20 pm

Cllr D Turnbull, Chairman

***AP Action Point**