

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

Present: Councillors: D Turnbull (Chair), B Fenwick, P McCutcheon, R Newlove,

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

117/16 **Apologies**

Councillors: J Steer, G Patton, J Lee
Apologies accepted and approved.

118/16 **Declarations of Interests**

None.

119/16 **Public Participation**

Member of public commented on the low attendance of Councillors at the Remembrance Sunday Service event at St Laurence Church. Councillors agreed to discuss the matter raised at the next Pride in Pittington meeting. Member of public commented that the newsletters had not been delivered to Priors Grange. ***AP Clerk to look in to why this has occurred.**

120/16 **Minutes**

Minutes of meeting 18th October 2016 approved and signed.

121/16 **Updates/Matters arising**

Clerk to attend meeting with Durham Constabulary at Coalford Lane allotments after recent thefts. This will help determine if locked gates are needed.

The Chairman and Cllr Newlove met a Technical Officer from the Parking Section of Durham County Council to discuss the chevrons at the bend leading from Front Street to High Street at Low Pittington. The Chairman had received several complaints about cars parking on the chevrons and obscuring visibility, but the Technical Officer considered there was adequate visibility. Putting down double yellow lines was not an option undertaken by DCC in villages as this could not be effectively policed and could lead to a plethora of requests for more lines. Cllr Newlove raised the vexed issue of traffic and speeding vehicles but was advised that issue needed to be referred to another section of the Highways Department. The outcome was that no action deemed necessary at the moment.

South End residents are obtaining a signed petition to give to Durham County Council to lower kerbing after recent full obstruction of the road. ***AP Clerk to offer assistance and enquire further**

122/16 Planning

Reference	DM/16/03328/FPA
Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Mon 17 Oct 2016
Application Validated	Mon 17 Oct 2016
Address	Stengarh High Street Low Pittington Durham DH6 1BE
Proposal	Erection of first floor extension to side of existing dwelling including conversion of existing garage to form habitable accommodation
Status	Pending Consideration
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not available

Council have no objection

Application ((16/03207/FPA). Following discussions and the Chairman's intelligence about a crashed warplane at the site, Glenmoor Farm, the Hawker Hurricane airplane was reported coming down within confines of farm buildings.

123/16 Finance

Finance Report/November 15th 2016 Meeting

Cheque/Cash	Date	Recipient	Details	Amount
DD	03/10/16	UK Fuels	Fuel	£2.40
201486	21/10/16	EW Allen	Invoice	£488.40
201495	24/10/16	Audit Fee	Invoice	£282.00
201491	26/10/16	Employee	Wages	£448.00
201492	26/10/16	M Toal	Sundries	£12.68
201493	26/10/16	K Stock	Fuel	£62.27
201494	26/10/16	K Stock	Invoice	£50.00
DD	28/10/16	Employee	Wages	£405.60

Balance Current Account £12,531.78 ending 28/10/2016

Balance Business Account £10,502.45 ending 05/10/2016

124/16 Correspondences

Correspondence November 2016

03/10/2016/Email/Peter Dunn/War Memorial

04/10/2016/Email/ICO/Ongoing FOI

11/10/2016/Email/DCC/Website Training

11/10/2016/Letter/Co-Op/Statement

17/10/2016/Email/Meikles/Dead of Easement

18/10/2016/Email/Public/Burial Plot

18/10/2016/Email/Ian Madsen/Police Report

19/10/2016/Email/Public/Burial Enquiry

19/10/2016/Letter/DCC/Dog Control Order

21/10/2016/Email/Public/Memorial inscription

21/10/2016/Email/Allotment Holder/Polytunnel request

25/10/2016/Letter/Coronation Press/Invoice

125/16 **Police Report**

Received from Durham Constabulary

Reported Crimes-1

Attempted break in and theft from business premises (public house), which had been left unoccupied. Attempt to enter property via cellar door, no entry gained but previous lead theft from the building - lead flashing from roof.

Engagement with owner and provisions made to deter/prevent further incidents and crimes.

Antisocial Behaviour

Reports of off road bikes in Littletown Woods towards Easington Lane and Haswell. This is becoming an increasing concern and 4 reports to police have been recorded. No reports of any youth nuisance.

PC 1157 Ian Madsen ian.madsen@durham.pnn.police.uk

Councillor B Whitaker arrives at 7.45pm

Councillor D Hall arrives at 7.47pm

126/16 **Footpaths**

Steps at Pitlington Hill footpath 15 have been finished by DCC. Photographs of before and after will be featured in the next newsletter.

Footpath 21 still a concern after recent ground works near metal gate resulted in the upheaval of it. ***AP Clerk to enquire again with DCC to determine further investigations and decisions on reinstating/removing gate.**

127/16 **Cemetery**

War Memorial update, work approved by Parish Council for imminent repairs to the top of the stonework. Cost of repairs £2,995. Durham County Council to contribute £1,000. Neighbourhood Services, Clean and Green Team to contribute £1,000. Parish Council to pay £995, approved.

MDT Forestry to begin work next week to reinstate a level ground and removal of rubbish, trees and weeds in bottom corner of cemetery.

A recent droning procedure has taken place of the cemetery, this will provide aerial footage of St Laurence area which will be made available to those wanting to view it. ***AP Councillor Turnbull to erect noticeboard in cemetery.**

128/16 **Allotments**

After recent break ins a site review has been discussed with Durham Police to discuss any issues and proposed ideas for security. ***AP Clerk to arrange site visit with Durham Police.**

Thanks were given to our handyman Kevin Stock for erecting a perimeter fence after recent theft at Coalford allotments. ***AP Clerk and Chairman to arrange an annual inspection of Coalford Lane allotments**

129/16 **Date and time of next meeting**
20th December 2016 at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 8.20pm

Cllr D Turnbull, Chairman

***AP Action Point**