

Minutes of the proceedings of Pittington Parish Council held in the Village Hall, 7pm, High Pittington on Tuesday 20 December 2016

Present: Councillors: J Steer, (Vice Chair), B Fenwick, P McCutcheon,
B Whitaker

Also in attendance: M Toal (Parish Clerk)

130/16 Apologies

Councillors: D Turnbull, G Patton, D Hall, R Newlove
Apologies accepted and approved.

131/16 Declarations of Interests

None.

132/16 Public Participation

None

133/16 Minutes

Minutes of meeting 15th November 2016 approved and signed.

134/16 Updates/Matters arising

Clerk proposed an amendment to the document "Minutes of the proceedings of Pittington Parish Council held in the Village Hall, High Pittington on Tuesday 20 May 2014". All Councillors present agreed. Minute 49/14 to have identifiable names removed of persons requesting FOI (Freedom of Information) requests.

Document amended and signed.

Co-Operative banking requests the official removal of ex Councillor, Andrew Sowerby, as a signatory for Pittington Parish Council. Clerk proposed the removal, all Councillors agreed.

Parish Clerk has a new mobile telephone number 07554 917470.

135/16 Planning

Reference	DM/16/03696/FPA
Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Thu 17 Nov 2016
Application Validated	Tue 06 Dec 2016
Address	Land North Of Pittington Bridge High Pittington DH6 1AA
Proposal	Part conversion of existing stables, tack room and hay storage area to living accommodation plus extension to provided workshop/art gallery
Status	Pending Consideration
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not available

Council have no objection

136/16 Finance

Finance Report/December 20th 2016 Meeting

Cheque/Cash	Date	Recipient	Details	Amount
DD	07/11/16	UK Fuels	Fuel	£2.40
201499	24/11/16	Savills	Invoice	£0.90
201497	25/11/16	Employee	Wages	£448.00
201498	25/11/16	M Toal	Sundries	£33.70
DD	28/11/16	Employee	Wages	£405.60
201496	29/11/16	Coronation Press	Newsletters	£229.00
DD	01/12/16	Northumbrian Water	Invoice	£36.31

Balance Current Account £11,375.87 ending 28/10/2016

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

137/16 Correspondences

Correspondence December 2016

03/11/2016/Email/Shell/Invoice

07/11/2016/Email/Public/Family History Enquiry

11/11/2016/Letter/Northumbrian Water/Invoice

14/11/2016/Email/Peter Dunn/War Memorial

15/11/2016/Email/Durham Constabulary/Allotment meeting

15/11/2016/Email/Durham Constabulary/Police Report

19/11/2016/Email/Public/Burial Enquiry

21/11/2016/Letter/ICO/FOI Ongoing

22/11/2016/Letter/Robert Acton/Invoice

28/11/2016/Email/Northumbria in Bloom/Entry

29/11/2016/Email/Meikles/Dead of Easement

01/12/2016/Letter/Co-Op Bank/Statement

138/16 Police Report

None received

139/16 Footpaths

Footpath 21. After recent ground works near metal gate resulted in the upheaval of it, Durham County Council confirmed that the kissing gate is beyond repair and will not be reinstated.

140/16 Cemetery

War Memorial update. The top section of the War Memorial has been reinstated after recent repairs were carried out. After a recent inspection by Classic Masonry regarding the bottom section restoration work, a budget and basic schedule to be forwarded on to Clerk. DCC to assist with War Memorial Trust Grant for the project. Groundwork has been completed to the bottom right hand corner of the cemetery by MDT Forestry.

141/16 **Allotments**

***AP Clerk to arrange annual site inspection with Councillor Turnbull.**

The suggestion of erecting gates to the entrance of allotment tracks discussed. Further information needed. ***AP Clerk to enquire about cost of gates.**

142/16 **School Parking**

After recent complaints regarding parking at Pittington Primary School, Councillor Steer suggests a 'walking bus' scheme to alleviate the problem. Councillor Steer has requested feedback from the Head teacher, Cathy Lee, regarding the project. Also to encourage parents/carers to make use of the parking at Pittington Village Hall and Hallgarth Manor.

143/16

Date and time of next meeting

17th January 2017 at 7.00pm.

Meeting ended at 7.40pm

Cllr D Turnbull, Chairman
Cllr J Steer, Vice Chairman

***AP Action Point**