

**Minutes of the proceedings of Pittington Parish Council held in
Pittington Village Hall, High Pittington, 7pm on Tuesday 21st March 2017**

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

Also in attendance: M Toal (Parish Clerk) 5 members of public

34/17 Apologies

Councillors: J Steer, D Hall
Apologies accepted and approved.

35/17 Declarations of Interests

None.

36/17 Public Participation

Members of public concerned about the pathway to St Laurence Church is still thick with mud and leaves ***AP Clerk to inform DCC.** Complaints of horses/riders in High Pittington. Residents feel that riders and walking supervisors of horses are not considering the residents in the village after complaints of horse excrement outside of houses and galloping at St Johns Play area when adults, children and dogs were on the field. ***AP Clerk to contact DCC** to ask for correspondence to be sent out to liveries in the area asking riders to be more considerate when using footpaths, bridleways and fields. Resident asks for more awareness of dog owners picking up dog excrement and informs us that she intends to leave free home made 'poo bags' at village shop for dog owners to use. Also a request for more dog bins to be placed around the village. ***AP Clerk to enquire with DCC for more bins and regular emptying.**

37/17 Minutes

Minutes of meeting 21st February 2017 approved and signed.

38/17 Updates/Matters arising

None

39/17 Planning Applications

Reference	DM/17/00596/FPA
Alternative Reference	PP-05844654
Application Received	Mon 20 Feb 2017
Application Validated	Tue 21 Feb 2017
Address	Garden To The Rear Of 14 Norman Terrace High Pittington DH6 1AN
Proposal	Erection of dwelling
Status	Pending Consideration
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not available

Reference	DM/17/00633/FPA
Alternative Reference	PP-05855312
Application Received	Wed 22 Feb 2017
Application Validated	Wed 22 Feb 2017
Address	25 St Lawrence Close High Pittington Durham DH6 1RB
Proposal	Erection of single storey extension to rear
Status	Pending Consideration
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not available

Council has no objections to DM/17/00633/FPA
Council discussed DM/17/00596/FPA in detail. Councillor Newlove to draft letter to Clerk detailing PPC opinion on the application, which is to be forwarded on to DCC.

40/17 Finance

Finance Report/March 21st 2017

Cheque/Cash	Date	Recipient	Details	Amount
Transfer	03/02/17	PPC	Wages Readjustment	£100.66
201512	06/02/17	NIB	Entry Fee	£115.00
DD	06/02/17	UK Fuels	Invoice	£2.40
Credit	10/02/17	PPC	Cremation	£70.00
201514	20/02/17	J Middlemiss	Hedge Cut	£144.00
Transfer	22/02/17	PPC	Wages Readjustment	£125.60
201515	25/02/17	K Stock	Sundries	£57.98
201516	17/02/17	K Stock	Sundries	£20.49
201518	27/02/17	M Toal	Laptop/Sundries	£307.48
201519	27/02/17	Employee	Wages	£448.00
DD	28/02/17	Employee	Wages	£405.60
DD	01/03/17	N Water	Invoice	£16.69

Balance Current Account £6,406.82 ending 01/03/20167

Balance Business Account £10,502.45 ending 11/01/2017

41/17 Correspondences

02/02/2017/Email/Shell/Invoice
02/02/2017/Email/Public/Pavement markings
08/02/2017/Email/Max Recycle/Contract enquiry
14/02/2017/Northumbrian Water/Invoice
16/02/2017/Email/ICO/Ongoing FOI
21/02/2017/Email/DCC/Access to grazing land
21/02/2017/Email/Ian Madsen/Police Report
22/02/2017/Email/R Patterson/Invoice
22/02/2017/Email/S Ragg/Elections Training
27/02/2017/Letter/Max Recycle/Invoice

42/17 **Police**

Reported Crimes –
Shed Burglaries – St Lawrence Road, Church Vale – suspicious vehicle's seen at both crime scenes, one vehicle has since been recovered by police and awaiting result of forensic examination to try and identify potential suspects.
Further incidents on allotments and live stock taken – Crime Prevention Officer has attended and made assessment of allotments.
Vehicle damaged Station Road Low Pittington and also in Littletown
Antisocial Behaviour
Off road bikes/Quads Hillside Farm Littletown
No other issues reported

43/17 **Footpaths**

No concerns

44/17 **Cemetery**

Interment fees to be introduced. Figures to be agreed next meeting.
Recycle bin collection contract with Max Recycle is to be cancelled.
DCC to begin collections.

45/17 **Allotments**

Allotment inspection took place by Cllr Turnbull. There was 1 concern regarding an issue with asbestos on one of the allotment plots. Letter to be sent to advise of removal. After recent break ins the Clerk is actively pursuing ideas of security with Durham Police and Neighbourhood Wardens.

46/17 **Speeding/Parking**

Speeding and parking concerns in the village particularly in Priors Grange. On going concerns at school gates and cul-de-sac where parents pick up/drop off school children. Article to be added to the newsletter asking parents to be more considerate at school times to ensure the safety of pupils. Also concerns in the middle of South End over residents parking on grass and obstructing footpaths with several cars. ***AP Clerk to contact Cllr David Hall for advice.** Also the weight limit of the two small bridges entering the village to be looked into. ***AP Clerk to contact Highways Department.**

47/17 **Date and time of next meeting**

18th April 2017 at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 9.05pm

Cllr D Turnbull, Chairman

***AP Action Point**