

**Minutes of the proceedings of Pitlington Parish Council Meeting held in
Pitlington Village Hall, High Pitlington, 7pm,
Tuesday 16th April 2019**

Present: Councillors R Newlove (Chairman), A Toal (Vice Chair), D Hall, J Lee,
V Patton, G Patton

Also: M Toal (Clerk), 7 members of public

27/19 Apologies

Councillor J Everett, S Mitchell, apologies accepted

28/19 Declarations of Interests

Item 14 G Patton, V Patton

29/19 Public Participation

Complaint regarding overhanging trees at Elizabeth Court, Clerk to contact Aged Miners to confirm ownership. Fundraising events announced for the support of the village Christmas tree. Big Spring Clean announced for Thursday 18th April at 10pm. Council informed that more volunteers are needed for Community Speedwatch. Chairman Robin Newlove offered his thanks to Kath and Mick Fall for again all of their support for the community particularly with regard to their regular Community Speedwatch activities.

30/19 Minutes

Minutes of meeting March 19th 2019 approved and signed by Cllr Toal.

31/19 Updates/Matters arising

Updates from March minutes: Clerk contacted DCC to agree grass cutting contract for Littletown green. Clerk sent donation cheque to Durham Cavalliers Marching Band. Clerk informed DCC planning, no objections for planning applications.

32/19 Planning Applications

Reference	DM/19/00894/FPA
Alternative Reference	NA
Application Received	Mon 18 Mar 2019
Application Validated	Mon 25 Mar 2019
Address	9 Hallgarth View High Pitlington DH6 1AS
Proposal	Single storey extension and erection of detached
Status	Pending Consideration
Decision	NA

Reference	DM/19/01095/TCA
Alternative Reference	PP-077758939
Application Received	Tue 04 Apr 2019
Application Validated	Thu 09 Apr 2019
Address	Hallgarth Farm Hallgarth High Pitlington Durham DH6
Proposal	T1 Beech-Crown reduce by 20% and remove 3 lower limbs
Status	Unknown
Decision	NA

Reference	DM/19/01106/FPA
Alternative Reference	NA
Application Received	Tue 02 Apr 2019
Application Validated	Wed 03 Apr 2019
Address	17 Manor View High Pittington Durham DH6 1AD
Proposal	Two storey side and rear extensions
Status	Unknown
Decision	NA

Council offers no objections to planning applications **AP* Clerk to inform DCC**

33/19 **County Durham Plan**

The Chair presented a brief report on the consultation process for the emerging County Durham Plan, outlining some of the key issues for the Parish. In particular, it was noted that whilst the Plan grouped both High Pittington and Low Pittington together as a 'cluster', Littletown was left in isolation. Members agreed that this distinction was disappointing because many would argue that residents of Littletown use the limited facilities in High Pittington as much as do residents of Low Pittington, and that Littletown should be included in this 'cluster'. Unfortunately as the Parish Council did not have a meeting during the consultation period, no representations were made within the statutory timescale. The County Council had indicated that their policy was to forward any late representations to the Planning Inspector who will consider the submitted Plan, although it was by no mean certain that any representations the Parish Council might wish to make would be considered other than 'inadmissible'. Nonetheless it was resolved that the Parish Council submit their concerns to the County Council on the proposed incongruent 'cluster' policy for the villages.

34/19 **Correspondences**

15/03/2019/Email/ICO/Registration invoice
18/03/2019/Email/Hargreaves/Agenda
19/03/2019/Email/Public/Littletown Electric poles
19/03/2019/Email/Came and Co/Insurance renewal
23/03/2019/Durham Police/Vandalism
01/04/2019/Email/Public/Allotment allocation
01/04/2019/Letter/Co-Op/Statement
02/04/2019/Email/DCC/Precept remittance
04/04/2019/Email/UK Fuels/Invoice
13/04/2019/Email/Public/Concerns grassed areas/traffic

35/19 **Finance Report**

Opening balance £9,849.81

Cheque/Cash	Date	Recipient	Details	Amount
DD	04/03/19	UK Fuels	Fuel	£2.40
DD	05/01/19	Co-Op	Commission	£1.05
DD	05/01/19	Co-Op	Service Charge	£5.00
DD	20/03/19	Currys	Insurance	£5.00
201663	22/03/19	Employment	Wages	£588.76
DD	28/03/19	Employment	Wages	£441.09
DD	01/04/19	UK Fuels	Fuel	£50.24

Balance Current Account £8,756.27 ending 01/04/2019
Balance Business Account £5,509.29 ending 19/10/2018

36/19 **Allotments**

The Clerk and Chairman carried out an inspection of Coalford Lane allotments. Details taken and regular checks announced to allotment holders in regards to recent complaints, fly tipping, fires and improper use of plots. Security matters to be explored with Durham Constabulary. A review of the Allotment Policy to be undertaken.

37/19 **Police Report**

Incidents:

Burglary – Littletown Cricket Club – unknown persons break window to gain entry into cabin, nothing taken 18/3/19

Criminal Damage – St Johns Road – unknown persons cut metal fencing 19/3/19

Theft – South End – theft of birds from allotment 23/3/19

Vehicle Crime – theft of power tools from van 24/3/19

Suspicious activity – Manor View – male with dark hair clothing walks into back gardens looking for items to take 3/4/19

38/19 **Hargreaves CLC Update**

The Chair read out a Liaison Committee Report dated 27 March received from Hargreaves on issues arising during the previous 3 months. This covered noise (no issues), dust (one complaint), trespass incidents, remedial work to site access from A690, and future works.

39/19 **Littletown Land**

Council approved a draft publication letter to be distributed to all residents in the Parish, in regards to the request from Littletown Cricket Club to purchase the land.

Date and time of next meeting

21st May 2019 at 7.00 pm

40/19 **Allotment Appeal**

Council agreed to rescind the eviction of allotment holder subject to conditions.

***Clerk to send correspondence to allotment holder detailing conditions.**

Meeting ended at 8.40pm.

Signed

***AP Action Point**