

**Minutes of the proceedings of Pittington Parish Council Meeting held via  
Zoom Remote Meeting, 7pm,  
Tuesday 19th January 2021**

Present: Councillors A Toal (Chairman), V Patton (Vice Chair), D Hall, C Hicks,  
D Tate, G Patton

Also: M Toal (Clerk) and 2 members of public

**01/21 Apologies**

J Everett and D Hughff. Apologies accepted.

**02/21 Declarations of Interests**

None

**03/21 Public Participation**

Public concerns raised regarding Avian Bird Flu in the area. Clerk to monitor ongoing situation with any further changes.

**04/21 Minutes**

Minutes of meeting December 15th 2020 approved and signed by Chairman, A Toal.

**05/21 Updates/Matters arising**

The Chairman gave thanks to the Clerk for arranging and placing the dog fouling signs outside the cemetery. An application as made to Durham Civic Pride, for the 'Its Your Neighbourhood' Scheme, which offers grants to local gardening groups. Clerk to update on the outcome.

**06/21 Planning**

No planning applications.

**07/21 Correspondences**

15/12/2020/Email/Public/Allotment enquiry  
18/12/2020/Email/Public/Allotment Poly tunnel  
20/12/2020/Email/Co-Op Funeral/Interment  
20/12/2020/Email/Public/Councillor Vacancy enquiry  
23/12/2020/Email/Public/ Councillor Vacancy enquiry  
02/01/2021/Email/Public/Overgrown tree branches

**08/21 Finance Report**

Business Current Account Opening balance £18,747.82

Cheque/Cash	Date	Recipient	Details	Amount
DD	04/12/20	Co-Op	Commission	£2.55
DD	04/12/20	Co-Op	Service Charge	£7.00
DD	07/12/20	UK Fuels	Invoice	£5.40
201409	15/12/20	Man Health	Donation	£500.00
201413	15/12/20	SLCC	Subscription	£200.00
201405	16/12/20	DAY	Donation	£1,000.00
DD	18/12/20	Currys	Insurance	£5.00
201415	23/12/20	Employee	Wages adj	£50.14
201414	24/12/20	Employee	Wages	£659.25

201416	24/12/20	Swinburn Maddison	Invoice	£27.60
DD	29/12/20	Employee	Wages	£441.09
DD	31/12/20	O2	Invoice	£17.00

Balance Current Account £15,832.79 ending 31/12/20  
 (£2,981.00 ringfenced for future project yet to be decided)

**09/21 Precept**

A Precept budget report was prepared and issued to Councillors by the Responsible Financial Officer, with recommendations for the Precept 2021/21. Councillors considered the Financial Officers recommendations and an increase of 5% was implemented to this financial years Precept. The full report is available on request from the Clerk. Pitlington Parish Council will receive a Precept value of £26,458.

**10/21 Maintenance Agreement**

Regarding the maintenance of Littletown green, a letter was received by DCC informing us of a rebate of £427.57 due to the restrictions in cutting last year. A new cost for 2021/22 will be issued shortly.

**11/21 St Johns Play Area**

Councillor David Hall gave an update on the development of the St Johns play area. A cost of £500 would be paid to DCC for the first year, followed by a recurring fee of £1 per year via a peppercorn lease. The details of this and the Heads of Terms will be sent to the Clerk and Councillors.

**12/21 Councillor Vacancy**

An application was received by Miss Jo Glasgow for the current Parish Councillor vacancy. The application was considered by the full council. The Chairman, Aaron Toal, approved the application, which was seconded by the Vice Chair, Victoria Patton.

**13/21 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Meeting ended at 7.45 pm.

Signed

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**\*AP Action Point**