

# Lartington Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting held on July 12th 2016

### Present

Mr. Campion, Mrs Parsons Munn, Mrs Cross, Mr Whetstone, Mrs Hinchliffe. Mr Jerred (Clerk).

### 01. Recording of the meeting

The Chair opened the meeting by enquiring whether anyone present intended to make a recording of the meeting. No one had such an intention.

### 02. Apologies

The clerk reported that Mrs. Stephenson had submitted an apology due to important personal commitments. It was unanimously resolved that this be accepted and approved.

### 03. Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

### 04. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on May 10th were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

### 05. Matters Arising

- a. The clerk stated reported that he had received a disappointing response from DCC in regard to the trees overhanging the highway south of the B6277. Although DCC agreed that at first sight the trees appeared in poor condition, this was a matter for the landowner and suggested that we refer accordingly. The clerk reported that he intended to do this although he was not confident of a satisfactory outcome!
- b. Lartington Mausoleum - the clerk reported that he had contacted Rev. Warren and it was now confirmed that no vehicular access was permitted to visitors to the Mausoleum. It was agreed that nothing more could be done on this matter.

### 06. Items of Urgent Business

There were none.

### 07. Principal Correspondence

- a. Various emails routinely circulated
- b. Heart of Teesdale – newsletters
- c. Helen Goodman - the clerk reported that he had now received an apology from Mrs Goodman for her failure to reply to previous correspondence and the matter was now closed.
- d. Teesdale CDALC - the clerk reported that he had attended a recent meeting of this. David Kinch had been re-elected as Chair.
- e. DCC Posters advertising Care in the Community/Care Connect - to be placed on the notice-board
- f. Speedwatch - the clerk reported that he had received notification that Mr. Crawford had passed through the appropriate vetting procedures and was now qualified to lead these exercises.
- g. Co. Durham Plan - this was now in the consultation stage until 5th August. A meeting was to be held at the Hub on July 21st for anyone wish to discuss this with DCC Officers.

### 08. Statement of Accounts/Precept

The clerk reported that there was £1845.19 in the current account and £368.29 in the Deposit Account. The clerk reported that the council was able to claim for software and clerk's time to continue to develop the website to meet obligations under the code and it was agreed that an application should be made for this..

## 10. Accounts to be paid

Hall Hire	£15
HMRC	£40
Clerk Salary	£160
CDALC Subscriptions	£34.43
123 Domain Name Reg.	£16.78

## 11. PACT and Speedwatch

Mr Crawford and Mrs Parsons Munn reported that they had recently conducted a Speedwatch exercise but felt that it had not been very successful, in part because hi-viz jackets gave motorists time to slow down and minimised the impact the exercise might otherwise have. It was agreed that a further exercise be arranged in the near future.

It was also agreed that such exercises needed to be supported by police activity and other initiatives. The clerk was instructed to write to PCSO Finn enquiring whether she had undertaken the exercises promised at the recent meeting with Chief Constable and querying whether it would be possible to use the temporary speed warning signage which is in common use across the county.

## 12. Highway Issues

- a. Flooding on Green Lane - Mrs Parsons Munn reported on work that had been done by DCC and on the further information she had collected from Mr. Maude regarding flooding at Grove Cottage and which had now been passed to DCC. She felt that steps taken by DCC so far were inadequate but she was awaiting a further response from the Highway Engineer and would follow it up if necessary.
- b. Railings adjacent to the Old Railway Bridge - Mrs Parsons Munn reported that the Chief Constable had raised the condition of these as a real safety issue on his recent "walkabout". It was also reported that police had visited the adjacent property to discuss the matter and had been referred to Lartington Estates. It was agreed that we shared the concerns of the police in regard to this matter and would also pursue the matter with the Estate.

## 13 Footpath Issues

- a. Bridleway 42 - it was reported that overgrowth was obstructing this in the area of the bridge and might need clearing.
- b. Footpaths in Deepdale - Mrs Parsons Munn reported that no progress had been made in regard to the obstructions in this area and that she had once again written to Mike Murden.
- c. Signage in the area of Home Farm - Mrs Parsons Munn reported that she believed this to be incorrect and would like to check this with the definitive map.

## 14. Planning Matters

Station House - an application had been made for further minor alterations to both internal and exterior feature. It was agreed that as these seemed appropriate and referenced the history of the building and the Parish Plan satisfactorily then no objection should be raised.

## 15. Date of Future Meetings

September 13th      November 8th      January 10th 2017