

# **Lartington Parish Council**

## **Minutes of Meeting held on May 9th 2019**

### **Present**

Mr. Champion, Mrs. Parsons Munn, Mrs. Cross, Mr. Crawford, Mrs. Stephenson. Mr. Jerred (Clerk).  
3 Local Government Electors.

### **Election of Officers**

Chair : Mrs. Parsons Munn was elected unanimously

Vice-Chair : Mr. Crawford was elected unanimously.

Auditor : Anne Botterill had agreed to audit the accounts again.

Bank Mandate : It was agreed that Mr. Champion, Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Parsons Munn should continue to be signatories to the bank account.

Mrs. Parsons Munn then signed the Acceptance of Office Form.

### **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. Hinchliffe had submitted an apology. 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 March 12th were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

### **05. Matters Arising**

- a. The Aqueduct. The clerk reported that he not received any further information.
- b. Proposed HGV Ban in Barnard Castle – the clerk reported that he had again invited a representative of the group to the meeting but that he had not received a reply.

### **06. Items of Urgent Business**

There were no matters raised.

### **07. Principal Correspondence**

- a. Various emails routinely circulated
- b. Mrs. V Dent – the clerk reported on an email received from Mrs. Dent complaining about the content of the recent newsletter Her principal concerns centred on the reference to mud on the road, parking in the village and the use by dog walkers of the path to Cat Castle. He reported that a reply had been sent reassuring her that our concerns were well-founded and not intended to cause offence.
- c. CPRE Newsletter
- d. Maurice Dunn/NWL – detailing joint proposals by NWL and the Environment Agency to consider installing a public sewer to serve Lartington Hall and properties in the village. This had been dealt with in the preceding Annual Parish Meeting and it had been determined that whilst the Parish Council considers the issue of finding a replacement to the current sewage arrangements at Lartington Hall and affected properties to be a private matter out with the remit of the Council, it would arrange a meeting, at which the Parish Council will play no part, for residents from affected properties, who have not yet had an opportunity to discuss solutions with representatives from the Environment Agency and Northumbrian Water. There will then be a separate meeting between the Parish Council and Northumbrian Water to discuss

Northumbrian Water's suggestion that Parish Council put forward an application for a public sewer within the village

#### **08. Statement of Accounts**

The clerk reported that there was £2884.18 in the current account and £369.16 in the Deposit Account.

The Clerk explained the current arrangements for Audit and explained that we continued to qualify for Exemption from External Audit subject to completion of the appropriate Certificate, which was then signed by the Chair and Clerk.

#### **09. Annual Governance Statement**

Members considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement and the Chair and Clerk then signed it.

#### **10. Accounting Statements for 2018/2019**

Members considered and accepted the Accounting Statements as being accurate and this was then signed by the Chair and Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer.

#### **11. Accounts to be paid**

Hall Hire	£15
HMRC	£50
Clerks Salary	£200
Stamps	£24.23
Zurich Municipal	£228.78
CDALC	£36.71

#### **12. PACT and Speedwatch**

The Clerk reported that he had again queried why DCC's "Speedvisor" was yet to be used in the village and that he had been told that it was because it was broken and awaiting repair or replacement.

Mr Crawford and Mrs Parsons Munn agreed that they would mount further "speedwatch" exercise in coming weeks.

#### **13. Footpath and Highway Issues**

Parking at Deepdale Bridge – Mrs Parsons Munn raised her concerns regarding the changed situation at the entrance to Deepdale Woods immediately adjacent to Deepdale Bridge, the creation of a new parking area sometimes causing dangerous situations for both those using the car park and for other vehicles on the main road. The situation was further exacerbated when special events some of which were promoted in DCC publications, were being held in the Nature Reserve. The Clerk reported that he had already referred this to DCC Highways and it was agreed that the situation be further monitored.

#### **14. Planning Matters**

##### **Land above Deerbolt at Startforth**

The Clerk reported that there was an application to build 210 houses on land above recent housing developments on the A67 as it leaves Startforth. Although not in our Parish, such a development could adversely impact on local services and infrastructure. It was noted that since this application appeared to be speculative and that the need for further housing in the area was unproven, the Council should submit a formal objection.

#### **15. Date of Future Meetings**

July 9<sup>th</sup>                      September 17<sup>th</sup>                      November 12<sup>th</sup>