

Lartington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on November 8th 2016

Present

Mr. Campion, Mrs Parsons Munn, Mrs Stephenson, Mr Crawford, 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 Mr. Whetstone had submitted an apology due to an important personal commitment and that Mrs. Cross was unable to attend through illness. It was unanimously resolved that these be accepted and approved.

03. Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

04. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on September 13th 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 apologies but he had not yet referred this to the Heritage Officer has agreed.
- b. Railings adjacent to old railway bridge - the clerk reported that DCC had confirmed that this was a matter for the estate and that both the Council and the Police had reported that they would advise the estate of their responsibilities and potential insurance liability.
- c. Footpaths - the clerk reported that he had received an update from Mike Murden. It was felt that the blockage on footpath 33 had been ongoing for too long and that this be referred to Cllr. Bell for his support.
- d. Flooding on Green Lane - Mrs Parsons Munn reported on her exchanges with DCC and noted that some steps had been taken to alleviate the situation, although she was concerned that these would prove inadequate.

06. Items of Urgent Business

There were none.

07. Principal Correspondence

- a. Various emails routinely circulated
- b. Heart of Teesdale - newsletters
- c. CPRE Newsletter
- d. DCC Dog Control Policy - this is currently being consulted on.
- e. Police, Crime and Victims Plan for 2016 to 2021 - this had been received and circulated by email.

08. Statement of Accounts

The clerk reported that there was £1323.08 in the current account and £368.35 in the Deposit Account. He reported that although he had not prepared a projection for the full financial year, he believed the situation to be satisfactory and that there was a reasonable balance between annual income and expenditure.

10. Accounts to be paid

Hall Hire	£15
HMRC	£40
Clerk Salary	£160
Printer Ink	£11.98
Envelopes	£1.98
Stamps	£13.20

11. PACT and Speedwatch

The clerk reported that DCC had agreed to conduct a speed monitoring exercise in the near future although there was no possibility of the village being included in the temporary speed warning signs rota.

Mr Crawford reported that he had conducted one Speedwatch exercise although the out come had been unsatisfactory, largely because of the hi-viz garment which alerted drivers of the exercise in time to slow down. It was agreed, however, that another exercise be conducted in December.

12. Highway Issues

Flooding on Green Lane - Mrs Parsons Munn reported on her exchanges with DCC and noted that some steps had been taken to alleviate the situation although she was concerned that these would prove inadequate since the newly concreted culvert entrance above the Grove was already being encroached upon by vegetation. She also believed that the camber of the road was such that floodwater would simply flow past the culvert. She believed that a slot drain which would allow water to drain into the existing culvert under the road would prove much more satisfactory.

She also reported that she was disappointed that Brian Featherstone, DCC Highways Officer, had not been in touch with further proposals to remedy the situation.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to Cllr. Bell for his support and that he be invited to meet with us if he felt this would be helpful.

13 Footpath Issues

- a. Bridleway 42 - it was reported that this now appeared to have been cleared sufficiently to allow horse and rider to pass. Some waste cuttings had been left but it was agreed that this was a matter for the landowner.
- b. Footpaths 43 - the clerk reported several members had reported problems with the condition and width of the path being introduced and that he had referred this to Mike Murden. Mr. Murden had checked and agreed that it appeared narrow and in need of surface dressing.

The clerk reported that the Path Modification Order clearly stated that the new path should be 1.8 metres wide, be properly gated and have a good surface. It was agreed, therefore, to stress the importance that we attached to these conditions in our reply to Mr. Murden.

14. Planning Matters

There were none.

15. Date of Future Meetings

January 10th 2017

March 8th

May 9th (APM)

