

Lartington Parish Council

Minutes of General Meeting held on November 13th 2018

Present

Mr. Champion, Mrs Parsons Munn, Mrs Cross, Mrs Hinchliffe. Mr Jerred (Clerk).
Cllr. Bell

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 and Mr. Crawford had submitted apologies. 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 11th were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

05. Matters Arising

The Chair welcomed Cllr. Bell to the meeting and explained that he had been invited to discuss ongoing issues arising from previous meetings which had not been satisfactorily resolved.

- a. The recent planning approval for the installation of electronic gates at Lartington Hall was causing most concern. The clerk reported that he had written to Stuart Timmiss, Head of Planning, and had received a reply which had not really addressed our concerns. Mrs Parsons Munn then detailed her particular concerns regarding the role of the Design and Conservation Officer, the ongoing contravention of the planning condition regarding vehicular access and that our clearly expressed worries over the use of a "Purbeck Stone" colour rather than the black traditionally employed on the estate had been completely ignored. The clerk reported that he had now received written confirmation that the Planning Enforcement Officer was to investigate the problems of vehicular access. After a long discussion, it was agreed that the clerk be instructed to write once again to Mr Timmiss re-iterating our concerns and asking that either he or a senior colleague should attend our next meeting.
- b. The Aqueduct. The clerk reported that there had been no progress in regard to this and that although the DCC Design and Conservation Officer had previously suggested that we might be invited to attend a meeting with representatives of the Estate, he had now received a note suggesting that this was a maintenance issue which he could not give any priority to. Members living locally suggested that the structure continued to leak badly and a period of heavy rain or extreme cold could only lead to further deterioration. The clerk was instructed, therefore, to write again strongly reiterating our concerns whilst Cllr. Bell agreed that he would look at the structure and raise the matter independently if necessary.
- c. The condition of the B6277 between the Lartington Lane Caravan site and Barnard Castle. The clerk reported that he had twice reported the condition of the surface of this road and that on both occasions DCC Highways had reported that it was satisfactory, although they had previously acknowledged that it needed attention. Cllr. Bell agreed to raise the matter with the Highways Inspector.

Cllr. Bell left the meeting.

- d. Installation of Speedvisor – the clerk reported that a post for this had now been put in place but that an exercise was yet to take place. Mrs Parsons Munn reported that she had conducted a number of Speedwatch exercises with Mr Crawford and that a significant number of vehicles continued to be travelling in excess of the speed limit, with letters being sent to offenders.

- e. Trees – the condition of the Wellingtonia opposite Tower House had been raised again by a local resident and the Clerk reported that he had received a note from the DCC Tree Officer confirming that he had looked at them and thought that any problems were due to soil and weather conditions rather than ill-health.

06. Items of Urgent Business

- a. Mrs. Parsons Munn reported that a mounting block had been erected at North Gill and queried whether this might need planning permission. The clerk agreed to check.

07. Principal Correspondence

- a. Various emails routinely circulated
- b. CPRE Newsletter
- c. War Memorials Newsletter
- d. DCC Finance – the Clerk reported that he had been advised that details regarding the forthcoming the precept would be issued shortly.
- e. Royal Mail – a poster regarding Scam Mail had been issued for display on the noticeboard and it was agreed that details could be circulated in a forthcoming newsletter.

08. Statement of Accounts

The clerk reported that there was £736.81 in the current account and £368.81 in the Deposit Account.

09. Accounts to be paid

Hall Hire	£15
Clerks Salary	£160
HMRC	£40
CDALC Training Fees	£27
Printer Ink	£5.78

10. Co-option of Councillor

It was again agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

12. GDPR/Standing Orders/Winter Newsletter

The clerk reported that he had now put the GDPR Policy and Consent Form on to the website and that it would now be possible to produce a newsletter which could explain this to residents. He reminded members that we needed to approve new Standing Orders to reflect the new laws. Model Standing Orders had been provided by NALC and he had worked through these and identified the sections which he was recommending for adoption. He circulated a copy of the Model Orders explain that he believed the Sections that he had highlighted in red could be removed from our own document. It was agreed that new Standing Orders be agreed at the next meeting.

13. Footpath and Highway Issues

These had been dealt with under Matters Arising

14. Planning Matters

No planning applications had been received.

15. Date of Future Meetings

January 8th 2019 March 12th 2019 May 14th