

**Lartington Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on July 1st 2014**

**Present**

Mrs Parsons Munn, Mrs Cross, Mr Hammond, Mrs Stephenson, Mr Whetstone. Mr Jerred (Clerk).

Apologies were received from Mr Campion.

**01. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on May 13th were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

**02. Matters Arising**

a. Vacancy for Councillor – DCC have confirmed that the due process has been followed and that there has been no call for an election. We can, therefore, proceed to co-optation at the next meeting.

b. Internal audit – Mrs Hinchliffe had completed this and the papers had been forwarded to the external auditors.

**03. Items of Urgent Business**

a. State of footpath between Caravan Site and Barnard castle

It was noted that this was in a very poor and disrupted condition. This was the subject of a 106 agreement and the clerk agreed to raise the matter with DCC.

**04. Principal Correspondence**

a. Eggleston Bridge Closure – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

b. Teesdale Youth Fest. – 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> July

c. Durham County Planning Training Event – 30<sup>th</sup> July. It was agreed that the clerk should attend.

d. Durham County Environmental Awards.

**05. Statement of Accounts/Precept**

The clerk reported that there was £1684.14 in the current account and £1367.65 in the Deposit Account.

**06. Accounts to be paid**

Hall Hire	£15	Clerk's Salary	£160
HMRC	£40		

**07. Defibrillator Project**

The clerk reported that NEAS were now recommending the purchase of an IPAD SP1. The full retail cost of this was over £1000 but that a significant discount was available if purchased through them – bringing the cost £849. A heated cabinet was likely to cost between £400 and £500. Donations towards this now amounted to £530.

It was agreed that:

a. We proceed with the purchase

b. A training session/social event would be arranged for late September/early October

c. The box keycode would be made available to all villagers who wanted it.

### **08. Speed on Lartington Lane**

Mr Campion had raised his concerns about the absence of warning signs on the road at this entrance to the village. Mrs Parsons Munn supported these comments and expressed her own concerns, noting that most offenders were local residents.

It was agreed that DCC should be contacted regarding signage, the police regarding a renewed Speedwatch initiative and that our concerns were reported to the local press.

### **09 Footpaths**

Mrs Parson Munn agreed to chase up Craig Gibson regarding work at Cat Castle.

Concern was also expressed at the state of steps in Deepdale Wood and it was agreed that this should be raised with Elaine Crow.

### **10. Planning Matters**

Linden Cottage – an application has been made for a stone wall to replace existing wooden fencing. Although it was felt that this would create quite a hard boundary, it was agreed that it did not contradict the Conservation Area Character Appraisal and should not be objected to.

### **11. Heart Of Teesdale/A Green Heart for Lartington**

**Mr Hammond declared an interest and left the meeting.**

The clerk and Mrs Parsons Munn reported on a meeting with Susie Lane, HOT Officer. Approximately £3000 was available to support research into the history of the Village Green, conduct a public lecture and walk on the subject and install interpretation boards. The timescale was generous – ideally the research would be conducted over the winter, the public talk and walk held in late spring and early summer.

It was agreed that this should be put out to tender and that three quotations be sought .

The clerk agreed to work on documents for this and to investigate advertising arrangements before the next meeting as it was agreed that August was not a good month in which to promote this.

### **12. Date and Venue of Future Meetings**

September 2nd

November 11<sup>th</sup>

Cotherstone Methodist Hall