

Lartington Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on March 8th 2016

Present

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

The meeting began with a short period of silence and a few words of tribute for John Dowson.

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. Champion, Mr. Crawford and Mrs. Stephenson had submitted apologies due to important personal commitments. 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 January 12th were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

05. Matters Arising

- a. Craig Gibson – Mrs. Parsons Munn reported that this work had been completed whilst the clerk reported that the grant had been received from DCC. It was agreed the invoice be paid.
- b. Overhanging trees – the clerk reported that he had only recently followed this up and that DCC were to investigate and report.
- c. Access to the Mausoleum – the clerk reported on correspondence with the RC Diocesan Solicitor. Whilst the Diocese appeared to consider the current keyholding arrangement satisfactory, the Solicitor reported that he intended to meet with Mr. West and Mr. Wilkes to consider our submissions regarding signage and alternative arrangements should Mr. West be unavailable.

06. Items of Urgent Business

1 Fallen trees in Deepdale and landslide in Pecknall woods – Mrs. Parsons Munn reported that there were obstructions to the footpaths in these areas following recent bad weather. It was agreed that she pursue this with Mike Murden.

07. Principal Correspondence

- a. Various emails routinely circulated
- b. Heart of Teesdale - newsletters
- c. Chief Constable's correspondence
- d. Helen Goodman – FOI request.

08. Statement of Accounts/Precept

The clerk reported that there should be £1572.36 in the current account and £368.23 in the Deposit Account.

09. Accounts to be paid

Hall Hire	£15
Craig Gibson	£815.76

10. Meeting with the Chief Constable

The Clerk reminded members that the Chief Constable was to visit the village on Monday March 14th at 1.00pm.

The Chair outlined her thoughts regarding the meeting. It was agreed that, recent Inspection reports notwithstanding, there was a genuine concern regarding police presence in the village and that we should press for a minimum commitment of one hour per month.

11. Highway Issues

Overhanging trees – dealt with under Matters Arising

12. Planning Matters

a. Station House

The Clerk reported that a Listed Building Application had been made in regard to the above property. This was essentially concerned with internal and external repairs and renovation using appropriate methods and materials. The only material alteration was the installation of a roof light. It was agreed that a site meeting was not necessary and that we raise no objections.

b. Stable Lodge

The Clerk reported that this application had now been re-submitted. Whilst it was agreed that the plans would probably result in an acceptable outcome, it was felt that a site meeting was needed and the Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Wilkes to arrange this.

13. Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting/Topics for Newsletter

It was agreed that the arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting should follow that of recent years. The clerk agreed to produce a Spring Newsletter and Annual Report to promote the occasion.

Topics for the newsletter would include:

- A tribute to John Dowson
- Website/transparency code funding
- Police/road safety/Speedwatch
- Hedge trimming/pavements
- Public Footpath improvements

14. New website arrangements

The clerk reported that he had prepared a simple website which would meet our statutory obligations and that this could currently be hosted free of charge using x10hosting.com. Whilst there are obvious limitations on this free service, the website was in our own control and could be quickly moved to a paid host should this become necessary. It was agreed that the current arrangement with DCC be ended and that the domain name lartingtonpc.co.uk be transferred to the new site.

13. Date of Future Meetings

May 10th (Annual Parish Meeting) July 12th Sept. 13th