

Lartington Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Nov. 10th 2015

Present

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

The Chair welcomed Mr Crawford to the Council.

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

There were no apologies.

03. Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

04. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Sept. 8th were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

05. Matters Arising

- a. Highways – the clerk reported that DCC had agreed to clear the cattle grid on the Bowes to Cotherstone Road.
- b. Tree felling in Deepdale – Mrs Parsons Munn explained that she had not yet followed this up but reported that no more felling appeared to have taken place.
- c. PP3 grant for repairs to footpaths in the Cat Castle area – the clerk reported that he had contacted Craig Gibson and asked that the work be completed and invoiced by 30th November.

06. Items of Urgent Business

There were none.

07. Principal Correspondence

- a. Various emails routinely circulated
- b. Various newsletters – War Memorials Trust/CPRE
- c. Teesdale CDALC – next meeting arranged for February 17th. Police Commissioner Ron Hogg would attend.
- d. DCC MOT Centre – posters advertising their services.
- e. Lartington Hall Footpaths – the clerk reported that Mike Murden had agreed that papers regarding this would be available in time for the next meeting

08. Statement of Accounts/Precept

The clerk reported that there was £1125.10 in the current account and £368.17 in the Deposit Account.

09. Accounts to be paid

Hall Hire	£15	Clerks Salary	£160
HMRC	£40	Stamps	£20.42

10. Transparency Code Funding

The Clerk reported that he had submitted a bid for £733. This would purchase a laptop, a printer scanner and a total of 30 hours of clerk's time.

He reported that he had discussed the possibility of DCC withdrawing their free hosting service with Steve Ragg, who advised that it was a question best not asked! This cannot be discounted, however, and he proposed to prepare a "shadow" website which would meet the legal requirements and which would allow a smooth transition should current hosting arrangements be withdrawn.

11. PACT and Speedwatch

The Clerk and Chair reported on a meeting of the Teesdale Local Councils Forum, at which Chief Constable Mike Barton had been in attendance.

The Chair outlined her concerns regarding the Community Speedwatch initiative, principally the personal safety of those taking part and the necessity for a continued visible police presence. She reported that a "bodycam" was to be made available for the use of volunteers but felt that our concerns needed to be properly stated in a letter to the Chief Constable.

Other members supported these views but also raised a specific issue regarding heavy haulage vehicles passing through the village between 5.30 and 6.30am. These empty vehicles generated a lot of noise and appeared to be travelling at inappropriate speeds. It was agreed that we should support Community Speedwatch and that members would volunteer to take part but that the clerk be instructed to write to the Chief Constable expressing our concerns.

11. Highway Issues

a. Mrs Parsons Munn expressed concern about trees overhanging the road through the village. The clerk agreed to refer the matter to DCC Highways.

12. Planning Matters

Stable Lodge.

The clerk reported that Mr Harper Wilkes had met with planners earlier in the day and that some amendments were to be made to the application. Mr Wilkes suggested that the proposed site meeting be deferred until the new plans were available.

Members expressed concern about aspects of the original plans and particular concern at the rumour circulating that the long established hedge forming the boundary with the access to Cherry Trees and The Coachhouse was to be ripped out. It was agreed that this would be objected to.

It was agreed that the site meeting be arranged at a later date but the clerk was instructed to contact John Wilkes immediately to clarify proposals regarding the hedge.

13. Date of Future Meetings

January 12th

March 8th

May 10th (Annual Parish Meeting)