

Lartington Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on September 2nd 2014

Present

Mrs Parsons Munn, Mrs Cross, Mrs Stephenson, Mr Whetstone. Mr Jerred (Clerk).
Apologies were received from Mr Hammond.

01. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on July 1st were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

02. Matters Arising

- a. Path adjacent to Caravan Site – the clerk reported that this had been notified to DCC but that he was awaiting a reply.
- b. Slow sign on Lartington Green Lane entrance to village – this is now in place
- c. Footpath repairs at Cat Castle – the clerk confirmed that instructions had been given for this work to be undertaken

03. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business

04. Principal Correspondence

- a. Audit Report – this raised no issues. It was noted that an asset register needed to be created for the noticeboard and defibrillator.
- b. New rules and regulations relating to Localism Act – the Clerk reported that the key point of these, new methods of reporting, had already been addressed when relocating to the new meeting venue. We do need to allow reporting and filming of meetings – but not to provide any electricity!
- c. Tax base – DCC had written informing us that our tax base was broadly unchanged from 2013.
- d. Various emails – circulated routinely

05. Statement of Accounts/Precept

The clerk reported that there was £1048.74 in the current account and £367.65 in the Deposit Account. The clerk had submitted a VAT reclaim for £273.40.

06. Accounts to be paid

Hall Hire	£15	Clerk's Salary	£160
HMRC	£40	ICO	£35
Defibrillator purchase (retrospective)		£1640.40	

07. Co-option of Councillor

The clerk reported that expressions of interest had been received from June Watson and Kate Hinchliffe. He reported that he had written to Mrs Hinchliffe stressing the importance of her role as Internal Auditor and asking that she continue in this role, which she had agreed to do. It was unanimously agreed that June Watson be co-opted to the

council and Kate Hinchliffe be thanked for her interest and for her willingness to continue as Auditor.

08. Defibrillator Project

The clerk reported that the equipment had been ordered and paid for and that delivery was promised imminently. He also reported that an electrician had checked the telephone kiosk and that it would not be difficult to install.

The clerk produced a document detailing financial contributions to the project and an acknowledgement of these that could be placed in the kiosk. It was agreed that the acknowledgement needed to strongly recognize the Parish Council's own contribution. It was also agreed that a newsletter be produced updating the information about the kiosk to residents and advertising a training session to be arranged with NEAS. The clerk was instructed to liaise with NEAS and Cotherstone Village Hall in regard to this and it was agreed that an informal meeting of the council be convened to plan for this as necessary. It was also agreed that this event did not need to include a fund raising element.

09. Speedwatch

It was reported that three Speedwatch exercises had been undertaken by Elizabeth Finn, with varied results. She was prepared to do regular checks in future.

It was reported that there was a problem with mud on the road at Pecknall and that drainage continued to be an issue on Lartington straight. It was agreed that these continue to be monitored.

10. Footpaths

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

10. Planning Matters

Linden Cottage – the application for a stone boundary had been approved.

11. Heart Of Teesdale/A Green Heart for Lartington

The clerk reported that he had drawn up tender documents with advice from Clive Parsons. He had also received a list of businesses that may be able to undertake the work from Susie Lane of HoT.

In considering the tender, members expressed concern at the amount allocated to the erection of an Interpretation Board, £1850, and that the location of this was problematic. It was agreed that this be withdrawn from the tender and that HoT be asked permission for the Council to explore other ways of disseminating information – leaflets, noticeboard displays and improvements to the website were suggested. The clerk agreed to discuss this with HoT.

It was agreed that the clerk contact the businesses suggested by HoT directly to invite them to tender, to circulate information through HoT and that an advert should also be placed in the Teesdale Mercury. The clerk asked that a deadline be placed for submissions and it was agreed that this should be September 30th. It was also agreed that a full meeting of the Council to consider these be convened if necessary.

12. Date and Venue of Future Meetings

November 11th

January 13th 2015

Cotherstone Methodist Hall