

Bearpark Parish Council

At a meeting of **Bearpark Parish Council** held on **Wednesday 20 July 2022** at **7.00 p.m.** held at **Beaurepaire Community Hub.**

Present: **Councillor M Wilson in the Chair**

Councillors I Cummings, O Edwards, R Kemp, J Peart and P Wilson.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor D Nicholls and Councillor C Gallacher.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in relation to any items of business on the agenda.

3. Minutes

Resolved

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2022 were agreed as a correct record, subject to the reference of D Wilson being amended to D Nicholls in the County Councillors' report.

4. Police Report

Councillor M Wilson informed the Council that she had attended a recent PACT meeting and although there had been some issues in the Deerness area, none of the issues highlighted related to Bearpark.

5. Representations from the Public

There were no representations from the public.

6. County Council Report

Councillor M Wilso provided a report to the Council as follows:

- The Council's clean and green team had created a display on a roundabout at North Road in Durham City which payed tribute to Her Majesty during her Platinum Jubilee year. One flower bed shows the royal initials EIIR, while the other depicts the Queen's crown. The display will be in place until the autumn;
- The Annual Canvass of electors was about to begin where households would soon receive a form asking them to check the information which is currently held for them on the electoral register.

7. Report of the Clerk

The Clerk informed the Council that the seated exercise class at Beaurepaire Community Hub was due to commence on Friday 29 July at 1.30 p.m.

The Clerk advised that the flagpole installation would now be further delayed due to the amount of work required on the trees on the Parish land at Bearpark. The trees would require significant reduction and lifting prior to the final consideration of whether the flagpole could be installed, with previous contractor having raised some concerns of the proposed location. Councillors had not provided any suitable alternative locations, with the only other suggestion being too much of a distraction on the public highway.

8. Requests for Financial Assistance

Prior to the consideration of the next matter, Councillors R Kemp and M Wilson left the meeting.

Bearpark Primary School

The Clerk informed the Council that a request had been received from the Friends of Bearpark Primary School towards a Halloween event, which the proceeds of which would also go towards the purchase of iPads for the school. The Clerk had made enquiries and the Primary School were looking towards purchasing 30 iPads for use at school. Each iPad cost around £300 as part of a scheme.

Resolved

£1200 directly towards the school for provision of iPads; and £300 towards the Friends of Bearpark School towards a Halloween themed event for the school.

Councillors R Kemp and M Wilson rejoined the meeting.

Dream CIC – History Book about Bearpark and Beaurepaire’s History

A request was received for £881.50 towards the production and publication of a history book. £600 for the development of the book and 100 copies of the book, with 50 copies to be given to the Primary School, with the remaining copies to be sold at local events. As part of the project further school visits would be planned and books awarded to Class 2.

Resolved

That the request be approved for the full amount.

9. Planning Applications

DM/22/01536/FPA – Creation of an outdoor horse arena, with timber rail fencing and floodlighting, exclusively for personal use at Old Arbour House, Crossgate Moor, Durham DH1 4TQ

The Clerk informed the Council that Councillor M Wilson had made a request to call in the application.

Resolved

That further details regarding the application be acquired, prior to submitting any possible representations.

DM/22/01959/FPA - Change of use from C3 (dwellinghouse) to C2 (care home) for three children - The Cooperage, 19 George Terrace, Bearpark, Durham DH7 7AQ

The Clerk advise the Council that the application was for the revision of planning permission DM/21/01842/FPA which granted planning permission for a change of use of the property from C3 Dwellinghouse to C2 Children's Home. The application sought planning permission to change the use of the property from a C3 dwellinghouse to a C2 children's home for three children although in this instance with the omission of a previous condition that restricted the age of the children to between 8-18. In all other respects the application remains the same as that previously approved in 2021.

Resolved

The Parish Council were content with the application which would allow younger children to use the facility. Crucially, the home would remain for three children and on that basis the Parish Council had no comment to make.

10. Village Matters

The Clerk informed the Council that the Community Emergency Plan training had concluded, with further thought to be given as to how to progress the idea.

Councillor I Cummings informed the Council that the training session had been extremely worthwhile and had expressed previously that it should be an important priority for the Council.

There had been some further instances of flytipping in the village (multiple locations), for which both Councillor M Wilson and the Clerk had reported.

Resolved

That the matters be noted and actioned where required.

11. Any other items of interest

There were no additional items of interest.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 21 September 2022.