

Bearpark Parish Council

At a meeting of **Bearpark Parish Council** held on **Wednesday 20 October 2021** at **7.00 p.m.**

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

Councillors N Anderson, I Cummings and J Thompson.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors O Edwards and R Kemp.

County Councillor Dan Nicholls had also submitted his apologies.

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 September 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

4. Police Report

Councillor M Wilson informed the Council that she had not received a report this month but assumed there were no major issues currently affecting the village.

6. Representations from the Public

There were no members of the public present and no representations had been received.

7. County Council Report

Councillor M Wilson provided the report to the Council as follows:

- There had been a high uptake of the covid vaccination in the area;
- 178 students had been vaccinated at a vaccination centre located at Palace Green;
- Durham had proceeded to the next round of the City of Culture 2025 bid;
- A new Local Heritage Listing project was being piloted in a number of areas across County Durham. This was a partnership project supported by Government and Historic England; and
- Bearpark Community Centre update.

8. Finance Report

The Clerk provided a copy of the latest accounting records which included all payments for approval, payments made since the last meeting and a bank reconciliation. The Clerk informed the Council the signatories on the account would not become effective until the Councillors had signed the relevant paperwork.

Resolved

That the accounting statements be agreed.

9. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration.

11. Report of the Clerk

The Clerk provided the Council with an update regarding correspondence received which included:

- Salt Bin Provision
- Smaller Local Councils forum meeting

Resolved

- (i) That the update be noted; and
- (ii) That any required follow-up reports be considered at the next meeting.

13. Village Matters

Village Remembrance

Councillor I Cummings informed the Council that there would be well over 1000 poppies to make the flame on the pit wheel for the village display of remembrance. These were in the process of being attached to wire garden mesh. In addition to this Councillor M Wilson informed the Council that she would speak to school in terms of creating some poppies for display on the parish land. Councillor M Wilson had also spoken to the vicar who would undertake a small service at the pit wheel on Thursday 11 November.

Resolved

- (i) That the update be noted and
- (ii) That the Clerk contact DK Horticulture to see if they could assist with the poppy display installation on the pit wheel.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 17 November 2021 at Bearpark and District Workingmens Club.