

URPETH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Urpeth Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th July 2019 in Edenfield Communal Room, West Pelton at 7.00pm.

Councillor W Barrett (Chair)

Present:

Councillors W Barrett, I Stewart-Fergusson and B Scott. G Miller (Minutes)

County Councillor D Wood.

Mr W Tribble and Mr Jeffrey Wood.

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Batey, Councillor B Anderson and County Councillor C Carr.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

37. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Jeffrey Wood submitted a request to keep bees on his allotment site, Mr Wood advised he had extensive experience with bee keeping and would be willing to undertake further training held by the County Council in advance of relocating his bees to the allotment site if the Parish Council approved the request.

RESOLVED: to agenda, the item for discussion at the next meeting.

38. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments:

31. Councillor B Scott informed the meeting he was aware of contractors carrying out work outside the gates to Beamish Museum, beside the A693 road and by the carpark (near to Italian Restaurant), the land has not been reinstated to its original form and has been left in an untidy condition.

*34. Councillor B Anderson reported the bus stop at **West Pelton** beside the houses be tidied up as it may be preventing the houses being sold in its current state.*

39. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR TO URPETH GRANGE WARD

Mr William Tribble submitted a request to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Following a vote being taken it was

RESOLVED: Mr William Tribble be co-opted as Councillor of Urpeth Parish Council.

40. POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN REPORT

The PACT report was circulated. Discussion took place regarding PCSO attendance at Parish Council meetings, Councillor Wood informed members, PACT meetings take place at Grange Villa, and if Members had a specific issue, the Parish Council could invite the police to attend a Parish Council meeting for discussion. Councillor Wood advised that the police have started to produce a newsletter in addition to PACT reports.

41. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Wood advised he had reported the following issues to DCC:

- Overgrown bushes at Eden Place car park
- The signs at High Handenhold and Beamish
- The drain at Beamish
- Bus stop opposite Station Road
- Bus stop at West Pelton
- Double road sign on St Paul's Terrace
- DCC advised the bushes at High Handenhold could not be cut back until the end of August due to nesting season. It was suggested by Councillor Wood that a walk-about take place at the end of August/beginning of September to ensure areas of concern are included on the Council programme to be cut back following nesting season.
- Formal consultation had begun regarding the speed bumps at Bradley Close – letters had been sent out to residents.
- DCC Highways had agreed to install three play park signs at Pelton.
- Request to repair/replace the speed signs in Urpeth Grange.

County Councillor D Wood provided an overview of activity related to Durham County Council and matters relating to the parish area including:

The online consultation on the new vision for DCC had commenced representation could be made at local AAP meetings or online at www.durham.gov.uk/vision, the closing date was 29th July 2019.

DCC have awarded contracts to two market vendors, The Craft Fair Company and Events to go go to run the market in Chester Le Street on Friday and Saturdays.

42. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: that the following amounts be approved for payment

HMRC PAYE 4	168.72
Clerk (Wages and Expenses)	705.66
HMRC PAYE 4	14.40
Litter picker (Wages)	412.52
DCC Grounds Maintenance	9795.98
Biffa Waste Services	246.00
Mr D Gibson	1100.00
Allotment Water Rates	280.46

Members further noted the statutory Maternity payment which would be recoverable from HMRC in the next tax year. The Clerk to action upon her return to work.

43. CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT

No update due to Maternity leave.

44. ALLOTMENTS

No update due to Maternity leave, any issues would be followed up upon the Clerk's return to work.

45. URPETH GRANGE

Councillor Barrett raised concern that Northumbrian Water had not reinstated the flowerbeds to their original size, it was noted that Councillor Batey was looking into this issue – an update to be provided at the next meeting.

46. WEST PELTON

Councillor Barrett raised concern concerning the flood defence, he went on to say there was an issue with dog fouling and he felt a metal gate could be installed to prevent this problem.

47. BEAMISH

Councillor Scott asked if the reinstatement of the land had been reported to the Northern Power Grid, Councillor Wood advised he would raise it with the local M.P on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Scott inquired if the Parish Council would be willing to install flowerbeds in Beamish Village.

RESOLVED: Councillor Wood to check the land ownership prior to the Parish Council consideration.

Councillor Scott also reported the bus stop adjacent to the Italian restaurant required some attention; it was full of leaves and rubbish.

RESOLVED: Councillor Wood to report.

Councillor Scott reported that the memorial stone was becoming untidy with overgrown weeds; he advised that he had tidied the area up and would endeavour to maintain the area over the summer months.

Councillor Scott inquired if it was possible to install speed signs at either end of Beamish Village.

RESOLVED: Councillor Wood to submit request via DCC Highways Dept.

48. HIGH HANDENHOLD

No update or issues to be considered.

49. PELTON LANES ENDS

Following concerns raised at the previous meeting with regards to the litter from the roundabout down to the parade it was **RESOLVED** Councillor Wood would report to the Clean and Green Team.

It was noted that Councillor Batey was following up the issue of flowerbeds and it was requested by Members an update be provided at the next meeting.