

BEARPARK PARISH COUNCIL

At a remote meeting of Bearpark Parish Council held on **Wednesday 16 September 2020 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Councillor M Wright in the Chair.

Councillors R Briggs, R Kemp, M Wilson and P Wilson.

20/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor O Edwards and G Hendry.

20/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Wilson declared an interest in relation to a representation made by a member of the public.

20/18 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

20/19 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report for the meeting. Police PACT meetings were now being held online, via the Durham City Police Facebook page. These dates were being advertised locally by the Police.

20/20 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance. One representation had been received regarding the play area at Colliery Road. The matter had been passed onto the Police, County Councillor and Neighbourhood Wardens.

20/21 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor M Wilson provided an update in relation to the County Council's response to the coronavirus pandemic and the gradual re-opening of certain Council services.

20/22 PARISH COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

The Clerk informed the Council that Councillor M Chard had resigned from the Parish Council. Councillor Chard had felt she was unable to fulfil her duties and responsibilities as a Parish Council owing to ill health

Resolved

That the resignation be noted and that a letter of thanks be sent to Councillor Chard for her contribution.

20/23 FINANCE REPORT

The Council considered the monthly financial report which detailed the current bank balances, payments made since the last meeting and payments to be made.

Payment	Supplier	Description	Amount
31-Jul-20	B/P To: AA Garden Landscape	Invoice (CG)	468.00
13-Aug-20	APM	Allotment Clearance	1,600.00
19-Aug-20	B/P To: Mr M J Turnbull	Salary (Aug)	429.48
19-Aug-20	B/P To: HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE	107.37
16-Sep-20	B/P To: Andrew Donnelly	Invoice 20200346	1,825.00
16-Sep-20	B/P To: Lucy Gladders	Internal Audit	100.00
30-Sep-20	Service Charge		18.00
08-Oct-20	B/P To: Mr M J Turnbull	Salary (Sept)	429.48
08-Oct-20	B/P To: HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE	107.37
08-Oct-20	B/P To: Viking Direct	Office supplies	317.89
08-Oct-20	B/P To: AA Garden Landscapes	Invoice 2593 (CG)	360.00
09-Nov-20	B/P To: DCC	Xmas Tree	2,131.46
09-Nov-20	B/P To: Mr M J Turnbull	Salary (Oct)	429.48
09-Nov-20	B/P To: HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE	107.37
09-Nov-20	B/P To: AA Garden Landscapes	Invoice 2594 (G/cutting)	420.00
09-Nov-20	B/P To: NPower Ltd	Electricity	99.25

20/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the following planning applications:

DM/20/02383/FPA - Busy Bears Nursery, Auton Stile, Bearpark Durham DH7 7AA - Extend existing car park to the south

DM/20/02230/FPA - Glebe Cottage 20 Aldin Grange Hall Bearpark Durham DH7 7AR - Change of use of land to residential curtilage with gravel drive

DM/20/02229/FPA - Single storey Bedroom extension on rear of house 4 Woodland Close Bearpark Durham DH7 7EB

DM/20/02142/FPA - Proposed first floor bedroom extension to rear and loft conversion 1 Aldin Grange Hall Bearpark Durham DH7 7AR

Resolved

That the applications be noted.

20/25 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk informed the Council that all relevant matters had been covered during other items on the agenda and there was no separate report to provide. A report was also provided in relation to the contract work carried out on the parish planters and seats.

20/26 VILLAGE MATTERS

(i) Allotments

The Clerk reported that the vacant allotment garden had now been cleared. It was proposed to split the garden into two plots to maximise usage of the site. The plots would be allocated towards the end of 2020 in readiness for preparation for Spring 2021. Councillor M Wilson was attempting to secure a small piece of land for an allotment garden which the Clerk had contacted Durham County Council about sometime ago and had held positive discussions on-site.

(ii) Public Footpaths

The Clerk informed the Council that the Council's Rights of Way Team had provided a way forward in carrying out a waymarking exercise/registering lost footpaths. The Clerk suggested that any such project should commence early in the New Year for anyone who may be interested.

(iii) Beaurepaire site

Councillor M Wilson informed the Council that Dream Heritage CIC had recommenced work at Beaurepaire. Volunteers were being sought for anyone interested.

(iv) Season of light / improving peoples mental health

Councillor M Wilson informed the Council that representatives from the Church were discussing ideas around light parades or activities to counter people's thoughts about 'being forgotten' over the winter months. Whilst discussions were in their infancy it was hoped that the Parish Council could be involved in some way. Councillor Briggs informed the Council that he could assist with his social media/videography skills for free to promote/showcase any event should there be a desire to do so.

20/27 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place after the August recess and be held on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7 p.m. The meeting would be held remotely.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.