

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in Burnhope Community Centre at 6.00 pm.

Present

Councillor D. Coates (Chair)

Councillors J. Box, L. Clarke, B. Henderson, I. McKeag, T. Metcalf and G. Smith.

In Attendance

County Councillor D. Oliver, PC K. Joyce, PCSO C. Milner and D. Knight from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, Mr A. Gibson.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors T. Clarke, P. Luther, S.J. McCormick, C. McCulloch, County Councillor M. McGaun and Alderman O. Johnson.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed Mrs. Susan Gettings, who had been appointed as the new Parish Clerk.

Police Report

D. Knight, Community Safety Coordinator advised that her new post had been funded by the Home Office and that her role would, principally, be to work to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour by providing advice and new initiatives. She advised that she would be attending meetings of as many Community Organisations as possible to promote the work of this organisation. In this connection she provided promotional material for distribution in the Parish area.

PCSO Milner provided Members with an update relating to a Major Incident which had occurred in Front Street, Burnhope.

Partnership Report

There was no Report.

Community Centre Report

Mr. A. Gibson advised that a Coffee Morning held earlier in the day had raised £603 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Two new groups had started in the Centre, "Walking Football" and "Self Defence Group."

Mr. Gibson continued by explaining that the Centre had secured a £150,000 grant from the Lottery Fund. In this connection a promotional gathering would be held in the Centre from 4pm to 6pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

#### Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024, be approved as a correct record.

#### Finance Report

The Clerk reported that the following payments had been made since the last meeting of the Council:

Description	Amount
	£
British Gas – Electricity Supply for Christmas Tree – Direct Debit	33.00
Durham County Council – Licence Fee – land at Holmside Lane	25.00
T. Kernahan – Web Duties	54.26
Forvis Mazars Group – Audit Fees	378.00
P. D. Hughes - Salary	500.00
HMRC – Clerk Tax	125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1115.26</b>

#### Correspondence

The Clerk reported on the following items of correspondence:

- D. Coates – e-mail to Durham County Council re metal fencing at new Play Area where rusting metal requires re-painting.
- Easy Web Sites – Various e-mails re setting up of generic "gov.uk" website and new e-mail address for Clerk – plus Direct Debit payment.

#### Front Street, Burnhope

County Councillor D. Oliver to contact Durham County Council Planning Enforcement Team re use of industrial machinery to the rear of property on Front Street.

#### Remembrance Sunday

The Chair reminded members that the Remembrance Day Service would be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

#### Date of next meeting

**Agreed** that the next meeting of Burnhope Parish Council be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in Burnhope Community Centre at 6.00 pm.

*D. Coates*  
07/11/24