

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held on Thursday 7th November 2024 in Burnhope Community Centre at 6.00 pm.

Present

Councillor D. Coates (Chair)

Councillors L. Clarke, I. McKeag, S.J. McCormick T. Metcalf and G. Smith.

In Attendance

County Councillor D. Oliver and Alderman O. Johnson

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J. Box, T. Clarke, P. Luther, C. McCulloch and County Councillor M. McGaun.

Police Report

There was no Police report.

Partnership Report

Councillor McCormick reported on the following :-

- There are currently no plans to hold the annual Fun Day.
- The Partnership's marquees to continue to be stored at the Cricket Club.
- Funding available for production of the next edition of The Wheel which will be in the New Year.

Community Centre Report

Mr. A. Gibson advised that with the success of the application for Grant Aid, the Community Centre would be viable for the next three years.

- A new Children's Co-ordinator had been appointed, and the Children's Club on Tuesdays is well attended.
- Currently 42 residents had signed up for the Christmas Lunch. The Pantry is able to Fund itself.
- The School uniform swop continues to be a success.
- The AAP are supportive and help attract funding i.e. the Household Fund for residents to apply for white goods etc.
- The Burnhope Banner has been on display in Durham Cathedral as part of the Durham Miners Banner Exhibition.

Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 26th September 2024, be approved as a correct record.

Front Street, Burnhope

County Councillor D. Oliver to chase up a response by Durham County Council Planning Team re use of industrial machinery to the rear of a property on Front Street.

Works to metal fencing at Play Area

The required works have been completed.

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
Easy Websites – Content Management	36.96
Easy Websites – Design Services	300.00
Durham County Council – New fencing to new play area	12,943.86
T. Kernohan - Web duties and underpaid Domain fee	36.94
Durham County Council – Festive Lighting to Christmas Tree	704.86
P.D Hughes – Salary (Oct & Nov) and Expenses Dec 23 – Nov 24	847.20
HMRC - Clerk Tax	83.20
Royal British Legion	45.00
Total	15,031.02

Planning Matters

- Durham County Council Planning – DM/22/01769/FPA - Land East of Edge Lane, Maiden Law – It was noted that there was a slight change in the wording of the application. Parish Council invited to be represented at the County Planning Committee meeting on 3rd December when this application is discussed.
- Durham County Council Planning – DM/24/01443/PA56 – Land to the east of Holmside Hall Road – application withdrawn 29th October
- Durham County Council Planning – DM/24/01739/VOC – Land south east of Jubilee House, Whitehouse Avenue – Variation of condition 2 of planning permission DM22/03597/FPA in respect of a change in the design of the dwelling and garage. Application approved 9th October.

Correspondence

The Clerk reported on the following items of correspondence:

- Ian Galloway – Stopping Up Order for footpaths 24 & 25. Cllr Coates has contacted Mr Galloway to confirm his objection to this proposal.
- David Harris – James Etherington Music Award – Agreed to publicise.
- County Councillor Oliver – Resurfacing works Whitehouse Avenue. Inclusion of the works in 2025/26 Capital Project Scheme to be followed up in April 2025.
- County Councillor Oliver – Greenwood Avenue – new Council Housing – Proposals noted. A letter of support for the project to be sent to Ian Conway, Assistant Project Lead Officer
- Joanne Ashworth, Mid Durham AAP – Burnhope Crossroads traffic solutions – The Parish Council continue to oppose the proposed increase of the speed limit along Langley Lane from 30 mph to 40 mph. Request to be made for consultation with residents along Langley Lane to seek their views. It was noted that there would be an increase in traffic due to the Greenwood Avenue development.
- Durham County Council – Council Tax Base, Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant Allocation and Request for Precept for 2025/26 – Figures noted. To be discussed at next meeting.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday will be held on Sunday 10th November, with the service at the War Memorial commencing at 10.45 a.m. Councillor Coates to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Christmas Tree Light Up

Lights scheduled to be switched on 2nd December, 2024.

Date of next meeting

Agreed that the next monthly meeting of Burnhope Parish Council be held on Thursday 28th November, 2024 in Burnhope Community Centre at 6.00 pm.

Signed 

Date 28.11.24