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Our ref: PDH/SG
Ask for: Peter Hughes
Date: 22nd November, 2021

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is invited at the meeting of **BURNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL** for consideration of the undernoted agenda. The meeting will be held in Burnhope Community Centre, on Thursday 2nd December, 2021 at 6.00 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

PETER HUGHES
Clerk

A G E N D A

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **POLICE REPORT**
3. **PARTNERSHIP REPORT**
4. **COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT**
5. **MINUTES**
To consider the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November, 2021
6. **FINANCE REPORT**
7. **PLANNING MATTERS**
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Minutes of a meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held on Thursday 4th November 2021 in Burnhope Community Centre at 6:00 pm.

Present:

Councillor D. Coates, Chair
Councillors J. Box, L. Clarke, T. Clarke, P. Luther, S. McCormick, C.J. McCulloch, T. Metcalf and G. Smith.

In Attendance

County Councillors D. Oliver and M. McGaun

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors B. Henderson and I. McKeag and PCSO Tonge.

Heritage Walks

The Chair welcomed Kieron Young to the meeting. Kieron was present to explain a scheme which will bring about one hundred Heritage Walks throughout the County.

It was hoped that, with the backing of the Parish Council, Burnhope would be one of the first walks to be introduced.

The walks would use existing Public Rights of Way and it was hoped to involve the local community (with its knowledge of local heritage) in planning the routes. It was anticipated that the walks would be publicised and would, as a result, attract people to the area.

It is intended that walkers will look to “tick off” the walks (most of which will be approximately 8 to 9 miles long) once they have been completed.

The route of each Heritage Walk will be “waymarked” using five feet high oak posts which would depict the area in which they were located. For example, the Burnhope posts could show the Pit Wheel and the communication mast

Members unanimously supported the initiative, and it was **Agreed** that a short meeting should be arranged followed by a walk to examine possible routes.

It was also **Agreed** that Councillors McCormick and McCulloch should lead on this initiative and report back on progress to the Council.

Marcel Bone advised that there was already a Tuesday morning Walking Group in Burnhope and he anticipated that its members would probably want to be involved.

Police Report

The Clerk read out the following Police Report:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Transport	6
Public Safety	11
Anti-Social Behaviour	11
Alcohol Related	1
Domestic Incidents	1
Vulnerable Adults / Child	7
Mental Health	4
Drug Related	0
Total	41

Anti social behaviour continues to be a problem and visits have been made to the school. The Police believe that they have narrowed down the youths involved and are planning to visit the parents of those concerned.

Partnership Report

No report was presented.

Community Centre Report

Councillor Box advised that:

- Halloween week activities had been well supported.
- Other activities were going well.

Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held on 7th October 2021 be approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

“PCSO Tonge to be removed as being in attendance and, instead added to the list of persons submitting apologies for absence.”

Finance Report

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

Description	Amount
	£
British Gas - Standing Charge for electricity for Christmas Tree Lights	11.86
Marmax – Public Seat	390.72
Datasupplies - Stationery	468.78
Royal British Legion - Poppy Wreath Donation	40.00
Four Seasons – Grass cutting etc.	2456.72
Total	3368.08

Planning Matters

The Clerk advised of the following Planning Application received by Durham County Council:

Planning Application 21/3366 Holly Lodge, 4 Front Street, Burnhope - Conversion of garage to dwelling.

Durham County Council to consider in accordance with existing planning policies.

Correspondence

The Clerk reported the receipt of the following items of correspondence:

- Durham County Council – Procedure for dealing with Casual Vacancy
- County Durham Association of Local Councils – Increase in fees.
- County Councillor Oliver – Re former football field. He is seeking to arrange a meeting. A map was received regarding land ownership in the locality.

Greenwood Avenue Site

Members were informed that tenders were expected in the coming months for the erection of 105 houses. It was also anticipated that Section 106 monies would result from this development.

Remembrance Service

The Service is to be held on Sunday 14th November 2021 at 10:45 am.

Christmas Tree Light Up

To take place on Friday 10th December 2021 at 6.00 pm.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Burnhope Parish Council will be held on Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Burnhope Community Centre