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Our ref: PDH/SG
Ask for: Peter Hughes
Date: 15th February, 2019

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, 7th March, 2019** at 6.00 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

PETER HUGHES
Clerk

AGENDA

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 Thursday 7th February, 2019.

6. FINANCE REPORT
7. PLANNING MATTERS
8. CORRESPONDENCE

Minutes of a meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held in Burnhope Community Centre at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday 7th February 2019

Present

Councillor D. Coates (Chair)

Councillors K. Barron, J. Box, F. Dawson, A. Gibson and G. Smith.

In Attendance

County Councillors J. Considine and O. Johnson and PC I. Nelson and PCSO L. Jackson-Cullen.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors H. Barron, B. Henderson, P. Luther, I. McKeag and T. Metcalf.

Police Report

PCSO Jackson-Cullen presented the following Police Report: -

- Properties in Braeside and Parkside targeted by youths.
- Stolen vehicle recovered in Braeside.
- Motorcycle stolen from The Villas.
- Two persons caught driving without Insurance and Driving Licence, one vehicle confiscated and the other clamped.
- Speed watch volunteers deployed in Holmside Lane and will be deployed in the area again.
- During a visit to the area by DVLA officers several vehicles were clamped because of various offences.

The Police were asked to:

- check whether CCTV cameras were operational?
- Pay a visit to the Community Centre on "Youth Club Nights"

Partnership Report

Councillor K. Barron presented the report as follows: -

- Next issue of "Burnhope Wheel" will be published in May 2019.
- Summer Fayre to be held on 26th August 2019.
- A Litter Pick will be held on 20th February 2019, starting at 10:00 a.m. Interested parties to meet at the Community Centre.
- Burnhope Chapel to celebrate 130 years on 17th February 2019.

Community Centre Report

Councillor Box reported as follows:

- There has been a steady increase in numbers attending various groups / sessions.
- A new “Toddler Group” has been started.
- Six new volunteers have been recruited.
- Seven people have attended, and passed, a Food Hygiene course.
- Fibre broadband has now been installed.
- 100% Rate Relief has been granted.
- An Easter Fayre is to be held on 14th April 2019.
- The Centre has been approved for use as a Polling Station.

Small Parishes Report

Councillor Box reported as follows:

- Whilst details of deployment in the Parish Area had not been made available, 3 CCTV cameras were now in operation in connection with fly-tipping.
- Parishes are encouraged to report fly-tipping “hot-spots” using the on-line system and to report any unadopted lay-bys.
- Parishes are encouraged to provide details of any potential Environmental Improvement Projects to Martin Briscoe at the “Clean and Green Team”.

New electricity and water supplies to dwellings at The Avenue, Burnhope.

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from both Northern Powergrid and Mrs. McDonald (who was present at the meeting) regarding the above.

Northern Powergrid wish to run an underground power cable from the open space area adjacent to Rose Cottage (the land forming the southern part of the route is currently leased by the Parish Council from Durham County Council) then over an area adjoining the dwelling (which is owned by the Parish Council). Detailed Ordnance Survey maps were shown to Members.

Mrs. McDonald explained that the new water supplies would cross the same areas of land.

Members considered the issues and were of the opinion that no objection should be raised. It was felt that when an approach is made in respect of the water supply, then this matter be delegated to the Chair and Vice-Chair in consultation with the Clerk.

RESOLVED that:

1. Permission be given to Northern Powergrid to provide an electricity supply over the route described above.
2. In the event of a formal application being received in respect of a new water supply across the same areas of land, the Chair and Vice-Chair be authorised to approve the application in consultation with the Clerk.

Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 29th November 2018 be approved as a correct record.

Finance Report

The Clerk reported on the following payment made since the last meeting: -

Detail	Amount
	£
T. Kernahan – Web duties	46.10
D. Coates – Christmas tree lights and solar batteries.	93.29
A. Gibson - bulbs and compost.	25.00
North East War Memorial Project - Donation	100.00
	Total
	264.39

Planning Matters

The Clerk reported on the following planning matter:

- 17/3757 Land to the south of Whitehouse Farm Cottage, Whitehouse Avenue, Burnhope – Application withdrawn.

County Durham Plan

County Councillor Johnson referred to the latest consultation exercise relating to the County Durham Plan. The deadline for comments was 8th March 2019.

Councillor Johnson continued by reminding Members that there were no areas in Burnhope designated for residential development apart from the infill site in Greenwood Avenue and the area referred to above and the subject of Planning Application 17/3757 – “Land to the south of Whitehouse Farm Cottage”

Councillor Johnson then made detailed reference to the proposed northern and western relief roads which was intended to remove traffic from Durham City Centre. The proposals should significantly reduce stationary and slow-moving traffic on the A690, the A691 and the A167.

Members were unanimous in their support for the proposed relief roads given the anticipated benefits to residents.

It was **Agreed** that that the Clerk, together with the Chair and Vice-Chair and Councillor Gibson, prepare a suitable response to the Consultation relating to the County Durham Plan.

Correspondence

The Clerk reported upon the following items of correspondence: -

- Mid Durham Area Action Partnership – Parish Councils' Committee – Meeting 19th January 2019.
- Durham County Council – Register of Electors 2018/2019
- Durham County Council - Receipt of Precept information
- JABA – Re War Memorial repairs
- Durham County Council – Re provision of electricity supply for Christmas tree. Clerk to arrange a meeting on site.
- Durham County Council – Procedure for notifying casual vacancy.
- Durham County Council – Consultation re Allotments. County Councillor Johnson advised that the Consultation was being carried out in an attempt to develop a County-wide policy and Tenancy Agreement.
- Durham County Council – Special Policy Meeting with County Durham Association of Local Authorities on 21st February 2019.
- Mid-Durham Area PCC Meeting 16th March 2019
- Durham County Council – Job advertisement for Development Worker with the Mid-Durham Intergenerational Project.
- North East War Memorial Project – Request for financial assistance – **Agreed** to donate £100.

Durham County Council -Medium-term Financial Report

County Councillor Johnson reported as follows:

- Since the introduction of austerity measures Durham County Council has had to reduce budgets by £263 million.
- Council Tax 2019/2020 increase of 2.99%
- Adult Social Care spending increase of 2%
- Staff numbers reduced by 2955 since the introduction of austerity measures.
- Compulsory redundancies may be necessary in future.

Burnhope School

Councillor A. Gibson advised the meeting that the report on the recent OFSTED inspection showed that the school was good in all areas.

Agreed that a letter of congratulation be forwarded to the Headteacher and staff.

Details of next meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Burnhope Parish Council will be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 7th March, 2019 in Burnhope Community Centre.