

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

Present

Councillor D. Coates (Chair)
Councillors L. Clarke, I. McKeag, T. Metcalf and G. Smith.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J. Box, T. Clarke, B. Henderson, P. Luther, S.J. McCormick, County Councillors M. McGaun, D. Oliver, PCSO Milner and Alderman O. Johnson.

Police Report

The following Police issues were reported :-

- Anti social behaviour by youths kicking doors on Meadowfield Estate.
- Missing 18 year old girl located. She was fit and well.
- Attendance at a road traffic accident on Holmside Lane. Both parties uninjured.
- Report of a house fire on Front Street – Police attended the scene. All services stood down as it was someone burning rubbish in their garden.

Partnership Report

There was no report.

Community Centre Report

The Community Centre continues to thrive and four people are now employed. All activities are well attended and provide a valuable service and support to the community. There are 130 members of The Pantry and 46 people are registered for the Christmas Lunch.

The £50,000 Home Fund Grant is providing much needed support for the community with both food and heating vouchers being handed out.

Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th November 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
	£
Derwentside Tree & Garden Services – Grounds Maintenance works March – November, 2024	6,327.38
Little Treasures - Funding	300.00
Total	6,627.38

Parish Precept 2025/26

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from Durham County Council providing details of the Parish Tax base, together with a request for the Parish Precept for the financial year 2025/26. The Local Tax Reduction Scheme Grant for 2025/26 is £538.00.

The Clerk then provided details of the Parish Council's overall financial position, including future expenditure.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council agrees to a precept in the sum of £8,700 for the financial year 2025/26.

Planning Matters

Mr Ian Galloway updated the Parish Council on the resubmitted planning application for a solar farm in Burnhope and the case he was currently building to oppose this development. This latest application was likely to be presented to the Planning Committee on the 10th January, 2025. He invited the Parish Council to take part in the hearing. Cllrs Sarah McCormick and Derek Coates to attend the Action Group meetings and also the Planning Committee meeting.

Correspondence

The Clerk reported on the following items of correspondence:

- CDALC – Royal Garden Party – Opportunity to enter a ballot for two people to attend the Royal Garden Party in 2025.
- CDALC – Electoral costs May 2025
- DCC Town & Parish Precepts Team – Precept Request Form
- Little Treasures Autism Charity – request for funding for sessions held in Burnhope Community Centre – **agreed** £300.
- Cindy Brockington, Banner Group – The Forgotten Gala : Burnhope 1926

