



BURNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

Our ref: PDH/SG
Ask for: Peter Hughes
Date: 24th October, 2017

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 School on **Thursday, 2nd November, 2017**, 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 5th October, 2017.

6. **FINANCE REPORT**
7. **PLANNING MATTERS**
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Minutes of a meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held in Burnhope School on Thursday, 5th October 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

Present

Councillor J. Box, Vice-Chair in the Chair

Councillors H. Barron, K. Barron, F. Dawson, A. Gibson, B. Henderson, P. Luther, I. McKeag and T. Metcalf.

In Attendance

County Councillor O. Johnson, PC I. Nelson and PCSO L. Cullen-Jackson.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D. Coates, G. Smith and County Councillor J. Considine.

Police Report

PC Nelson advised that there had been 20 calls to the Police during the last month.

- Two calls related to the theft of copper pipe etc. from a house undergoing repair.
- Speed cameras had been deployed in Holmside twice during the last month.
- Horses tethered on the Greenwood Avenue site – reported to Durham County Council Neighbourhood Wardens.
- Only one camera working on Holmside Lane – no funds to arrange repair. The second camera is, therefore, obsolete.

Partnership Report

- All allotments are now occupied.
- Still trying to secure grants for Rose Garden.

Community Centre Report

- Signature of the legal documents delayed at the Land Registry.
- Grants have been applied for to cover the funding shortfall for the Centre of £15,000.

Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th September, 2017 be approved as a correct record.

Finance Report

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

Detail	Amount
	£
T. Kernahan – Web Hosting and preparation	116.90
P. D. Hughes – Salary June to September 2017	360.00
HMRC – Clerk's Tax	90.00
J. Harron – Payroll preparation April to June 2017	16.00
A. Gibson – Winter Bedding Plants	30.00
Total	612.90

Correspondence

The Clerk reported upon the following correspondence: -

- CDALC – General Data Protection Regulation Training.
- Mid Durham AAP – “Heads Up” newsletter – Publishers to be asked to include reference to Christmas Lights “Switch “on” on 12th December 2017 at 6:00 pm.
- CDALC – Budget preparation 2018/2019.
- Small Parishes – request for details of “Fly-tipping Hotspots” – Details already supplied for Burnhope.
- Durham Miners’ Association – re seats in “Pitmen’s’ Parliament” – Agreed in principle subject to the receipt of further information relating to the Heritage Lottery Fund application to restore the Miners’ Hall at Redhills, Durham City.
- Mid Durham AAP –Re speeding, parking and congestion – Road Safety etc. Agreed to advise re speeding on Langley Lane near the crossroads. After a vote it was agreed to recommend the extension of the 40mph limit to the north of the picnic area.
- Mid Durham AAP – Dementia Action Alliance Coordinator. Agree in principle and await further information regarding funding. The Parish Council had previously agreed to be “Dementia Friendly”.
- Mid Durham AAP – Environmental Issues – Possible appointment of Handyman. Agreed not to proceed on financial grounds.
- Mid Durham AAP – “Your Village-Your Voice 2017/2020” – Members examined the document in detail and commented / updated on the following: -
 - i. The owner of the triangular area of land next to the War Memorial has started improvement works.
 - ii. Wasteland at approach to village untidy. Unable to comment because land not identified.
 - iii. More housing needed. Advised of ongoing issues regarding possible housing on Greenwood Avenue.
 - iv. Football pitch near old club – Durham County Council will not maintain.
 - v. Methodist Church – Possible closure. This is a very real threat. Membership levels have fallen below the agreed threshold. There is a need to recruit more members urgently. Prospective members must live in the village.

War Memorial

It was hoped that the sundial in the Memorial Garden would be restored. Some minor works are still required to complete the renovation project. The Re-dedication Service will take place at 2:00pm on Friday 10th November 2017.

County Councillor Johnson congratulated all involved with the War Memorial Group on their long journey and the tenacity of everyone involved in bringing this scheme to fruition. The War Memorial will be an everlasting tribute to those involved.

Details of next meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Burnhope Parish Council will be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 2nd November 2017 at Burnhope School.