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Our ref: PDH/SG  
Ask for: Peter Hughes  
Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is invited at the virtual meeting of **BURNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL** for consideration of the undernoted agenda. The meeting will be held via Zoom at 6.00 p.m. on **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020**. (NB please join the meeting by 5.50 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020.
6. FINANCE REPORT
7. PLANNING MATTERS
8. CORRESPONDENCE

Minutes of a Remote (Zoom) meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor D. Coates (Chair)

Councillors J. Box, A. Gibson, B. Henderson, P. Luther I. McKeag and T. Metcalf.

In attendance:

County Councillors J. Considine and O. Johnson.

Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors H. Barron, K. Barron, F. Dawson and G. Smith.

Langley Lane / Burnhope Crossroads

The Chair detailed a proposed road safety improvement scheme put forward by Durham County Council in relation to Road C10 Langley Lane / Burnhope Crossroads.

The proposal included the following:-

- Proposed buff anti-skid surfacing to be extended and renewed.
- Vegetation to be trimmed to improve visibility.
- Proposed flag direction signs to be installed to be in drivers' eyeline.
- Speed limit to be raised from 30 mph to 40 mph.

Considerable discussion of the proposals ensued, with some members expressing real concern at the proposal to increase the speed limit.

It was pointed out that several residents are totally opposed to the increased speed limit. In this connection a petition had been submitted to the County Council.

Whilst Members, generally, supported the scheme which it was felt would improve road safety, they were totally opposed to the proposed increase in the speed limit.

Following a vote it was **RESOLVED** that Burnhope Parish Council rejects the scheme on the grounds of the proposal to increase the speed limit from 30 mph to 40 mph.

Partnership Report

Councillor Henderson reported that the allotments were doing well.

### Community Centre Report

Councillor Box informed the meeting that the Community Centre had now re-opened with various groups slowly coming back.

Interviews would soon be held for the post of Community Centre Coordinator.

### Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020 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
	£
T. Kernahan – Web duties	46.10
Truly Empowered Ltd. – Web Compliance	720.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>766.10</b>

### Planning Matters

The Clerk reported on the following Planning Applications received by Durham County Council:

20/1427 - The Granary, Green Lane, Holmside – Conversion and extension of existing hay loft and void over garage to Games Room – No objection

20/2158 30 - Pavilion Terrace, Burnhope – Prior Notification. Change of use of the Post Office to house – No objection.

### Correspondence

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

- Quality Solicitors – Grant of Easement – Water pipeline, Briarhill, Burnhope.
- Pennine Forestry – Langley Forest – New Management Plan and Felling Programme.
- Durham County Council 2021/2022 Budget Planning and LCTRS Grant.

### Public Footpaths

The Clerk to contact Durham County Council regarding the following public footpaths:-

- Footpath 17 – Overgrown.
- Footpath 40 to 38 north of War Memorial. Condition extremely poor for walkers. This is due to damage caused by Quad Bikes / horses.

### Date of next meeting

The next Remote (Zoom) meeting of Burnhope Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 6:00 p.m.