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## Coxhoe Parish Council

<b>Meeting</b>	Monthly
<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2009
<b>Time</b>	6.45pm
<b>Venue</b>	Lansdowne House, Coxhoe

### **Minutes of the proceedings of the monthly Coxhoe Parish Council meeting held at 6.45pm in Lansdowne House, Lansdowne Road, Coxhoe, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

**Present:** Councillor P. Dodsworth (in the Chair) and

**Councillors:** S. Dunn, B. Hepplewhite, R. Mayo, K. Pounder, D. Smith, J. Taylor and Mrs.C.Wigham.

**Clerk:** Mrs. M. Forster

**Also Present:** County Councillor Mrs. M. Plews (part of meeting).

**09.143 Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T. Rowe and C.Thirlaway and from Mark Ogilvie.

**09.144 Members' Declarations of Interest:** Councillor D. Smith declared an interest in Sanderson Street (and withdrew from the meeting prior to consideration of that item). Councillor S. Dunn declared an interest in the Planning Application by Tarmac for Cold Knuckles Quarry. Councillor K. Pounder declared an interest in Planning Application 711 at Jirah, Belle Vue.

**09.145 Questions from the Public:** There were no members of the public present.

**09.146 Police Report:** The Chair commented that the reports since the last meeting showed an increase in crime, particularly on a weekend. Neil Wilkinson introduced a new colleague and advised that they would both be working in Coxhoe day and night for the foreseeable future and other actions were pending to combat the upsurge. Members reported incidents of anti-social behaviour around the entrance to the leisure centre. It was hoped that the introduction of CCTV in this area would stop this and two teenagers had been charged with offences. Members reported incidents of underage drinking and of over 18's purchasing alcohol for consumption by underage youths. The Police advised that they would monitor this and approach the shopkeepers. A PACT meeting was to be held in Coxhoe shortly, a Police Consultative meeting was to be held in Hett on 21<sup>st</sup> October, and Neil would ask Mark Ogilvie to chase up whether the County Council could provide covert cameras for use in Coxhoe. County Councillor Mrs. M. Plews entered the meeting. The Clerk gave details of Mark Ogilvie's apologies for absence for this meeting and his response to the incidents she had reported from the last meeting and of two burglaries that had occurred during the day over the last couple of weeks. Neil added that CCTV coverage was being checked in this connection. The Police representatives left the meeting.

**Resolved** That the Police Reports from 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009 be noted and displayed on the notice boards.

**09.147 Minutes of Monthly Meeting** held 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009:

**Resolved** That the minutes of the last monthly meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009 be approved and signed as a true record.

**09.148 Matters of information:**

09.148.1 **Double Taxation** – The further information requested on areas where it was considered that double taxation occurred had been sent to the County Durham Association of Local Councils within the tight timescale set.

**Resolved** That progress be reported to the Parish Council as it was advised.

- 09.148.2 **Speed Visors** – At the last meeting Members had advised that there was no reason that the Quarrington Hill speed visors could not become operational and asked that the Clerk email the Acting Head of Highways and the North Area Road Safety Advisor at the County Council accordingly and state that the Parish Council remained concerned at the location of the Coxhoe unit and the time taken for installation. On checking the files, however, it appeared that there was an outstanding issue at Quarrington Hill that required checks to be made of the County Council that planning constraints had been checked out and to respond to a resident who had raised concerns. A Councillor had requested that a site visit be held to bring the Coxhoe issue to a conclusion. A Member added that power had been installed at the visor near the Fish Shop in Coxhoe so that must be ready for installation. **Resolved** That the Clerk email the County Council to request: i) that the visors at Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill where there were no outstanding issues be connected; (ii) that the County Council confirm that all potential issues including any planning constraints had been checked and there were no outstanding issues in connection with the second pole at Quarrington Hill; and (iii) that a site visit be held at the second site in Coxhoe involving two Parish Councillors (including Councillor Pounder who had attended the original site visits), the Parish Clerk, County Councillor Morgan and appropriate County Council officers, to resolve any outstanding matters in connection with the siting of the second pole.
- 09.148.3 **Photocopying and Printing of Coxhoe Chronicle and Quarrington Hill Newsletter** – Some responses were still awaited from companies who had been contacted to provide estimates for the printing of newsletters. These would be chased up in order that the “like for like” comparison exercise may be undertaken. A Member commented that the time taken to monitor the printing of newsletters was a factor if this was to be provided in-house. **Resolved** That further quotes be obtained (including one from Coronation Press and the one being sought by the Chairman of the Parish Council) and all quotes be analysed and reported to a future meeting of the Parish Council in order that a decision may be made on the most cost effective and practical way of providing these services.
- 09.148.4 **Clocks Remedial Work** – Information had been requested regarding the alternative service provider to enable a comparison to be undertaken. The Clerk would chase progress on this matter or carry out further research if the information was not received shortly. **Resolved** That further information be submitted to the Parish Council as it was received.
- 09.148.5 **Sanderson Street** – The Clerk had updated residents of progress made and advised the contractor of the area of land referred to as not being cut in the churchyard behind Sanderson Street. He had advised that the area was boggy, edges were left to the end of the season when the rest of the work slowed, and that he would cut this at his next visit. **Resolved** That the information be noted.
- 09.148.6 **Parson’s Walk** – A Member commented that nettles were large again. County Councillor Mrs. Plews advised that she had reported this area previously, would monitor it and raise it with the appropriate County Council Director if there continued to be a problem. **Resolved** That County Councillor Mrs. Plews ensure appropriate action was taken in this area.
- 09.148.7 **Parking at The Avenue** – Progress had been chased with the North Area Road Safety Advisor at the County Council and updates provided to the two residents who had raised this matter and the Police who had advised that they were monitoring this and bollards would greatly help. One resident had requested details to contact the County Council Officer to raise why they had discounted lining and road markings as the Police had said this would make their role easier. The other resident had asked about the exact positioning of the bollards as if they were either side of the entrance to Roslyn Mews this

would not assist her and vehicles could still block access to her home. The estimate had been received for the provision of three steel bollards in the footway at a total price of £760.46, inclusive of installation, to be split between the Parish Council and the County Councillors. The Chair explained the positioning of the bollards which would make it a lot more difficult to park in places that would cause obstructions. The County Council would not put hatching on footpaths and there was already a "Keep Clear" there. A Member added that there would still be access for prams and wheelchairs. Members agreed that any further requests for bollards would be discussed individually on their merits and that the County Council should be asked to replace those damaged in the Front Street and Cornforth Lane.

**Resolved** (i) That the Clerk be authorised to advise the County Council to proceed with the installation of the bollards at The Avenue, with the cost to be split between the Parish Council and the County Councillors, and update the two residents accordingly; (ii) That County Councillor Mrs. Plews ask the County Council to reinstate bollards that had been damaged at the Front Street, the Post Office and Cornforth Lane.

09.148.8 **Other Matters of Information – Update** – The Clerk had advised **CDALC** that the Parish Council were happy to re-nominate the existing postholders to the **Executive Committee**. She had enrolled on the **CILCA Mentoring Course** and the first session would be held 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009; had attended the **PAYE training** and made arrangements to attend further sessions; received notification that the **VAT training** was oversubscribed but she would be advised of further events; and had written the letter of support to the Leader of the County Council for the **City of Culture Bid**, as well as a similar letter following a further request from the County Council's Assistant Chief Executive's Office. A letter of thanks from Butterwick House Children's Hospice for the donation of £50 from the Parish Council was circulated. In view of the short timescale since the last meeting and the large workload, areas that had not yet been actioned were the **reports about the footpaths**, the links to be arranged for **Walking in Durham** and the GP Surgery, the meeting in connection with the **Street Furniture**, and the letters to the **Quarrington Hill allotment** holders in connection with fires.

**Resolved** (i) That the information be noted; (ii) the Clerk thank the resident of Wylam Terrace for her letter and compliments in connection with the footpaths and raise the concerns with Durham County and Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Councils; (iii) report the safety hazard at the footpath outside the Workingmen's Club to the County Council's environmental health section; (iv) pass details of the Council's website manager and of the editor of the Coxhoe Chronicle in order that the appropriate links and articles could be produced for the Walking in Durham website; (v) contact Coxhoe GP Surgery to try to get a link on the Council's website for the Surgery; (vi) arrange a Special Joint meeting involving Coxhoe Parish Council and Coxhoe Community Partnership to discuss the positioning and any necessary replacement of various street furniture in the Front Street (including notice boards and sign posts), with Durham County Council's Lighting Engineer being invited to the first part of the meeting to discuss the future plans for street lighting, so that the Partnership may apply for a grant; and (vii) remind all Quarrington Hill allotment holders in writing that fires are not permitted and of the potential fines, having checked the amounts with the Neighbourhood Warden.

**09.149 Minutes of Special Meeting** held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009: The recommendations were for approval in view of the number of Members in attendance at the meeting. Information provided by Premier Waste was circulated. Members agreed that there was no need to comment to the County Council on the Tarmac application for Cold Knuckles Quarry (**NOTE: Councillor Dunn had declared an interest** in this item). A Member advised that there was to be a tour of the joint stocks site on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009 if anyone wished to attend.

**Resolved** (i) That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 be approved and signed as a true record; (ii) That the Council not provide any comments on the Tarmac application

for Cold Knuckles Quarry; (iii) That Councillors Pounder and Mayo be appointed as the Council's representatives on the Premier Waste Liaison Group and any ideas for restoration of the Waste Disposal Site be passed to them; (iv) That Premier Waste be thanked formally for their attendance at the meeting and be asked to undertake research into other reclamation projects that had been undertaken across the country in order that such ideas could be discussed.

**09.150 Public Meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009:** Representatives of the Primary Care Trust had attended a meeting in the Village Hall to update residents on the plans for a Medical Centre in Coxhoe. Roberta Blackman-Woods, M.P., and County Councillor Mrs. Plews had attended part of the meeting but had to leave to attend another meeting. The Vice-Chair of the Parish Council had updated the M.P. at her request and asked for her suggestions on how to proceed. The PCT representative had initially said that the G.P. Surgery had to lead the process, carry out more consultation (with other providers to see which services wanted to be part of the new centre, and with patients who were not in the Coxhoe Parish) and put together a full business case; but had then said that it was now down to him to move things forward to a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November and that there was nothing more the community could do. Coxhoe was one of twenty projects being considered but was in a good position due to the infrastructure. A letter had been received from a resident asking if the Parish Council could find out at what stage the Doctors were with the plans and where the other two proposed sites were (the PCT had advised that there were three including the green area in the Masterplan). Members discussed where other potential sites may be and difficulties regarding such possible sites. They commented that lots of consultation had been undertaken, community support had been proven for a new practice and for it to be on the green, and the Parish Council needed to do everything possible to move progress on this matter.

**Resolved** That a meeting be sought involving representatives of the Parish Council, Coxhoe G.P. Surgery and Darlington PCT and that the M.P. be updated in this regard.

**09.151 Lighting to Rear of St. Mary's Church** – The Council had previously agreed to arrange a site meeting with the Church Warden and Durham County Council Lighting Section to decide the locations for the lamps to the rear of the Church and to provide instructions for their installation by the County Council, based on advice as to location from the County Lighting Engineer. The Chairman had offered to investigate the possibility of the work being carried out at a lesser cost and report the results to the Parish Council. The locations had been agreed as the previous locations but moving one from the side to the corner of the building. The Chair needed details of the type of light fitting.

**Resolved** That Councillor Mrs. Hepplewhite provide details of the fittings to the Chair in order that he could investigate alternative costings prior to the meeting being arranged with the Church.

**09.152 Quarrington Hill Cemetery** – It had previously been agreed that the Chairman facilitate a meeting with the Diocese, complainant, Friends of St. Pauls Churchyard, Durham County Council, Coxhoe Parish Council and the Church Parish Council. The Chair had advised that it had not been possible to find a date suitable for all parties. Details were provided of further correspondence from the complainant. The letters clarifying that it was the Parochial Church Council rather than the Parish Council who was responsible for the churchyard would have been superseded by the meeting but the Chair advised that he had found when trying to set this up that there had in fact been a full scale meeting not so long ago. The Parish Council had not been advised of the publication date for the latest edition of the Quarrington Hill newsletter but the article that had been placed in the Coxhoe Chronicle clarifying that responsibility for churchyards was with the Parochial Church Councils would be placed in the next edition. Members considered that that was the only necessary action now as much time and resource had been spent on this matter which was not the Parish Council's remit and they had done everything they could. They clarified that the purpose of both newsletters was to relay positive news from the Parish Council and community groups to let residents know what was happening in the Parish and the final say for articles to be included should be with the Parish Council.

**Resolved** That the Clerk ensure that the article clarifying that the Parochial Church Council has responsibility for the churchyards be placed in the next edition of the Quarrington Hill Village newsletter.

**09.153 Correspondence:**

**09.153.1 Durham County Council (DCC):**

**(A) EDRC AAP Local Councils Committee** – The minutes of the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 had been circulated, together with the AAP Board structure and Working Group memberships requested at the meeting and the draft agenda for the meeting to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November at Trimdon Station Community Centre.

**Resolved** That the information be noted.

**(B) 28m of Fencing Outside Tip** – Members had asked at the last meeting for Durham County Council to be contacted if the second part of the fencing repairs had not been undertaken by the end of September 2009. The Clerk had requested an update and Joe Brain from the County Council was to provide a completion date from the contractor. She had reported the lighting not working on the access road to the tip and a Member advised that this had been rectified.

**Resolved** That the information be noted and the completion date for the fencing repairs be chased with the County Council.

**(C) Bus Information Strategy 2006-2011 Consultation Draft** – had been circulated, with comments requested prior to the meeting so that they could be provided to the County Council by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009. No comments had been received. County Councillor Mrs. Plews had requested that Simon Day from the County Council call a public meeting to try to get better public transport in the area and she would chase progress on this matter with the Regeneration Director at the County Council. A Member added that a bus service from Coxhoe to Spennymoor would be a huge benefit, particularly for school children.

**Resolved** That the information be noted.

**09.153.2 County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC):**

**(D) Durham Police Community Consultative Meeting** – would be held at Hett Village on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

**Resolved** That the information be noted.

**(E) Electoral Review in County Durham – Stage 3** – The report on the Boundary Committee's Review of Electoral Wards for County Durham had included a recommendation for three County Councillors for the Coxhoe division which would include Bowburn and Cornforth. Comments provided by December 7<sup>th</sup> would be looked at prior to a final recommendation expected in Spring 2010. Members discussed the additional workload that may be produced by the variation resulting in additional percentage of voters for the area; the aspirations of Cornforth; Members' views of where communities lay; and how other variations around Bowburn and Cornforth would affect representation and the aspirations of the communities. Motions to support Cornforth being aligned in accordance with their aspirations (with Shadforth being in the Coxhoe division); Cornforth being where they wanted and Bowburn being with Coxhoe; and Cornforth being aligned as at present and the remainder as set out; and for the status quo; all fell.

**Resolved** That as Members had varying views on this, no collective comments be put forward at the present time; that Members could comment on the proposals as individuals and the Council could discuss this further at the next meeting if anyone wanted the Council to put forward a collective view.

- (F) County Training Partnership Update September 2009** – Details of free planning training sessions available for up to three representatives from each Parish Council had been circulated. The date for the Durham session coincided with the next Council meeting. **Resolved** That Councillor Smith and the Clerk attend one of the sessions to be held at nearby Council offices.
- (G) "It Takes All Sorts"** - Details of a booklet launched at the NALC national conference had been provided and one copy was available for circulation. It clarified the duties of Local Councils and gave examples of Councillors' backgrounds. **Resolved** That the information be noted.
- (H) Overflow Participatory Budgeting Event** - The previous event held at County Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> September had been attended by Councillors Pounder and Smith and the Clerk. A second overflow event was to be held in Ferryhill on 21<sup>st</sup> October. The Clerk would make arrangements for attendance by anyone interested. **Resolved** That the information be noted.
- (I) NALC's Local Council Awards 2009** – Information had been circulated advising that nominations were required by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009. **Resolved** That the information be noted.
- (J) NALC E-Bulletin Briefing** – had been circulated. **Resolved** That the information be noted.
- (K) Pay Settlement 2009/10** – The national negotiations had concluded and agreement had been reached that resulted in a 1% increase for the Clerk backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. It was commented that whilst the increase was small, it was better than some organisations would be able to provide in the current economic climate. **Resolved** That the information be noted and the backdated increase be paid.
- (L) Local Councils Charter – Consultation Document** – had been circulated. The document included what Councils should expect of each other e.g. response times; sounded positive about exploration of devolved service delivery and finance following function and about the production of a handbook of advice and support for Local Councils; and contained a handy set of contact numbers. The Local Council Clerks Network were pushing to have more information available for licensing and any progress on this would be reported to Members. **Resolved** That the latest version of the Local Councils Charter be noted.

**09.154 Remembrance Day Poppy Wreaths:** Members discussed arrangements for 2009.

**Resolved** That the Clerk ensure that poppy wreaths were being ordered by Mary Egglestone for Coxhoe Village Hall and Clive Lawson for Quarrington Hill Community Centre; that authority be granted as in previous years for this expenditure to be recharged to the Parish Council as Section 137 donations; and that an item be placed on the agenda for the October meeting for discussion as to Parish Council representatives available to lay the wreaths at the Remembrance Day Services.

**09.155 Coxhoe Community Partnership:** Invitations to the opening event for the Village Hall Memorial Garden and Entrance on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009 had been sent to all Parish Councillors. Members commended the function and asked that the Parish Council's appreciation be recorded in the minutes, including that the Partnership had delivered part of the Parish Plan in carrying out this important work. Members complimented Tudhoe Grange School Band's performance and a Member stated that it would be good to have an annual concert at the Village Hall with school bands and dance class performances. The work to the Garden could mean that Christmas lights may be able to be connected. A Member of the Partnership advised that they would ascertain whether there were

sufficient funds remaining for the electric supply and the purchase of Christmas lights, and would investigate the practicalities of disconnecting the Memorial Garden lights and connecting Christmas lights. The Partnership was meeting with the County Council Lighting Section the following day to discuss a connection to the street lighting. Other areas raised, including planters, could be discussed at the joint meeting to be arranged between the Parish Council and the Partnership.

The Projects Update for September 2009 had been circulated. A Member gave details of improvements being made to cycle routes and footpaths in the area under Stage 2 of the Cycle Routes project and advised that it was hoped to secure funding shortly for Stage 3. It was requested that maps of the routes be placed in the notice boards in both villages. Funding for internal doors at the Village Hall may be applied for once the costs were known. "Young people" was often a topic of discussion at the Partnership meetings. It was considered that a Youth Council would be a good idea and this was being pushed for at the AAP Working Group, as was working in partnership with the Leisure Centre.

**Resolved** (i) That the information be noted; (ii) the practicalities with regard to the provision of Christmas lights at the Village Hall / Memorial Garden be investigated and (iii) the Partnership member provide a map of the Cycle Routes for display in the notice boards.

**09.156 Quarrington Hill Village Partnership:** The agenda for 30<sup>th</sup> September had been circulated. This included an item for discussion on the Parish Council's request that meetings be held on separate nights in order that all appropriate parties may attend meetings of both organisations. The Clerk had not been advised of the publication date for the Quarrington Hill Village newsletter and would ensure that the Parish Council article was included in the next issue. Members discussed the running of the Partnership and concluded that the operations of the Partnerships in both villages were matters for the Partnerships, not the Parish Council. The Parish Council needed to remain impartial and not become involved in Partnership business.

**Resolved** That the information be noted and the Parish Council remain impartial with regard to the business of the two Partnerships in the Parish area and not become involved in their running.

**09.157 Crowtrees Heritage Group:** No correspondence had been received since the last meeting.

**Resolved** That the information be noted.

**09.158 Allotments – Coxhoe – request for keeping of bees:** The Secretary to the Willow Cottages Allotment Association was asking for the Council's position regarding the keeping of bees on his allotment plot. (**NOTE:** Councillor Dunn **declared a non-prejudicial interest** as he worked for the same organisation as the applicant.) The Secretary wished to put one or two hives on his plot and had advised that he would become a Member of the National Beekeepers Association, would have public liability insurance cover relating to the bees, and that his site was away from anyone else and from the public route. The lease with the Association stated that nothing should be done on the allotment areas which might be or become a nuisance or unreasonable annoyance to the owners and occupiers of adjoining or neighbouring land or allotment tenants. General provisions allowed the keeping of bees on allotment gardens provided the allotments were occupied mainly for cultivation and had the prior consent of the Council. The Allotments and Services Development Officer at the County Council had previously stated that the Parish Council could put restrictions in agreements on the keeping of animals other than hens or rabbits or allow limited numbers. Members discussed the request, including that there were few residents nearby and that there was a national shortage of bees.

**Resolved** That the Secretary to the Association be advised that the Council will allow him to keep a maximum of two bee hives on his allotment plot, subject to him carrying out consultation with the other plot holders, the nearby farmer and resident, and their having no objection; and to him becoming a Member of the National Beekeepers Association and having public liability insurance cover in relation to the bees; and to the keeping of the bees not becoming a nuisance or unreasonable annoyance to owners and occupiers of adjoining or neighbouring land or allotment tenants in the future.

**09.159 Allotments – Quarrington Hill – request for assistance with fencing:** A lessee of two plots at Quarrington Hill had enquired into the possibility of the Council providing fencing at the site. He had provided costs previously and advised that the holders would install the fencing if the Parish Council would purchase the materials. Members advised that the rents were very low to reflect the condition of the site and that the intention was to have the land (currently leased from the County Council) transferred into the ownership of the Parish Council and then encourage the allotment holders to form an Association in order that they could take day-to-day responsibility for the allotments as at Willow Cottages and be eligible to apply for grants to improve the allotments.

**Resolved** That the allotment holder be advised of the current situation.

**09.160 Web Statistics:** had been circulated for the period 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

**Resolved** That the information be noted.

**09.161 Finance:**

09.161.1 **Budget Update:** A full reconciliation had been carried out during the month. A summary was circulated detailing the balance at the beginning of the year, all income and expenditure during the year, and how (with the unrepresented income and expenditure to date reconciled) this equated with the latest bank statement figures. Budget figures for the year were to be confirmed in order that figures may be provided for income and expenditure against budget for the six month period. A VAT return would be submitted for the expenditure to date. Members commented that the statement was easily understood and that the summary sheet would be useful every month.

**Resolved** That the information be noted and further details be provided as available, with a summary sheet submitted to Members monthly.

09.161.2 **Accounts for payment** – Details of financial payments required for the month had been circulated, together with the month end bank balances figure after the expenditure. The Clerk was currently working approximately twice the hours set by the job advertisement and would continue to record additional hours worked above the 75 per month currently being claimed, with the position to be reviewed in a couple of months. Members commented that the Parish Council was proactive, there were a lot of ongoing and outstanding major projects, and they were happy that the Clerk prioritise all actions in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and that the situation be reviewed, with additional hours being paid after a couple of months if the workload did not decrease.

**Resolved** (i) That all payments presented be signed and paid;

<b>Creditor</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>£</b>
TP Gardens	Grass cutting services	420.00
Northumbrian Water	Water to Quarrington Hill Allotments	78.43
Total Business Group	Copier Contract	41.40
Durham City District CVS	Printing of newsletters – Coxhoe and QH	405.00
3 Mobile	Broadband August & Mobile May to August	93.90
M. Forster	Clerk Salary & postage	
Post Office Ltd.	HMRC – NI & Tax Contributions	
Thinford Nurseries	Hanging Baskets and Planters – June/Aug	4644.97

(ii) That the Clerk continue to record hours worked additional to the 75 per month currently being claimed and the situation be reviewed with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman after a couple of months.

**09.162 Planning Applications:** Details had been circulated of planning applications that had been determined under delegated authority from 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009. At the last meeting a Member had raised a query relating to application 392 for 2 dwellings at Garden Terrace. The Clerk had checked with the County Council and this application had been refused. The County's delegated list would be amended to accord. Details had also been circulated of planning applications notified by

Durham County Council since the last meeting. **Councillor K. Pounder declared an interest** in application 711 for Two Storey Pitched Roof Extension at Jirah, Belle Vue. The comments made at the last meeting in connection with planning gain had been passed to the Planning Officer dealing with application 592 Reserved Matters for 80 Residential Dwellings at Coxhoe Industrial Estate for Hellens Development Ltd. This had included that the Parish Council had hoped that railway crossing gates could have been introduced as a result and they considered that there was a gap between assurances given by the developer's agent and the reserved matters application. The Clerk had also raised information provided after the meeting that planning gain should have included work for the Cycle Routes and the widening of part of the footpath on the quarry road. The Planning Officer had advised that the drawings were being amended to accommodate provision of the cycle path requirement and that it was the applicant's intention to honour the Basic Cottages access road improvements and the timescale for commencement of that was under discussion. He was passing further information provided on the crossing gates to Gavin Cordwell-Smith for consideration and had advised that that was the sort of thing that could form part of the percentage of art provision which was one of the conditions of the outline planning consent. On the street naming, names provided by the History Group would be passed to the County Councillors. Phillipa Armstrong, the appropriate County Council Officer, had emailed the County Councillors to say that local history was always taken into account as far as possible when naming streets.

**Resolved** (i) That the information on delegated authority decisions and the decision on application 392 Garden Terrace be noted;

(ii) That the information on planning applications 679 – land west of Beech House and 711 – Jirah, Belle Vue be noted;

(iii) That names provided by the History Group be passed to the County Councillors to take up the request for the previous street names from Coxhoe to be utilised for planning application 592 Hellens Development with Phillipa Armstrong and further information be reported on this application as it was received.

**09.163 Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 6.45 p.m. in Landsdowne House.  
(Councillor Mrs. Hepplewhite submitted her apologies due to holidays).

**09.164 Exempt Information – Resolution to Exclude the Press and Public:**

**Resolved** That in view of the confidential nature of the following items, the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act, 1960.

County Councillor Mrs. M. Plews left the meeting.

**09.165 Co-op and Village Hall Car Parks**

**09.166 St. Mary's Churchyard**

**09.167 Sanderson Street: NOTE:** Councillor D. Smith had **declared an interest** in this item and withdrew from the meeting prior to consideration of the item.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

***Signed as a true record of the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009:***

**Cllr. P. Dodsworth (Chairman)**

**Mrs. M. Forster (Clerk)**

**Cllr. S. Dunn (Vice Chairman)**