

# Coxhoe Parish Council

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<b>Meeting</b>	Monthly		
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2008	<b>Time</b>	6.45pm
<b>Venue</b>	Coxhoe Village Hall		

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Minutes of the proceedings of the monthly council meeting held at 6.45pm in the Village Hall, Coxhoe on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

- Present** **Chairman** Cllr. Paul Dodsworth, and  
**Cllrs.** Stuart Dunn, Colin Thirlaway, Keith Pounder, George Shotton, Ron Mayo & Tony Rowe. Barbara Hepplewhite (joined as indicated \*)  
Also County Cllr. Denis Morgan. City & County Cllr. Maria Plews (joined as indicated, together with Cllr Maggie Robinson of Park Hill))  
**Clerk** Mrs. M. Robinson
- 08.138** **Apologies:** Cllrs. Jimmy Taylor, Dennis Smith, Carole Wigham  
**08.139** A request had been made to include School Admissions Programme Consultation on the November Council agenda on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, which had been overlooked during the preparation of the agenda. This was notified in advance and was agreed to be added to the agenda at the start of the meeting.
- 08.140** **Members Declaration of Interests**  
Cllr. P. Dodsworth – Item 11.2 Application from Coxhoe Homing Pigeon group.
- 08.141** **Minutes of meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> September** – were signed following amendments from last meeting.
- 08.142** **Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> October** - were agreed as a true record and duly signed.
- 08.143** **Matters of information** - updated information sheet provided by the clerk.
- 08.144** **Questions from the Public** - There were no members of the public present.
- 08.145** **Correspondence**  
**Durham County Council correspondence -**  
08.145.1 New Road opening – letter received.  
08.145.2 Winter salting routes – letter received.  
08.145.3 Environmental Improvement Scheme – letter received – to forward to the Village Hall Committee.  
08.145.4 AAP consultation event 20<sup>th</sup> November – **Resolved** that those councillors interested to attend the meeting. Also, to continue to support an East Durham Rural AAP option in the hope that this approach will prove to be more responsive to the needs of those communities in a similar geographical area with similar interests as opposed to being overwhelmed by larger conurbations.  
08.145.5 Urban Renaissance Stakeholder Event 18<sup>th</sup> November. No one available to attend.  
**Durham City Council correspondence**  
08.145.6 Planning – Hellens Development granted – letter received.  
08.145.7 Complaint against a member – letter received.  
**County Durham Association Local Councils correspondence**  
08.145.8 Communities in Local Government –  
a. Parish elections not to be held in 2009, but current office continue until 2013 – letter received.  
b. Consultation on Code of Conduct to be returned by 24<sup>th</sup> December. Resolved clerk to provide a summary to members for December meeting.  
08.145.9 JNC pay scales – pay scale negotiations at arbitration. Interim payment agreed for some scales. **Resolved** to await notification of appropriate pay scale and outcome of arbitration.  
**Other correspondence**  
08.145.10 Standards Board Bulletins 39 & 40 – circulated to members.

- 08.145.11 Quarrington Hill PCC response to letter received. **Resolved** to provide the information received, as requested, to a member of the public.
- 08.145.12 Hippitots Children's World – public footpath complaint – **Resolved** that the clerk investigates and addresses the overgrown footpath and that a request is made for a dog bin in the vicinity with a request for dog warden patrols.
- 08.145.13 Email from B Hepplewhite seeking
  - a. Preference for seat design in the memorial garden as discussed at the October meeting. Polished concrete design confirmed.
  - b. Positions for notice boards & finger pointing signs to encourage walking as discussed at the October meeting. Suggested positions agreed, with the suggestion that an additional sign be included close to the workmen's Club.
  - c. Support for DCC tree planting to compliment that of the Coxhoe Partnership in front of Wesley Place. **Resolved** to support this.
- 08.145.14 Valuing People LINK newsletter – information received.
- 08.145.15 Mineral Valleys Project & newsletter – information received.
- 08.145.16 NHS Seizing the Future Event 18<sup>th</sup> November – Resolved to provide a written response supporting the full maintenance of A & E services at Bishop Auckland Hospital.
- 08.145.17 Northeast Surveyors – Agenda item under exempt information

- 08.146 **Police Report** – (Cllr. Maria Plews & Maggie Robinson - councillor for Park Hill - joined here)
- a. PCSO Neil Wilkinson presented a written report advised members of incidents and action taken.
  - b. Training for head-cam is to be provided at some point in the future.
  - c. A new beat sergeant and an additional staff member are to join the team shortly.
  - d. CCTV and other cameras and related issues discussed. PCSO Williamson confirmed with Colin Williamson that funding for 2 cameras has been put aside, though dealing with technical problems at the moment.
  - e. CCTV issues related to the leisure centre – Manager has applied for an upgrade of the CCTV.
  - f. Concern raised over evening cover. (See below)
  - g. Drivers continue to ignore the no entry sign at school mini round-about. HGV's also using this route. This is being monitored and enforcement action taken. Penalties are 3 license points and £60.

**Resolved –**

1. To write requesting an increase in evening cover, also for concentrated efforts to reduce anti-social behaviour incidents.
2. To write an article for the Chronicle.

**08.147 Reports**

- 08.147.1 CDALC AGM** – National Association Local Councils (NALC) increase in membership notified. This together with CDALC membership equates to 5.64 pence per electorate.
- 08.147.2 Coxhoe Willow Cottage Allotments** – Awaiting confirmation of acceptance of lease.
- 08.147.3 Quarrington Hill Allotments** – Site inspection report circulated. Also, plot has been relinquished by tenant.

**Resolved to: -**

- a. Re-let the vacant plot
- b. Await City Council's response to land transfer request.

**08.147.4 Quarrington Hill Speed Visor Site Meeting**

**Resolved to: -**

- a. Receive the report and the recommendations therein.
- b. Confirm cost of speed visors, fitting and periodic resiting of these once in situ.
- c. Pursue ordering of the signs for both Quarrington Hill and Coxhoe.
- d. Seek installation as soon as possible.

- 08.147.5 Traffic Management Meeting** – A 50 – 75% reduction in speeding has been noted since the introduction of traffic calming measures on Front Street. Concerned over Cornforth Lane speeding. Also that the new A688 -

Quarrington Hill from Bowburn up Red Briar Bank has led to an increase of traffic on Quarrington Heights, Church Street / Belle Vue.

**Resolved to: -**

- a. Seek speed measurements on Front Street once works completed.
- b. Seek an urgent review of traffic speed and volume for A688 Red Briar Bank/ Quarrington Heights / Church Street / Belle View area.
- c. Request the cost of a scheme to address these issues for inclusion in budget setting for 2009-10.

**08.148 Coxhoe Community Partnership** – Project update circulated to members. Cllr Hepplewhite advised of the success of the partnership in attracting £60K grant funding for two cycle roots and that there were plans to extend the cycle roots in 2009 – 10. Members congratulated the partnership on its success. The Partnership are also considering a Greenscape Project to develop a master plan for the village greens, improving car parking near the old fish shop using an urban designer / landscape artist to assist. CEDENT are interested in helping, though 10% contribution needed – cost as yet unknown.  
URRI scheme – Parking on new areas a concern – Cllr Plews / John Hepplewhite to approach G. Wingrove / Catherine Grezzo to seek possible solution (bollards maybe). Should planters be the decision, then temporary use of the council ones could be an option, though damage during transfer should be considered, as well as who and how they will be moved.

**08.149 Quarrington Hill Village Partnership** – no report. However, it was noted that a recent request for payment from Thinford Nurseries may be a duplicate as Quarrington Hill's invoice was paid in advance for 2008-09. Clerk to investigate prior to payment of invoice

**08.150 School Admissions Programme Consultation** –  
The consultation period regarding admissions to comprehensive schools is due to close 14<sup>th</sup> November. Concern expressed that local children have to travel to access any comprehensive school education and that transport to this is restricted to one school when two further schools are approximately the same distance from the village. This takes away the element of choice for Coxhoe children. Designated school transport operates for Tudhoe School, but this is the third school of choice for children. Other schools – Sedgfield Community College provide a minibus for students while Durham Johnston operates a catchment area. Members agreed that there should not be designated feeder schools and that all should be treated on an equal basis and given a choice of schools, with transport provided.

**Resolved that** - the council responds to the consultation requesting equity and open freedom of school choice for children and families; That there is a 'no feeder school policy' and that transport to access the school chosen is provided.

**08.151 Planning Applications: -**  
4/08/00920/FPA 4 Pelham Court, Coxhoe – Erection of two storey pitched roof extension to side of existing dwelling and single storey pitched roof extension to rear.

**Resolved** - that there were no objections to the application.

**08.152 Finance -**

- 08.152.1 Budget Update – the clerk presented the updated accounts.
- 08.152.2 Members were reminded of the imminent budget setting process and of the need to highlight any projects they wish to consider in advance of setting the precept.
- 08.152.3 Grants and Donations –
  - a. Coxhoe Homing Society – Resolved that £200 be granted.
  - b. Coxhoe Village Hall – Request for an annual grant received. Resolved that £600 be granted.
  - c. Two further requests received on the day of the meeting. These were retained for a decision at the December meeting

**08.153 Accounts for Payment**

<b>Creditor</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>£</b>
Viking Direct	Stationary	47.10
SLCC	CiLCA registration	150.00
City of Durham Council	Planning application memorial garden	85.00
TP Gardens	Grass maintenance contract	490
Thinford Nursery	Quarrington Hill planting, & maintenance	1621.74
M. Robinson	Clerk Salary	283.04
Coxhoe Village Hall	Annual rent	1,000.00
Coxhoe Village Hall	CAB rent	132.00
Coxhoe Village Hall	Annual Grant	600.00
British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£19
Coxhoe Homing Society	Donation	£200

N.B. Thinford Nurseries - invoice to be checked for a previous advance payment before being issued

Meeting closed at 21.50

**Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 at 6.45pm in Coxhoe Village Hall.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

..... Chairman Paul Dodsworth

..... Clerk Maxine Robinson,

..... Date