



Delivering Quality Services to
Coxhoe & Quarrington Hill

Coxhoe Parish Council

Meeting	Monthly
Date	Wednesday 1st February 2012
Time	6.00 pm
Venue	Lansdowne House, Coxhoe

Minutes of the proceedings of the monthly Coxhoe Parish Council meeting held at 6.00 pm in Lansdowne House, Lansdowne Road, Coxhoe, on Wednesday 1st February 2012.

Present: Councillor S Dunn (in the Chair) and Councillors Mrs B Hepplewhite, Councillor Carole Parkes, Councillors K Pounder, D Smith, T Rowe, R Mayo, J Taylor and G Shotton. **Clerk:** Mr D Vasey. **Apologies:** Councillors C Thirlaway and P Dodsworth. **Also Present:** Carole Walker (RELATE) and County Councillor Mr D Morgan.

11.249 Members declarations of interest: Interests in EDRC AAP, Quarrington Hill Village Hall, Quarrington Hill Village Partnership and CDALC items were declared by Councillor K Pounder, interests in Quarrington Hill Village Partnership were declared by Councillor Carole Parkes and interests in Coxhoe Leisure Centre items were declared by Councillor Mrs B Hepplewhite and Councillor S Dunn.

11.250 Questions from the public: Parish Councillors were delighted by the attendance of a number of young people, who raised issues in relation to the skate board park.

Resolved: That Councillor Mrs B Hepplewhite initiate contact between the young people and appropriate staff from Durham County Council.

11.251 Police report and Neighbourhood Wardens report: The police report for 5th January 2012 to 31st January 2012 was discussed by Councillors. The level of anti social behavior during January 2012 in Coxhoe was discussed and reference to the need to re visit the CCTV provision in Coxhoe was noted. General concern in relation to Neighbourhood Warden provision in Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill was expressed, including attendance at PACT meetings. The Parish Clerk advised that poop bags would be available in February 2012 on a trial basis in the Post Offices in both Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill, in addition an advert to assist in dog fouling prevention would be placed in the next edition of the Coxhoe Chronicle.

Resolved: That the police report be noted and displayed on the village notice boards. That the Neighbourhood Wardens report be circulated when received. That the Parish Clerk seek further information on the anti social behaviour incidents in January 2012 and contact Durham County Council in relation to the Neighbourhood Warden issues raised.

11.252 Minutes of last monthly meeting: Held on 4th January 2012.

Resolved: That the minutes of the last monthly meeting held on 4th January 2012 be approved and signed as a true record.

11.253 RELATE: Carole Walker from RELATE North East which has a centre in Durham outlined how as a registered charity they can help with relationship problems. Areas covered included relationship counselling, time to talk for young people, family counselling, sex therapy, education and training, domestic violence, together with details of their councillors and costs to access services. Councillors thanked Carole for her time and undertook to assist in awareness of the services offered by RELATE.

Resolved: That the Parish Clerk liaise with Carole Walker in relation to an article in the next edition of the Coxhoe Chronicle and to establish a link to relates web site from the Parish Councils web site. That the Parish Clerk reviews the outcomes from the CAB service funded by the Parish Council.

11.254 Parish Clerks report and correspondence for information: The Parish Clerk presented the Parish Clerks Report, which is a report circulated prior to the meeting covering ongoing items and items of information and correspondence. The following item was highlighted (1) The Parish Clerk

provided more detail on the Durham County Council Parish Paths Partnerships Scheme and potential larger scale public rights of way improvements were discussed and loss of lighting to paths.

Resolved: That the information in the report be noted and the outstanding on-going items be progressed. That the Parish Clerk arrange for the potential paths for improvement to be mapped and submitted to Durham County Council and associated lighting issues investigated.

11.255 Coxhoe Community Partnership: No update or information to provide as no recent meeting.

Resolved: That the position be noted.

11.256 Quarrington Hill Village Partnership: Councillor K Pounder advised that the AGM was being planned for March 2012 and that audited accounts were now available for the meeting.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

11.257 Planning applications: Details had been circulated of planning applications that had been received for comment / consideration and determined under delegated authority from 30th December 2011 to 27th January 2012. Councillors discussed and supported the Durham Wildlife Trust application. In addition the Coxhoe Medical Practice application was discussed by Councillors with disappointment that a new sugary in a more accessible location was not being considered at this stage, there was however support for the additional facilities the planning application will bring.

Resolved That the Parish Clerk respond to the Coxhoe Medical Practice application expressing disappointment that a new sugary in a more accessible location was not being considered at this stage and supporting the additional facilities the application will bring. That the parish Clerk contact the Coxhoe Medical Practice and ask if they would make available details of the survey recently undertaken by the practice.

11.258 Finance:

11.258.1 Accounts for payment: Details of financial payments required for the month had been circulated, together with the month end bank balances figure after the income and expenditure during the month.

Resolved That all payments presented be signed and paid:

Creditor	Reason	£
3 Mobile	Reim. broadband Dec 11	11.99
Durham Rural Comm. Council	PP2 design and analysis	1236.00
Blachere	Christmas lights	780.00
Post Office Ltd	HMRC PAYE/NI Oct – Dec 11	
Cleveland Heart Fund	Section 138 donation	50.00
Total Business Group	Copier Dec 11 – Jan 12	590.79
D Vasey	Clerk Salary Feb 2011	

11.258.2 Projected outturn 2011/12: Councillors considered the tabled paper which reflected the revised budget agreed at the November 2011 Parish Council meeting. The projected underspend for the year was noted.

Resolved: That paper be noted.

11.259 Parish plan: The Parish Clerk advised that in line the five stages detailed in the report presented to the Parish Councils January 2012 meeting, that the Coxhoe consultation meeting will be held at Landsdowne House at 7pm on the 16th February 2012. In addition that due to the level of input from groups in Quarrington Hill into the draft action plan there was no longer a requirement for a further consultation meeting in Quarrington Hill. Councillors thanked Mr I Forster for his ongoing time and support in relation to PP2.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

11.260 Coxhoe Village Green and other Central Areas: The Parish Clerk outlined the main points in the previously circulated report following the January meeting of the Coxhoe Village Green Development Working Group and the projected costs for Groundwork North East to advance the brief. Councillors noted the need to be aware of assess ongoing maintenance costs of the scheme and any land transferred pre the scheme being developed.

Resolved: That the report be noted and that the Parish Clerk be authorised to progress the potential asset transfer of the upper and lower village greens and the land at the entrance to the village with the current owners, subject to the ongoing needs of the scheme as it develops. That the projected cost of £7,738 be approved and funded from the £5,000 revenue budget provided in 2012/13 and the remainder from capital funds.

11.261 Bus Service Quarrington Hill: Councillor K Pounder outlined the current implications of the service changes and provided details of recent meetings and PR. Further meetings are planned and Councillors expressed their ongoing support and concern at the impact on residents.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

11.262 Date and time of next meeting: The next monthly meeting will be held on the 7th March 2012 at 7.00pm and Parish Councillors agreed to the meeting being held at Quarrington Hill.

11.263 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 is excluded for the remainder of the meeting, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act, 1960.

11.264 Exempt information – Coxhoe Leisure Centre:

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed on 7th March 2012 as a true record of the meeting:

Cllr. P. Dodsworth (Chairman)

Cllr. S. Dunn (Vice-Chairman)

