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Coxhoe Parish Council

Meeting	Monthly
Date	Wednesday 7 th March 2012
Time	7.00 pm
Venue	Resource Centre, Quarrington Hill

Minutes of the proceedings of the monthly Coxhoe Parish Council meeting held at 7.00 pm in the Resource Centre, Quarrington Hill, on Wednesday 7th March 2012.

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

11.265 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.

11.266 Questions from the public: Councillors heard views from residents in the area of The Pottery, Front Street, in relation to planning application (ref 4/11/00805/OUT).

Resolved: That the Parish Clerk provide the residents with details of publically available guidance on objecting to planning applications, confirm the details of the forth coming MP's surgery in Bowburn and that residents be signposted to Durham County Council in relation to landownership issues raised.

11.267 Police report and Neighbourhood Wardens report: The police report for 1st February 2012 to 4th March 2012 was discussed by Councillors. The level of anti social behavior since January 2012 in Coxhoe was discussed, police actions were noted and Councillors agreed the need for ongoing police action to ensure the situation is fully resolved.

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 advice the police that the Parish Council would like to see ongoing police action to ensure the anti social behaviour situation is fully resolved.

11.268 Minutes of last monthly meeting: Held on 1st February 2012.

Resolved: That the minutes of the last monthly meeting held on 1st February 2012 be approved and signed as a true record. That the inclusion of an article in the latest Coxhoe Chronicle of the work of RELATE and the link to their web site which has been available for a number of weeks from the Parish Councils web site be noted.

11.269 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 items were highlighted (1) The Parish Clerk provided more detail on the Durham County Council (DCC) Library Strategy Consultation and Parish Councils discussed the local impact, including that of the mobile library, together with opportunities for possible new book lending provision and the library on line service. (2) Councillors noted the licence application from Co-operative Foods. (3) Councillors considered how the Parish Council could mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics through other local organisations as an alternative to Parish Council organised events.

Resolved: That the information in the report be noted and the outstanding on-going items be progressed. That Councillors respond as individuals to the DCC Library Strategy Consultation. That the Licence application from Co-operative foods be noted. That the Parish Clerk contact local organisations offering potential Parish Council financial support if they are organising events linked to the Queens Diamond Jubilee, or the Olympics.

11.270 Coxhoe Community Partnership: Councillor Mrs B Hepplewhite advised that Mr I Forster is now the Chairman and requested that the Parish Clerk liaise with the new Chairman in relation to future updates. In addition an update on the work on the fossil trail and limestone linX projects was given.

Resolved: That the update be noted and that the Parish Clerk liaises with Mr I Forster in relation to future updates.

11.271 Quarrington Hill Village Partnership: Councillor K Pounder advised that the AGM was now being planned for April 2012.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

11.272 Planning applications: Details had been circulated of planning applications that had been received for comment / consideration and determined under delegated authority from 27th January 2012 to 6th March 2012. Planning application (ref 4/11/00805/OUT) at The Pottery, Front Street, Coxhoe for outline planning and detailed approval for means of access only, was considered in detail by Councillors.

Resolved That the Parish Clerk respond to The Pottery, Front Street, Coxhoe application expressing Parish Councillors concerns in relation to traffic generation from the development and associated highway safety specifically linked to the location of the road access. Together with expressing concerns over the density of the development with 24 dwellings clearly impacting on the traffic generation associated with the development. In addition to in line with the recent and previous Parish Plan responses, if development is to be approved that the suggest 4 bedroom houses should be substituted for 2 bedroom bungalows. Adding that in respect of the development outlined that Councillors would prefer to see open space in preference to the play area indicated and any Section 106 monies commuted to schemes identified in the Parish Plan.

11.273 Finance:

11.273.1 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 Jan 11	11.99
CIT	Copier rental 12/13 qtr 1	133.20
Blanchere	Xmas lights installation	1435.20
SLCC Enterprises Ltd	CPD Course	210.00
Gladstone	Grit Bin	169.26
Total Business Solutions	Copier paper	211.74
Coxhoe Allotments Ass.	Grant	198.07
Post Office Ltd	HMRC PAYE/NI 11/12 qtr 4	
Total Business Group	Copier Jan 12	24.02
D Vasey	Clerk Salary March 2011	

11.273.2 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.

11.273.3 Request for donation from Great North Air Ambulance: Councillors considered the request for a donation.

Resolved: That a donation of £50 be made to Great North Air Ambulance under S137 expenditure.

11.273.4 Request for donation from Starr Dance Academy: Councillors considered the request for a donation and following discussion agreed that the request could not be supported.

Resolved: That the request not be approved.



11.274 Allotments: Councillor Carol Parkes presented a circulated report on the initial site visit to Quarrington Hill allotments and associated issues were discussed by Councillors.

Resolved: That the Parish Clerk and Councillor Carole Parkes establish an action plan to advance the approach set out in the report.

11.275 Durham County Council (DCC) Community Buildings Review: The Parish Clerk outlined the main points in the circulated report and Councillors discussed the implications for the users of Landsdowne House, Coxhoe and possible options.

Resolved: That the decision by DCC to close 9, Browns Close and Hawthorns, Malcolm Avenue be noted. That the decision by DCC to invest in Quarrington Hill Community Centre be welcomed and noted. That in relation to Landsdowne House the decision by DCC not to invest be noted and that the Parish Clerk attend post consultation and asset transfer events, together with preparing a report for the next Parish Council meeting considering the options including asset transfer.

11.276 C12a Crowtrees Lane Bowburn (Speed Limit Review): Parish Councillors considered the proposals.

Resolved: That the proposals be noted.

11.277 Bus service Quarrington Hill: Councillor K Pounder updated Councillors on positive changes and thanked all those who continue to support the process to re instate services.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

11.278 Skate Board Park: Councillor Mrs B Hepplewhite updates Councillors on progress in engaging young people and addressing the issues raised in relation to the skate board park.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

11.279 Proposed stopping up of public bridleway no34 and no35: Councillors discussed the proposals and Councillor K Pounder update Councillors on the discussion at a recent meeting of the Quarry Liaison Group.

Resolved: That the proposals be noted.

11.280 Date and time of next meeting: The next monthly meeting will be held on the 4th April 2012 at 7.00pm, the Environmental Committee will be held on the 21st March 2012 at 5.30pm and the Finance Committee will be held during March 2012 on a date to be agreed.

11.281 Durham County Councils Chairman's Award: Councillor P Dodsworth congratulated Councillor Mrs B Hepplewhite on being awarded the Chairman's award and other Councillors added their congratulations.

11.282 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.

11.283 Exempt information – Coxhoe Leisure Centre:

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed on 4th April 2012 as a true record of the meeting:

Cllr. P. Dodsworth (Chairman)

Cllr. S. Dunn (Vice-Chairman)

