



Delivering Quality Services to
Coxhoe & Quarrington Hill

Coxhoe Parish Council

Meeting	Monthly
Date	Wednesday 27th February 2013
Time	7.00 pm
Venue	Coxhoe Village Hall

Minutes of the proceedings of the monthly Coxhoe Parish Council meeting held at 7.00 pm in Coxhoe Village Hall, on Wednesday 27th February 2013.

Present: Councillor S Dunn (in the Chair for part of the meeting), Councillor P Dodsworth (in the Chair for part of the meeting), Councillor Mrs B Hepplewhite, Councillors K Pounder, R Mayo, D Smith, T Rowe and R Carr. **Clerk:** Mr D Vasey. **Other:** County Councillors Mr D Morgan and Mrs M Plews.

Apologies: Councillor C Thirlaway.

13.51 Members Declarations of Interest: Interests in EDRC AAP, Local Councils Committee, Quarrington Hill Community Centre, Quarrington Hill Village Partnership and CDALC items were declared by Councillor K Pounder, interests in Active Life Centre @ Coxhoe item were declared by Councillor S Dunn, interests in Coxhoe Community Partnership were declared by Councillor Mrs B Hepplewhite and R Mayo. Interests in Coxhoe Village Hall were declared by Councillor Mrs B Hepplewhite and P Dodsworth.

13.52 Questions from the Public: The issue of traffic linked to the school in Cornforth Lane and School Avenue was raised by a resident and school governor. The issues included concerns linked to the winter road conditions, school bus routes, motorists ignoring the no entry signs at the roundabout, speed of vehicles and general congestion around both ends of the school day. Parish Councillors discussed the concerns and Councillor S Dunn declared that he was a governor at the school and advised that the Parish Council could work with Durham County Council who would need to consider the options and that there would not be a quick fix unfortunately.

Resolved: That the Parish Clerk liaise with Durham County Council and request a site visit to assess the position and ask the school to review their travel plan.

Councillor P Dodsworth entered the meeting and took the Chair.

13.53 Police and Neighbourhood Wardens Reports: The report from the Police covering the period 17th January 2013 to 19th February 2013 was considered by Parish Councillors, together with the Neighbourhood Wardens report covering the wider Durham area for January 2013. It was highlighted that a reported incident number 74 in Quarrington Hill was not reflected in the police report. Councillor K Pounder expressed further concerns at the lack of local detail in the new Neighbourhood Wardens report and at the level of service Quarrington Hill was receiving. The Parish Clerk advised that he had informed the Neighbourhood Wardens of the dates of the PACT meetings and that they had indicated that they would attend subject to work demands.

Resolved: That the reports be noted and that the Parish Clerk contact the Police in relation to the incident not reflected on the report and the Neighbourhood Wardens in relation to the dog fouling areas highlighted.

13.54 Minutes of Last Monthly Meeting: Held on 24th January 2013.

Resolved: That the minutes of the last monthly meeting held on 24th January 2013 be approved and signed as a true record.

13.55 Parish Clerks Report and Correspondence for Information: The Parish Clerk presented the Parish Clerks Report which included a winter maintenance update, Coxhoe Village Green update

including the planting of the trees in late March along the road edge of the greens, Transport and Highways issues progress and correspondence for information.

Resolved: That the Parish Clerk advance the transport and highways issues and the Parish Council consider more fully the progress and options at a future meeting. That the Parish Council not consider a partnership in relation to the cardio back programme in 2013/14. That under section 137 £200 be made available to a youth group in each village if they take part in the Big Spring Clean 2013.

13.56 Quarrington Hill (incl. Village Partnership and Community Centre): The circulated report was considered.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

13.57 Coxhoe Community Partnership: The circulated report was considered.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

13.58 Coxhoe Village Hall: The tabled report was presented by Councillor P Dodsworth was considered. It was highlighted that the structure of the relationship between the Parish Council and the Village Hall is in the process of being finalised subject to on-going advice.

Resolved: That the report be noted

13.59 Active Life Centre @ Coxhoe: Councillor S Dunn provided a verbal update including details of the successful cycling activity and the re surfaced car park.

Resolved: That the report be noted

13.60 Durham County Councillors Update: County Councillors D Morgan and M Plews provided an update including details of action in relation to horses on the village green in Coxhoe and on the Coxhoe park upgrade. Councillor P Dodsworth on behalf of a Parish Councillors thanked Councillor D Morgan as it was to be his last meeting and said he needed to be proud of what he had achieved for the residents of the Parish.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

13.61 Policy for Community Publications: The draft policy linked to the publication of the Coxhoe Chronicle and Hill Talk was considered and discussed.

Resolved: That the draft policy with amendments to be inserted by the Parish Clerk in relation to the same charge for chargeable adverts for both publications and the insertion of such adverts in both publications be approved.

13.62 Quarrington Hill Allotments: The Parish Clerk presented the circulated report and provided an update on the waiting list following three allotments becoming vacant. Councillor K Pounder raised a number of issues and the Parish Clerk advised these were covered in the new agreement approved by the Parish Council, together with detailing the reasons for the fence being put on hold and that it was Durham County Councils responsibility who were aware of the issue to take action re the extension of one of the allotments onto other land.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

13.63 School Traffic and Travel: This item was not considered as it was covered in 13.52 above.

13.64 Youth Room Partnership Agreement: The circulated draft agreement was considered with suggestions that it needs to be more flexible to the needs of young people and reflect how partner organisations can get involved.

Resolved: That the Parish Clerk circulate the second draft and that Parish Councillors consider and comment further.

13.65 Localism Act 2011 "community right to challenge" and "neighbourhood plans": Councillor K Pounder raised the potential of the Parish Council using the "community right to challenge" and "neighbourhood plans" to potentially resolve the concerns of residents around services like grass cutting and of the need to re-engage with Durham County Council Planning Department following their attendance at a Parish Council meeting in 2012.

Resolved: That the Parish Council consider further at a future meeting the "community right to challenge" and that a representative of Durham County Council Planning be invited to the Parish

Councils July 2013 meeting.

13.66 Planning Applications – The refusal of planning application 4/12/01091/FPA 85 Ashbourne Drive was noted (Councillor P Dodsworth expressed an interest) and planning application 4/13/00084/FPA 16 The Avenue was noted.

Resolved: That the applications be noted.

13.67 PP2 Review and Update: The item was deferred to the next meeting.

13.68 Finance:

13.68.1 Accounts for Payment: Details of financial payments required for the month had been circulated and 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	£
Mr D Vasey	Salary – March 2013	
3 Mobile	Internet and tele Jan 2013	23.98
HMRC	TAX/NI	
Blachere	Lights removal	780.00
Patrick Parsons	CVH Survey	720.00
Total Business Group	Copier paper	239.04
Total Business Group	Copier Jan 13	23.20
D'ham City Scout Group	S137 Donation	500.00
P C Business World	Printer Ink	65.51

13.68.2 Revenue and Capital Information 2012/13: Councillors considered the financial Information presented for 2012/13.

Resolved: That the information be noted.

13.68.3 Grants and Donations: Councillors noted the remaining budget.

Resolved: That the information be noted and no further grants or donations be approved.

13.68.4 Precept for 2013/14 and 2013/14 Budget: Councillors considered the impact of the 2013/14 precept on the 2013/14 budget.

Resolved: That the Finance Sub Committee review the 2013/14 budget in conjunction with the 2012/13 outturn and report back to the Parish Council.

13.69 Resolution to Exclude 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.

13.70 Exempt Information – Active Life Centre @ Coxhoe:

13.71 Exempt Information – HMRC Issue:

13.72 Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday 20th March 2013, 7pm at Coxhoe Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed on 20th March 2013 as a true record of the meeting:

