



Delivering Quality Services to
Coxhoe & Quarrington Hill

Coxhoe Parish Council

Meeting	Monthly
Date	Wednesday 7 th August 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 7th August 2013.

Present: Councillor P Dodsworth (in the Chair), Councillors K Stokoe, W Lavelle, B Hepplewhite, K Pounder and T Rowe. **Other:** County Councillor J Blakey. **Clerk:** Mr D Vasey. **Apologies:** Councillors C Thirlaway, T Plews, S Dunn, K Simpson and T Gorman.

13.139 Members Declarations of Interest: Interests in Active Life Centre @ Coxhoe were declared by Councillor W Lavelle, interests in Coxhoe Community Partnership were declared by Councillors B Hepplewhite and W Lavelle, interests in Coxhoe Village Hall were declared by Councillors P Dodsworth and B Hepplewhite, interests in EDRC AAP, Local Councils Committee, Quarrington Hill Community Centre, Quarrington Hill Village Partnership and CDALC items were declared by Councillor K Pounder.

13.140 Questions from the Public: A large number of residents from Quarrington Hill raised concerns in relation to the land at South Quarrington Hill that is currently being offered for sale. Many Issues were raised and a letter from one resident was read out to the meeting. A resident also advised of the press publicity on the issue and of the many actions in hand by the residents. A resident asked if the Parish Council was informed when the land was offered for sale, the Chairman indicated that there was no obligation on anyone to inform the Parish Council. A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for the donation to Quarrington Hill Banner Group.

Resolved: That the Parish Council appreciates the strength of public support within Quarrington Hill and will assist in whatever way it can to achieve a positive outcome. That the Parish Clerk investigates to see if the Parish Council has the statutory power to purchase the land. That the Chairman and Parish Clerk liaise with officers and councillors at Durham County Council and with Sanderson Weatherall to ensure the Parish Council assists in whatever way it can.

13.141 Police and Neighbourhood Wardens Reports: The Police report for July 2013 and the Neighbourhood Wardens report for June 2013 were considered by Parish Councillors and the Police advised that crime prevention advice would be offered to the Doctors Surgery in Coxhoe following a recent incident of unauthorized access.

Resolved: That the Police and Neighbourhood Wardens reports be noted.

13.142 Minutes of Last Monthly Meeting: Held on 3rd July 2013.

Matters arising: The Parish Clerk updated Parish Councillors on flooding issues at rear of the Aged Miners Homes in Quarrington Hill (linked to industrial unit and Durham County Council (DCC) actions in hand), priority signs near Church Street, Quarrington Hill (DCC advised that no requirement to provide priority signs as two way traffic is possible), footway from Belle View, Quarrington Hill to the Churchyard (DCC reported that no defects at this time and being considered for possible inclusion in the 2014/15 works programme) and on dog fouling.

Resolved: That the minutes of the last monthly meeting held on the 3rd July 2013 be approved and signed as a true record. That the Parish Clerk arrange a meeting with Parish Councillors and Mr A Denholm to discuss the dog fouling in more detail.

13.143 Parish Clerks Report and Correspondence for Information: The Parish Clerk presented the Parish Clerks Report which reflected information on Coxhoe Village Green (next working group meeting on the 25th September 2013 at 6pm in Coxhoe Village Hall), Coxhoe Village Hall Memorial Gardens lights (reason for not currently working being investigated), PP2 (meeting to discuss arranged for 25th September 2013 at 7pm in Coxhoe Village Hall), Village signage (Environmental Sub- Committee to consider a revised project). Correspondence for information considered included

It's Up 2 You (event update), register as data controllers (proposed alterations to the scheme), CDALC AGM 26th October 2013 (invitation and agenda), Local Councils Working Group (agenda for meeting on 18th July 2013 and notes of previous meeting), litter (Durham County Council briefing), EDRC AAP (agenda for meeting held on 17th July and notes of previous meeting, together with notification of next meeting on the 11th September 2013), free health checks by Check4Life Team (schedule of dates), footpaths (discussion on correspondence from Mr J Turton), Coxhoe Community Partnership (discussion on correspondence from the partnership) and CDALC (new contact number).
Resolved: That the report be noted. That the Parish Clerk consider the timing and arrange a meeting of the Environmental Sub-Committee which will meet with delegated authority to agree a revised notice board and signage scheme utilising existing earmarked funding. That Councillor K Pounder attends the CDALC AGM on behalf of the Parish Council. That the Parish Clerk responds to the correspondence from Mr J Turton and Coxhoe Community Partnership.

13.144 Community Report – Quarrington Hill (incl. Village Partnership and Community Centre): Circulated report considered.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

13.145 Community Report – Coxhoe Community Partnership: Nothing to report.

13.146 Community Report – Coxhoe Village Hall: Nothing to report.

13.147 Community Report – Active Life Centre @ Coxhoe: Councillor W Lavelle provided a brief update including details of additional circuit classes and of a charity night on the 14th September 2013.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

13.148 Durham County Councillors Update: County Councillor J Blakey provided a brief update and details of a recent walk about in Coxhoe organised by Durham City Homes. Parish Councillors were also advised of a consultation exercise to be launched in relation to the future of street lighting.

Resolved: That update be noted.

13.149 Grass cutting services provided by DCC: Parish Councillors discussed this area linked to the community right to challenge introduced by the Localism Act 2011, where groups including Parish Councils have the right to bid to run relevant council services. The Parish Clerk detailed Durham County Councils (DCC) approach to dealing with potential proposals and that DCC has to consider proposals and if acceptable stage a procurement competition.

Resolved: That the Parish Clerk commence the process of assessing the scope of the works involved and contact DCC to seek further information on this area.

13.150 Highways and Transport update: Parish Councillors discussed the circulated report and the Parish Clerk detailed progress and areas where to date a solution had not been identified.

Resolved: That the Parish Clerk invite Mr B Buckley from Durham County Council to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the situation further.

13.151 Land for sale Quarrington Hill: This item was not discussed as it was covered in the questions from the public session.

13.152 Planning Applications: Planning applications were considered from 27th June 2013 to 6th August 2013, including 40, Landsdowne Road, Coxhoe (change of use), 6, Leslie Villas, Coxhoe (application withdrawn) and The Old Chapel, Quarrington Hill (approval of variations).

Resolved: That the applications be noted.

13.153 Finance:

13.153.1 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:

Total Business Group	Copier charges June 2013	96.59
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Total Business Group	Copier charges July 2013	65.54
3 Mobile	Internet and tel. July 2013	23.98
Mr D Vasey	Salary – August 2013	
Banner Group	Section 137 donation	200.00
Northumbria Water	Water connection	587.00
CIT	Copier lease 07 to 09 2013	133.20
T P Gardens	Grass cutting	460.00
CDALC	Training	27.00
Smiths of Derby	Service Quarrington Hill clock	207.60
Smiths of Derby	Service Coxhoe Clock	202.80
HMRC	Quarter 1 2013/14	829.60

13.153.2 Revenue and Capital Information 2013/14: Councillors considered the financial information presented for 2013/14.

Resolved: That the information be noted.

Councillor K Pounder left the room.

13.153.3 Request for financial support – Quarrington Hill Community

Association: Parish Councillors considered the request for support.

Resolved: That the request from Quarrington Hill Community Association for the release of £200 from the Quarrington Hill Village Hall PP2 access fund, to cover the loss of income resulting from CAB activities no longer being delivered from the centre be approved.

Councillor K Pounder entered the room.

13.153.4 Request for financial support – Coxhoe Scout Group: Parish

Councillors considered the request for support.

Resolved: That the request from Coxhoe Scout Group for support following a litter pick be approved and the sum of £200 be donated as approved at the Parish Councils meeting on the 27th February 2013 for a youth group in Coxhoe taking part in the Big Spring Clean 2013.

13.153.5 2013/14 National Salary Awards: Parish Councillors considered the circulated paper.

Resolved: That the increase detailed in line with the NALC/SLCC conditions be approved and backdated to the 1st April 2013.

13.154 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.

13.155 Exempt Information – Active Life Centre @ Coxhoe – consideration of financial information:

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed on 4th September 2013 as a true record of the meeting:

Cllr. P. Dodsworth (Chairman)


Cllr. S. Dunn (Vice-Chairman)