



Delivering Quality Services to
Coxhoe & Quarrington Hill

Coxhoe Parish Council

Meeting	Monthly
Date	Thursday 4 th June 2014
Time	7.00 pm
Venue	Coxhoe Village Hall

Minutes of the proceedings of the monthly Coxhoe Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm in Coxhoe Village Hall, on Thursday 4th June 2014.

Present: Councillor P Dodsworth (in the Chair), Councillor's S Dunn, Mrs B Hepplewhite, T Rowe, C Thirlaway, T Gorman, W Lavelle and K Simpson.

Clerk: Mr G Price. **Other:** County Councillors Mr D Morgan. Parishioners 4.

22.Apologies: Councillors T Plews and K Pounder.

23.Members Declarations Of Interest:

Chairman declared an interest in all matters relating to Coxhoe Village Hall (CVH).

Cllr. S Dunn declared an interest in all matters relating to Future Leisure in Coxhoe (FLIC).

Cllr. W Lavelle declared an interest in all matters relating to FLIC and Coxhoe Village Partnership (CVP).

Cllr. B Hepplewhite declared an interest in all matters relating to FLIC.

The Chairman waived standing orders to alter the agenda order so that the representatives Hellens could give their presentation on the progress of The Limes Housing Development.

24.Briefing from Hellens.

Gavin Caldwell and Katy Rumble representing Hellens gave an update on the progress of this development.

Following on from the briefing provided in October, the development was proceeding with good interest. Phase 1 and the more recent phase 2 was progressing well with sales and demand from local people and interest from the wider region. Phase 2 as present would provide 2 units in the affordable housing range that has attracted 28 applicants.

Phase 3 of the development could see up to 20% of the new build being offered as affordable housing. Some of these units would be specifically for elderly persons.

The planning application for Phase 3 is imminent with some 112 units (22 affordable housing units) in this phase.

Members raised concerns regarding the effect that these developments will have upon the village as well as proposed development at Bogma Hall. The local school was at bursting point with intake up and new class rooms needed to handle future numbers and the growing waiting list to access the school. Parishioners also expressed concerns that a Nursery School was needed to accompany this growth in population and impact of such developments on local services such as; Doctors surgery, increased traffic and the main drainage systems.

The Chairman advised that these matters would be considered when the planning application is received and the council considers it.

The Chairman offered an opportunity to Hellens to undertake a public exhibition on this proposal. This would be considered by Hellens.

25. Police and Neighborhood Wardens Report.

The Clerk advised that a report was received from the police for the period 2nd May to 2nd June which advised of the following:

Reported Crimes (12 incidents). Theft of BT cable at Tip Road Quarrington Hill on the 2nd and 6th May. Theft of Dog Food Bowls at Linden Grove on the 3rd May. Shoplifting at the Coop (3 incidents) 12th, 13th and 24th May leading to 2 arrests and one youth given restorative disposal.

Criminal Damage (2 incidents). Damage to windows at The Avenue 4th May and Church Street 312st May.

Assault (2 Incidents). 22nd May at Petterson Dale (one arrest and cautioned) and 24th May Blackgate East (one arrest and cautioned).

TWOC (1 incident). 25th May at Vicarage Terrace (one arrest with investigation ongoing).

Other (1 incident). 18th May at the Skate Park where several youths were involved in the practice of indecent exposure.

Anti Social Behaviour (14 incidents). 13 incidents in Coxhoe of which 9 were dispute related, 1 noise and 3 other related. 1 incident at Quarrington Hill (other related).

Vehicle Nuisance (7 incident) all in Coxhoe involving Motor/Quad bikes.

Other matters arising. Issues relating to Gladstone Terrace, Coxhoe have re-surfaced with a number of complaints from local residents. A warrant was executed in the street, where equipment relating to the growing of cannabis was discovered in a rental property.

26. Questions From The public: There were no questions raised.

27. Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th May 2014.

It was **resolved** that the minutes provided a true record and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

28. Community Reports

- i. Quarrington Hill Village Partnership** (no report provided).
- ii. Quarrington Hill Community Centre** (no report provided).
- iii. Coxhoe Community Partnership** (no report provided).
- iv. Coxhoe Village Hall** (no report provided).
- v. Active Life Centre Coxhoe.**

Representatives advised that the centre had successfully recruited local staff and that works were ongoing to increase the floor space of the fitness suite. Further staff training is planned to develop the Fitness Staff.

A grant is received to replace 50% of the hall lights with low energy lighting. Further applications to undertake energy reducing project are in the pipeline.

Solar panels on the roof are being investigated as this could reduce electricity costs even further.

Financially, the centre is hoping to break even in the next financial year.

- vi. Young People including Coxhoe Youth Room.** Representatives advised that papers were circulated to members that advised of the next meeting date. An application for funding to provide a Youth Worker was being prepared.

29. Correspondence for information and action.

- i. Notice of consultation on application for designation of a neighbourhood area by Cassop-Cum Quarrington Hill.** The Clerk was requested to liaise with the Cassop parish Clerk on this matter and to note that such a Neighbourhood Area would have part interest for Cohoe Parish Council and Quarrington Hill Village Partnership.
- ii. Request from Extreme Situation.** It was **resolved** to decline this request.
- iii. Minutes of Coxhoe Quarry Liaison Meeting 20th March 2014.** Copies of the minutes were provided for members information.
- iv. Smaller Local Councils Forum agenda re 15th May 2014 meeting and minutes of the 14th February 2014.** Copy of the information was provided for member's information.

- v. **Coxhoe Village Hall Accounts.** Copies of the accounts were provided to members. Representatives from the village hall advised that further progress had been made during this financial year with much being achieved.
- vi. **Coxhoe Community Partnership response to Durham County Council re land at Station Road, Coxhoe.** A comprehensive reply had been sent to Durham County Council on this matter. A copy of this was provided to members for information. The Chairman advised that a reply on this development from the parish was deferred until a copy of the traffic survey was received from Durham County Council. The Clerk advised that this survey was not received and would check on the planning portal for the Highways report.

Members advised that the majority of comments received concerning the village green were positive. Some resident had provided differing comments, but in general they appreciated the efforts of the council. Whilst some residents were annoyed at the council's focus on the central area of the high street, all projects stemmed from the consultation undertaken when developing the parish plan.

30. Durham County Councillor's Report.

Cllr Morgan advised of the council's AGM and Cabinet changes and the forthcoming housing association ballot with tenants.

Members and parishioners expressed concerns regarding the condition of the Sensory Garden. The Cllr would make enquiries regarding this. The Clerk would also contact the Allotment Association on this matter.

31. Planning Application.

The Clerk advised of 3 applications received.

- i. **Former Cinema, The Avenue, Coxhoe.** Part demolition of former cinema and erection of 5 no. dwellings with associated works (resubmission). Members raised no objections to this proposal.
- ii. **The Co-operative Food, Petterson Dale, Coxhoe.** Instalment of two new shop front windows to the front and side of building. Members raised no objections to this proposal.
- iii. **1 Lynn Park Crescent, Coxhoe.** Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear of existing dwelling. Members raised no objects to this proposal.

32. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

The Clerk advised that the closing date was 2nd June and was awaiting news from Durham County Council Electoral Services on this matter. The Clerk would advise members as soon as news is received.

33. Quarrington Hill Community Partnership.

It was **resolved** for the Clerk to write to the Quarrington Hill Community Partnership requesting a copy of their constitution. Furthermore it was resolved the parish council would no longer recognize the Quarrington Hill Community Partnership until such document was received.

34. Finance.

27.1 Schedule of payments for May 2014

Creditor	Reason	£
Total Business Group	Photocopier (usage)	69.81
TP Gardens	Grounds Maintenance	310.00
Newsquest	Clerk Vacancy Advert	1,335.00
G Fletcher	Internal Audit	400.00
CIT Vendor Finance	Photocopier (Rental)	22.20
Thinford Nurseries	Street Planters (Spring Planting)	285.60
Zurich Municipal	Council's Insurance	2,017.54
Coxhoe Village Hall	PP2 Village Hall access funds (S.137)	1,800.00

34.2 Financial Outturn 2013-2014

Members were provided copy of the Annual Statement of accounts for the year ending 31st March 2014. It was **resolved** that the accounts be accepted and the Annual Return forms duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

34.3 2014-2015 Budget and consideration for amendments.

It was **resolved** to hold a meeting of the Finance Committee in the months ahead to consider amendments to spending profiles.

34.4 Audit Report for 2013-2014 Annual Statement of Accounts.

The Clerk advised that the account for the year had been examined by the Internal Auditor with no issues raised in the report.

It was **resolved** that the Auditors be accepted.

34.5 Request for financial support – Quarrington Hill Community Centre

It was resolved to support the request for £200 from the PP2 Access Fund to cover the loss of income from the CAB activities.

35.Date and time of next meeting.

2nd July 2014 7pm at Coxhoe Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.