



Delivering Quality Services to
Coxhoe & Quarrington Hill

Coxhoe Parish Council

Meeting	Special
Date	Monday 8 th September 2014
Time	7.00 pm
Venue	Coxhoe Village Hall

Minutes of the proceedings of the Special Open Meeting called by Coxhoe Parish Council to discuss Quarrington Hill Village Partnership held at 7.00pm in Coxhoe Village Hall, on Monday 8th September 2014.

Present: Cllr's P Dodsworth (Chairman), S Dunn, B Hepplewhite, K Simpson and W Lavelle.

Residents of Quarrington Hill; B Jones, P Thompson, E Thompson, R Watts, G Watts, C Parkes, J M Hogarth.

Clerk: Mr G Price. **Other:** None.

68.General introductions were made by all attending.

69.Overview of the current position provide by the Chairman of Coxhoe Parish Council.

The Chairman provided a resume of the level of discord received from residents of Quarrington Hill concerning the operation of the Quarrington Hill Village Partnership (QHVP). Both residents and members of the council expressed concern that the QHVP was operating unconstitutionally by way of excluding involvement from residents of Quarrington Hill.

This meeting was called to hold meaningful discussions with representatives from QHVP but this was stifled as representative from that group had declined to attend this evenings meeting.

With there being no attendance from representatives of QHVP the parish council would now put forward a motion at the next meeting of the parish council to 'discontinue the working relationship with QHVP and no longer recognise them as being a representative group working for the good of Quarrington Hill'.

The Chairman express concerns at the length of time taken up at parish council meeting in attempting to resolve the discord in Quarrington Hill arising from the QHVP and despite the parish council's attempts to resolve matters no progress was being made and again their absence from this evenings meetings could only be consider as further attempts by this group to remain uncooperative. Members of the parish council believed that the residents of Quarrington Hill deserved better and this organisation was failing to abide by its constitution.

The Vice-Chairman of the parish council advised that both Coxhoe Community Partnership and QHVP had nearly identical constitutions and yet they did not operate the same. The exclusivity of QHVP Management Committee suggested it was a closed shop with little opportunity for residents of Quarrington Hill to become involved.

70.Residents' concerns.

Residents advised that they were supportive of the comments given by the Chairman and members of the parish Council. Despite the discord residents expressed further concern that the AGM of the QHVP was being held on the 25th September at 11am in the Quarrington Hill Community Centre which made it difficult for residents to attend who would be at work.

71. Conclusion and progress.

It was **resolved** that a motion as set out below be sent to the QHVP for inclusion on the AGM;

'On behalf of the residents of Quarrington Hill Coxhoe Parish Council requests that QHVP suspends and withdraws its current Standing Orders with immediate effect and take advice from professionals in this field such as DCA or CVS and draw up a more inclusive set and that QHVP takes a more inclusive approach to engaging with their community.'

It was further **resolved** to agenda at the next meeting of the parish council a motion as set out below;

'To discontinue the working relationship with QHVP and no longer recognise them as being a representative group working for the good of Quarrington Hill'.