

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF CASSOP CUM QUARRINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CASSOP COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY
26 AUGUST 2026 AT 6.30pm**

Present: Councillors Bradley, Dolan, Henderson, Morgan, Parker,
C Prince, Richardson, Ridley, Shutt and Storey

(Councillor Shutt in the Chair)

(County Councillors Blakey and Hutchinson in attendance)

43. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Johnson, G Prince and Raine together with County Councillor Genner.

44. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 15 JULY 2026

The Chair asked Members whether they were satisfied that the attached Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 July 2026 should be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 July 2026 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record subject to an amendment to show that Councillor Richardson was present and not Councillor Raine.

45. PLANNING APPLICATIONS 2026

Applicant	Details	Resolved Action
DM/26/01669/AD EG on the Move Land To The North East Of Unit 1 Low Main Court Integra 61 North Bowburn DH6 5FG	A selection of signs for service station and related businesses - Sign A: x2 Canopy Sign - Long; Sign B: x2 Canopy Sign - Short; Sign C: x8 Canopy Corner Strips; Sign D: x2 12m Totem; Sign F: x1 5.5m Digital Tombstone; Sign G: x1 Halo-Illuminated Welcome Lettering Fascia; Sign H: x12 Half-Height Vinyl Window Graphics (1.05mx1.5m); Sign I: x1 Rear Digital Screen; Sign J: x2 Free-Standing Banners; Sign K: x4 Directional Signs (1mx0.5m); Sign L: x4 Directional Signs (0.6mx0.6m); Sign M: x1 EV	No objection

	Charging Monolith; Sign O: x1 Night Pay Signs; Sign S: x10 Jet Wash Vinyl Panels; Sign AB: x2 Spar Main Fascia; Sign AE: x4 HGV Canopy Sign - Short; Sign AF: x1 Ad Blue Tank Front; Sign AG: x2 Ad Blue Tank Sides; Sign AH: x2 Full Length EG Vinyls	
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Members noted that the proposed wine turbine at Amazon had been considered and rejected by Durham County Council Planning Committee.

46. CLERK'S REPORT

(a) A181 Traffic Issues

Maria Hill, a resident of neighbouring Thornley parish, addressed the Parish Council on matters relating to traffic concerns at the A181 and seeking support for traffic calming measures on the road.

Mrs Hill explained that the aim was to establish three traffic calming zones of 40mph on the A181 which included the Cassop/Shadforth junction. It was intended to hold a public meeting in September to garner support for the campaign, a petition was to be established and meetings were being sought with the local MPs.

Parish Councillors recognised the issues with the Cassop junction to the A181 and had raised concerns in the past, however as the road itself was not within the parish boundary, representations had produced little effect. Members were supportive of Mrs Hill's campaign and would assist where possible.

Mrs Hill would keep the Parish Clerk up to date with events and developments.

(b) Bee Garden

Councillor Robertson had asked for information on the bee garden situated in Bowburn Allotments and Councillor Morgan confirmed that this was a managed space and the Bee Garden group oversaw the area, although the group had not met for some time.

(c) Bowburn Interchange

Parish Councillors were informed that Bowburn Interchange was currently struggling and that volunteers were being sought who would have the time to do the necessary work to allow the publication to continue.

It was suggested the production of the Interchange could be offered to students or community groups. The Parish Council would continue to support the publication where possible but did not have the capacity to take on the work.

47. LOCAL YOUTH SERVICES

The Parish Council had received the Local Youth Services report for August 2026 which provided details of the summer programme and highlighted the wide range of activities, trips and opportunities available to young people.

All of the trips offered had been fully booked and over 150 young people had participated. The gym had continued to remain open in the evenings during the summer period and provided a free facility for young people up to age 25.

Councillor Storey advised that the Cassop youth club would restart the following week and that a group of young people had been taken to Adventure Valley during the summer period.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

48. LOCAL FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor Storey queried if any progress had been made in relation to the overgrown footpath close to the old methodist chapel in Cassop. The request would be passed to the County Council.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

49. ALLOTMENTS, GARAGES AND CEMETERY

It was highlighted by Councillor Bradley that there was a lot of rubbish in the area next to the steel pipe at the rear of Bowburn library. County Councillor Hutchinson suggested that it could possibly be a job taken forward as a community service/probation project.

Councillor C Prince referred to the removal of the dog waste bin at the end of the path. Members were informed that this bin had been removed due to regularly being knocked over and other rubbish being left around the bin. The Chair suggested that the bin could be placed further up the path towards Steavenson Street.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

50. COUNTY COUNCILLORS' MONTHLY REPORTS

County Councillor Hutchinson provided updates on the following matters: -

- Fly tipping at Bowburn Cemetery and Parkhill
- Bowburn Beck
- Feedback from the PACT meeting including speed watch, incidents with catapults and quad bikes.
- Quotes for new gates and cameras in the park

- Change to the local PCSO

Councillor Storey made reference to rubble which had been left visible from the main road outside a farm in Cassop and asked if there was anything which could be done to remove it. Councillor Storey would provide photographs of the issue to the county councillors.

It was noted that the next PACT meeting was the following Thursday, 3 September at Bowburn and all were encouraged to attend. Councillor Henderson suggested that formal representations should be made with regard to perceived lack of action in response to incidents of anti-social behaviour in Bowburn.

51. ACCOUNTS (EXPENDITURE)

Name	Description	Other Details	Cheque No.	£ p
Gillian Kelly	Salary (paid net of tax)	1 – 31 August 2026	050642	1030.56
“	Mileage/Parking Fees	40 miles @ 55p	“	22.00
“	Printing	Instant Ink Cartridges	“	6.49
“	OneDrive	Subscription	“	1.99
HM Revenue & Customs	Monthly Deductions (G Kelly) (August 2026)	Income Tax and NI Deduction	BACS	206.00
HM Revenue & Customs	Monthly Deductions (A Shutt) (July 2026)	Income Tax Deduction	BACS	58.60
HM Revenue & Customs	Employers NIC	Parish Clerk	BACS	92.03
Andrew Shutt*	Monthly Fee (July 2026)	Allotment Superintendent (gross)	050643	292.33
Bowburn Youth Project	Local Youth Services	Salary Costs etc. (July 2026)	050644	3968.21
Cassop Community Centre	Youth Provision	July 2026	050645	375.00
I C Liddle Services	Hanging Baskets, Planters	Watering	BACS	1192.50
“	“	VAT	BACS	238.50
Thinford Nurseries Ltd	Hanging Baskets and Planters	Summer Planting	050646	3534.00
“	“	VAT	“	706.80
Andrew Shutt	Footpath Strimming	Interim Payment 3	050647	100.00
Wix.com	Domain Renewal	Annual Fee	050648	20.17

*Cllr Shutt declared an interest in the item above.

RESOLVED that these items of expenditure be noted.

ACCOUNTS (INCOME)

9 JULY 2026 – 19 AUGUST 2026

Name	Description	Details	£ p
Various	Allotment Rents	2026/2027	79.00

52. DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Agreed that the date of the next Monthly Meeting is to be Wednesday 23 September 2026 at 6.30pm at Bowburn Community Centre.

I agree these to be a true record of the Meeting held on Wednesday 26 August 2026 at Cassop Community Centre at 6.30pm.

.....Chairman.....Date