

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF CASSOP CUM QUARRINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT BOWBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2022 AT 6.30pm**

Present: Councillors Blackburn, Dolan, Henderson, Johnson, McKeon, Raine, Richardson, Ridley, Robinson, Spoor and Storey.

(County Councillor Blakey was also in attendance).

35. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Morgan together with County Councillor Hutchinson.

36. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2022

The Chair asked Members whether they were satisfied that the attached Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 June 2022 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 June 2022 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

37. MATTERS ARISING – CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

At the previous meeting, Members had received a presentation from Blachere Illuminations on options for the Parish Council's Christmas lighting and it had been agreed to explore the idea of leasing lights from Blachere which would then be maintained by them for five years.

Councillor McKeon had been liaising with Blachere and presented two potential scheme designs for Members' consideration. The Parish Council expressed a preference for white and gold, twinkling motifs which would cost £1952.02 annually for five-year hire agreement. The annual installation, removal and storage fees would be £2600.00.

Members also considered the appropriate dates for installation and removal and determined that the lights should be put up on 15 November 2022 and taken down on 6 January 2023.

Following detailed discussion it was **RESOLVED that** the Parish Council would enter into a five-year hire agreement with Blachere Illuminations to provide 12 motifs for display in Bowburn.

38. PLANNING APPLICATIONS 2022

Applicant	Details	Resolved Action
DM/22/01599/FPA Mr Jamie Swan 52 Cranson Close Bowburn Durham DH6 5BF	Single storey extension with flue to side	No objection
DM/22/01731/FPA CDDFRS County Durham And Darlington Fire And Rescue Service Bowburn Training Centre Bowburn South Industrial Estate Bowburn Durham DH6 5AD	Erection of steel structure to be used as a mock helipad to facilitate training scenarios and siting of 2 no. propane storage tanks	No objection but applicant should be made aware that this development may cause a hazard to the future relief road.
DM/22/01876/FPA David Smith 5 Edward Avenue Bowburn Durham DH6 5EB	Retention of outbuilding to front	Objection on the grounds that the development is not an appropriate addition to the neighbourhood and is out of keeping with the character of the street.
DM/22/01980/FPA Stephanie Turton 53 Steavenson Street Bowburn Durham DH6 5AZ	Erection of timber fence to rear of property (retrospective)	No objection
DM/22/02006/TPO Twin Trees 4 David Terrace Bowburn Durham DH6 5EF	T1 ash – Pollard tree to first union from ground 12m (PN1 – 306)	No objection but work should not be carried out until after nesting season

It was noted that the Parish Council had been given early notice of a forthcoming application for a care home on the Integra 61 site.

RESOLVED that the action be noted.

39. A NEW ARTWORK FOR BOWBURN

The People's Lamp sculpture had been installed on 7 July 2022. The installation had gone very smoothly and the solar lighting would be operational within the next few weeks.

There had been an unfortunate incident of graffiti on the lamp shortly after it was installed and County Councillor Blakey and others had worked hard to remove this in time for the Miner's Gala on 9 July.

The artwork would continue to be a standing agenda item until an official opening event was held.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

40. CLERK'S REPORT

(i) Parish Council Vacancies

The Parish Council were informed that a resignation had been received from Raymond Ralph and Durham County Council had been advised of the resulting vacancy in the West ward of the parish.

The statutory notice had been published on 22 June 2022 and Durham County Council had confirmed that a request for an election had not been received in relation to the vacancy. The Parish Council could now co-opt to the vacancy.

(ii) North East Rail and Transport Strategy and Leamside Line

Following discussions at the last Parish Council meeting, it was agreed to make representations regarding a station at Bowburn should the Leamside line be re-instated.

Transport North East had confirmed that Bowburn was being considered as a possible station location, however in order to secure Government funding a series of detailed studies would be undertaken to ascertain the likely demand and costs for the line and it would take some time for all of this work to come together.

Transport North East had emphasised that strong local support for the scheme was very important and the Parish Council's communication was welcomed. The Council had now been added to the stakeholder list and would be kept informed at various stages through the development process.

(iii) Traffic Regulation Order

The Parish Council had been advised that a Traffic Regulation Order had been proposed to address obstructive parking issues at Bowburn North Industrial Estate which were causing visibility and access issues. The proposal would be moving forward to statutory consultation in the coming weeks.

County Councillor Blakey commented that there were also problems at Bowburn South which was likely to be a knock-on effect of closing the layby at TurSDale. Councillor Ridley highlighted that all bays for HGVs at Bowburn services were always full and he suggested that the need for lorry parking had been underestimated and Integra 61 could be asked to provide a facility.

It was noted that the large number of HGVs coming on and off the A1 at junction 61 also exacerbated concerns about the safety of the roundabout. It was agreed that the Parish Council should contact the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office with a view to having a meeting on the highway safety issues arising from junction 61.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the Parish Council give consideration to how it might interest applicants to the vacant positions;
- (ii) the update in relation to the Leamside Line be noted;
- (iii) the proposed Traffic Regulation Order at Bowburn North Industrial Estate be noted; and
- (iv) the Parish Clerk contact the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office regarding highway safety issues at junction 61.

41. FIBRE BROADBAND COVERAGE IN THE PARISH AREA

The Chair reported that she had received a number of queries about the quality of broadband coverage in her area of the parish. It was noted that BT were extending the network locally and had installed a box at Old Cassop and recently upgraded the service at Shincliffe.

Members agreed that enquiries should be made with BT Openreach to ascertain when the network would be upgraded to full fibre broadband in the parish area.

RESOLVED that the position be noted.

42. LOCAL YOUTH SERVICES

The Youth Services report for July 2022 had been submitted to the Parish Council and it was noted that there had been lots of sports and activities in the yard during the period of good weather.

AAP funding had been secured to hold kids' clubs during the day in the summer holidays and these would be running for the first two and last two weeks of the break for school years 3, 4 and 5. All young people attending on those days would receive a packed lunch.

Councillor Storey reported that Cornforth Partnership was receiving funding for level 2 youth workers as part of a pool arrangement which Cassop could be involved in.

Councillor McKeon stated that there had been a snag in releasing funding for summer activities but she would pass on the information as soon as she received confirmation of the dates. A licence to operate on Cassop playing field had been requested.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

43. LOCAL FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

There had been no progress regarding the locked gate at Bridleway 39. County Councillor Blakey reported that the County Council had said it was not their land and suggested that the Parish Council contact officers at the County Council direct to try to resolve the matter.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

44. ALLOTMENTS, GARAGES AND CEMETERY

It was reported that there were excessive amounts of rats in the allotments at Bowburn and the general state of the allotments was rather untidy.

It was agreed that allotment holders who were not maintaining their gardens should receive a letter to remind them of their responsibilities to cultivate the plot under their tenancy agreements.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

45. COUNTY COUNCILLORS' MONTHLY REPORTS

County Councillor Hutchinson provided a written update on the following: -

- Meeting with Neighbourhood Wardens
- Anti-social behaviour
- The Bread and Butter Thing
- Litter and overfilled bins
- Bowburn Beck
- Overgrown weeds and bushes
- Parking problems in Park Hill and Cassop

Councillor Ridley referred to the daily occurrences of fires in Bowburn. It was noted that the Fire Service and Police were very aware of the problem and were trying to deal with the situation.

Councillor Storey asked about the play area at Cassop and Councillor McKeon advised that the money had been drawn down, however the children had suggested some changes to the scheme that has increased the budget and confirmation of the funding for that was awaited.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

46. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (SURFACE MAIL)

Correspondence Received from	Details of Information

47. ACCOUNTS (EXPENDITURE)

Name	Description	Other Details	Cheque No.	£ p
Gillian Kelly	Salary (paid net of tax)	1 – 31 July 2022	050272	797.38
“	Mileage/Parking Fees	68 miles @ 45p	“	30.60
“	Printing	Instant Ink Cartridges	“	18.49
“	Stationery	Card	“	2.00
HM Revenue & Customs	Monthly Deductions (G Kelly) (July 2022)	Income Tax and NI Deduction	050274 (part)	159.40
HM Revenue & Customs	Monthly Deductions (A Shutt) (June 2022)	Income Tax Deduction	050274 (part)	28.40
Andrew Shutt	Monthly Fee (June 2022)	Allotment Superintendent (gross)	050273	142.50
D J Evans Youth Club	Local Youth Services	Salary Costs etc. (June 2022)	050275	3207.27
Andrew McKeown	Bowburn Artwork	Fourth Payment	050276	11419.03
“	“	VAT	“	2283.81
Mackley Building Services	Fencing Repairs	Bowburn Allotments	050277	2700.00
Information Commissioner	Data Protection	Annual Fee	050278	40.00
Andrew Shutt	Footpath Strimming	Interim Payment 1	050279	100.00
Cassop Community Centre	Room Hire	June 2022	050280	37.50
Bowburn Village Celebration	Bowburn Interchange	Newsletter 52	050281	400.00
Bowburn Community Association	Room Hire	March – July 2022	050282	76.00

RESOLVED that these items of expenditure be noted.

ACCOUNTS (INCOME)

8 JUNE 2022 – 12 JULY 2022

Name	Description	Details	£ p
Durham County Council	Section 106 Funding	Bowburn Artwork	6750.00
Various Clients	Allotments, Garages	BACS	276.00

48. DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Agreed that the date of the next Monthly Meeting is to be Wednesday 17 August 2022 at 6.30pm at Cassop Community Centre.

I agree these to be a true record of the Meeting held on Wednesday 20 July 2022 at Bowburn Community Centre at 6.30pm.

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