

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

Present: Councillors Blackburn, Dolan, Henderson, McKeon, Morgan, Raine, Ralph, Richardson, Ridley, Robinson and Spoons.

(Councillor Raine in the Chair)

(County Councillors Blakey and Hutchinson were also in attendance).

159. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Storey

160. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2022

The Chair asked Members to agree the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 March 2022.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 March 2022 be agreed.

161. PLANNING APPLICATIONS 2022

Applicant	Details	Resolved Action
DM/22/00807/FPA Amy Sedman 27 Luke Avenue Cassop Durham DH6 4RD	Erection of single storey wrap around extension to side and rear.	No objection

162. A NEW ARTWORK FOR BOWBURN

Brambledown had now completed the path works at Mary Terrace and Groundwork NorthEast were following up on the adoption of the footpath. The installation of the sculpture would take one day and the reinstatement of the grass would take place after this.

The lease agreement had been sealed by the County Council and would come into force once the legal fees had been paid.

The artist had advised that Dyer Engineering were progressing with the manufacture of the piece and he was hopeful that the steel would be cut ready for assembly in the next two to three weeks. He would then inspect the pieces to ensure he was happy for the sculpture to be assembled. At this stage, he did not feel able to commit to an installation date.

Members were disappointed that the artist could not confirm that the piece would be installed preferred date of 9 July 2022. It was suggested that the Parish Council could emphasise the importance of this target date with the fabricators.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

163. FUNDING FOR THE FUN DAY

Members were provided with an outline of funding which had been acquired by the Bowburn and Parkhill Community Partnership for the forthcoming Fun Day. On behalf of the Partnership, Councillor Richardson requested funding from the Parish Council for a four person Climbing Wall at the Fun Day costing £675 plus VAT. Although it was not in the Parish budget, it was hoped that that a shortfall might be found elsewhere to enable the Parish Council to support the Fun Day. Funding of £1000 was being provided by Citrus and Believe Housing were making a contribution of £500. The Partnership hoped to carry forward funds to plan for next year's Fun Day.

Councillor Ridley highlighted that the invoice for the Climbing Wall should be made out from the provider of the equipment direct to the Parish Council so that the VAT could be reclaimed.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council agree to fund the Climbing Wall to the cost of £675 plus VAT and that the provider invoice the Parish Council direct.

164. CLERK'S REPORT

Request from Residents of the Grange Estate

A resident of the Grange Estate had contacted the Parish Council to ask if it could assist in getting developers to complete all of the required works so that roads on the estate could be adopted.

Members agreed to reply to the resident to advise that adoption of roads was not within the Parish Council's remit and suggesting he should encourage as many residents as possible to write to the builders of their own houses asking them to get the highways up to standard, as the roads being constructed to acceptable standards was included in the purchase price of their houses. The Parish Council also agreed to write to Durham County Council asking if the decision on the adoption could be made as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) residents be encouraged to raise the matter with the developers of the Grange Estate and also with the division councillors; and
- (ii) Parish Council express their concerns to Durham County Council about the time it has taken to upgrade the estate to an adoptable standard.

165. LOCAL YOUTH SERVICES

The Youth Services report for April 2022 had been submitted to the Parish Council and it was noted that the youth clubs continued to be busy and well attended.

AAP Funding had enabled the club to have a full Easter programme which included activity sessions with Children in School years 3,4,5 & 6 across six days of the holidays. Packed lunches were provided and an activity pack which was available to all children and young people over six days.

An application would be made for funding to offer a summer holiday programme of activities for primary school children.

Cllr Robinson was concerned about the amount of litter which had been dropped by the children after they had eaten their packed lunch on their way from the Youth Club; some were accompanied by adults. He requested that the Youth Club be asked to mention this to the children and especially to the adults.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

166. LOCAL FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor Robinson reported fly-tipping on Bridleway 36 by the Leamside Line and it was noted that County Councillor Blakey had reported it to Durham County Council.

The Chair mentioned that a tree which had fallen onto Bridleway 39 which had now been partially removed so that the pathway was now passable. Councillor Morgan asked if it would be acceptable for a local contractor to remove the tree, free of charge, in exchange for him using the timber. Due to the danger of vandals setting the tree alight, Members agreed this would be a good idea. Unfortunately there was no access from the Old Quarrington end of the track, as the farmer had put obstacles in the way to prevent people driving vehicles across his fields, and the gate at the Park Hill end was locked. County Councillor Blakey said she might have access to a key and she would try to open the gate.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

167. ALLOTMENTS, GARAGES AND CEMETERY

Members had previously been made aware of damage to fencing in the allotments and one quotation had been obtained for the work and a second was awaited. Another local contractor was suggested and it was agreed that he would also be approached to price the work.

It was noted that the cost of materials had continued to rise and companies were unable to honour quoted prices for extended periods.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

168. COUNTY COUNCILLORS' MONTHLY REPORTS

County Councillor Blakey provided updates on the following: -

- Cassop fundraising
- Concerns about protection of trees and bats at 1 Luke Ave Cassop prior to future development
- Still awaiting double yellow road markings at Cassop
- Drainage on the green at Parkhill
- Bringing the road in front of Westlands Parkhill up to adoptable status
- Increase in arson cases in Bowburn
- Youth Club fed 400 children during the holidays
- Durham County Council would submit five bids to the Levelling Up Fund on 8 July, one of which was for the Relief Road for Bowburn. The Bowburn bid was the only one with matched private finance from Citrus (Integra 61), and the only one for highways which could give it priority.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

169. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (SURFACE MAIL)

Correspondence Received from	Details of Information
Durham County Council	Public Path Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2022 – Public Footpath No.1

170. ACCOUNTS (EXPENDITURE)

Name	Description	Other Details	Cheque No.	£ p
Gillian Kelly	Salary (paid net of tax)	1 – 31 April 2022	050248	781.74
“	Mileage/Parking Fees	34 miles @ 45p	“	15.30
“	Printing	Instant Ink Cartridges	“	4.49
“	Postage – Special Delivery	Lease Agreement	“	7.65

“	Stamps	100 @ 66p	“	66.00
“	Stationery	Envelopes	“	2.50
HM Revenue & Customs	Monthly Deductions (G Kelly) (April 2022)	Income Tax and NI Deduction	050250 (part)	159.40
HM Revenue & Customs	Monthly Deductions (A Shutt) (March 2022)	Income Tax Deduction	050250 (part)	19.00
Andrew Shutt	Monthly Fee (March 2022)	Allotment Superintendent (gross)	050249	95.00
D J Evans Youth Club	Local Youth Services	Salary Costs etc. (March 2022)	050251	3468.09
Max Recycle	Waste Services – Annual Fee	Bowburn Cemetery	050252	1086.28
“	“	VAT	“	217.26
Andrew McKeown	Bowburn Artwork	Third Payment	050253	6750.00
“	“	VAT	“	1350.00
Groundwork North East	Bowburn Artwork	Project Management Fees	050254	6743.00
“	“	VAT	“	1348.60
Durham County Council	Bowburn Artwork	Legal Fees	Via BACS	745.00
Bowburn Village Celebration	Bowburn Interchange	Newsletter 51	050255	200.00
Durham County Council	Licence to occupy land off Durham Road	April 2022-March 2023	050256	65.00
CDALC	AGAR Training	Parish Clerk	050257	10.00
AR Entertainments Ltd	Bowburn Fun Day	Climbing Wall	050258	675.00
“	“	VAT	“	135.00

RESOLVED that these items of expenditure be noted.

ACCOUNTS (INCOME)

9 MARCH 2022 – 12 APRIL 2022

Name	Description	Details	£ p
North East Granite	First Inscription - Hann	Bowburn Cemetery	10.00
Durham County Council	Annual Precept	2022/2023	69786.35

171. DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Agreed that the date of the next Monthly Meeting is to be Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 6.30pm at Bowburn Community Centre.

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

.....Chair..... Date