

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF CASSOP CUM QUARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CASSOP COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST 2021 AT 6.00pm

Present: Councillors Blackburn, Raine, Ridley and Storey.

(Councillor Raine in the Chair)

(County Councillor Blakey was also in attendance).

As the meeting was not quorate, no decisions made can be enacted until ratified by a quorate meeting of the Parish Council.

55. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Leake, McKeon, Morgan, Richardson, Robinson and Salisbury together with County Councillor Hutchinson.

56. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 21 JULY 2021

The Chair asked Members whether they were satisfied that the attached Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 July 2021 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 21 July 2021 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

57. PLANNING APPLICATIONS 2021

Applicant	Details	Resolved Action
DM/21/02535/FPA Persimmon Homes Land South Of Persimmon House Bowburn North Industrial Estate Bowburn DH6 5PF	Change of use of woodland to B8 (Storage), creation of HGV turning area, hardstanding and erection of 2.0m high boundary fence.	Objection submitted on the grounds that it is inappropriate development in the Green Belt.

58. A NEW ARTWORK FOR BOWBURN

The fabrication of the artwork was continuing, however the licence agreement for the site had not yet been produced by Durham County Council.

Councillor Blackburn highlighted that the Family Fun Day which had been due to be held in September 2021 had now been postponed until next year with the possible dates being 2 or 30 May (bank holidays) or Saturday 30 April 2022. It was suggested that the sculpture could be officially opened on one of those days.

Looking into the history of the Bowburn Colliery, it was noted that the winding ropes were taken off the headgear on 29 May 1968 and the pit was abandoned on 1 June 1968. It was proposed that 30 May could be the most appropriate date to tie into the history of the pit.

RESOLVED that the update be noted and consideration given to holding the Family Fun Day on 30 May 2022.

59. CLERK'S REPORT

(i) Tursdale Park

The Clerk advised that she had fed back to the residents regarding the proposed dedication to the late Councillor Alan Richardson in Tursdale Park. The residents' representative would come back with further detail on the plans for the provision and installation of the plaque or stone.

(ii) Land at Tursdale

An enquiry had also been received from a resident of Tursdale who had previously enquired about buying or renting a piece of land from the Parish Council which they currently had a licence to access. Recent changes had meant that the land was not now used as an access and Members had asked to consider this again.

The Chair advised that she had conducted a site visit and it appeared that the situation was as the resident had described. However it was felt that further investigation was required into the history of the land before a decision could be made.

RESOLVED that the Clerk's Report be noted.

60. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan referendum would take place on 23 September 2021 and Members were asked to encourage parish residents to cast their vote. County Councillor Blakey reported that the portacabin would be returning as the polling station for Parkhill residents.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

61. LOCAL YOUTH SERVICES

The Youth Services report for August 2021 had been submitted to the Parish Council.

Councillor Storey commented that the play scheme which had been running during the summer holidays had showed that there was a need for provision in the Cassop area. It was noted that the community centre was actively encouraging youth services to be based there.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

62. LOCAL FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

The Parish Council had received a consultation letter regarding the proposed diversion of Footpath 1 on the Integra 61 site. As the meeting was not quorate, it was proposed that an extension to the consultation period be requested in order for Members to have a full discussion in September.

Councillor Ridley again raised the path at Turisdale which had not been fully cut back making it impassable for bikes and wheelchairs. This matter had previously been flagged to Martin Briscoe at Durham County Council but he had now moved on and Graham Cozens had been named as a replacement contact.

With regard to the proposed stopping-up of the lay-by at Turisdale, an objection had been received and the proposal would therefore be taken to the Highways Committee for consideration.

Councillor Ridley also asked if there had been any update from James Taylor regarding Edna Street and it was confirmed that the county councillors and Parish Council had not heard anything. Councillor Ridley suggested that James should be invited to a future Parish Council meeting and that this could be discussed in September.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

63. ALLOTMENTS, GARAGES AND CEMETERY

There was nothing to report.

64. COUNTY COUNCILLORS' MONTHLY REPORTS

County Councillor Blakey noted that it was a quiet period and there was little to report, however she advised that the proposed road markings outside The Pub and Kitchen at Cassop would be going out to consultation.

Councillor Storey highlighted the difficulty which was experienced in turning right out of Cassop onto the A181 and asked if this could be raised as a highways safety issue with the County Council.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

65. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (SURFACE MAIL)

None received.

66. ACCOUNTS (EXPENDITURE)

Name	Description	Other Details	Cheque No.	£ p
Gillian Kelly	Salary (paid net of tax)	1 – 31 August 2021	050180	768.30
"	Mileage/Parking Fees	74 miles @ 45p	"	45.90
"	Printing	Instant Ink Cartridges	"	3.49
HM Revenue & Customs	Monthly Deductions (G Kelly) (August 2021)	Income Tax and NI Deduction	050182 (part)	153.60
HM Revenue & Customs	Monthly Deductions (A Shutt) (July 2021)	Income Tax Deduction	050182 (part)	26.60
Andrew Shutt*	Monthly Fee (July 2021)	Allotment Superintendent (gross)	050181	133.65
D J Evans Youth Club	Local Youth Services	Salary Costs etc. (July 2021)	050183	3104.84
Thinford Nurseries Ltd	Hanging Baskets, Tubs, Planters	Summer Planting	050184	2793.50
"	"	VAT	"	558.70
Thinford Nurseries Ltd	Hanging Baskets	Watering	050185	1235.00
"	"	VAT	"	247.00
CDALC	Training	Parish Clerk	050186	30.00
Andrew Shutt	Strimming	Interim Payment 1	050187	100.00
Zoom	July 2021	Monthly Fee	050188	11.99
"	"	VAT	"	2.40

RESOLVED that these items of expenditure be noted.

ACCOUNTS (INCOME)

14 JULY 2021 – 10 AUGUST 2021

Name	Description	Details	£ p
Northern Powergrid	Wayleave	Annual Fee	49.03
William Scott & Sons	Bowburn Cemetery	First Inscription - Prest	10.00
Various Clients	Garages	Cheques	164.00

67. DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Agreed that the date of the next Monthly Meeting is to be Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 6.00pm at Bowburn Community Centre.

I agree these to be a true record of the Meeting held on Wednesday 18 August 2021 at Cassop Community Centre at 6.00pm.

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