

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF CASSOP CUM QUARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT BOWBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2023 AT 6.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Dolan, Henderson, Morgan, Parker, Prince, Raine, Richardson, Ridley, Robinson, Shutt, Spoor and Storey.

(Councillor Raine in the Chair)

(County Councillors Blakey and Hutchinson were also in attendance)

**146. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Johnson.

**147. CO-OPTION TO VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Vacancies had previously been advertised in the West ward of the parish and the Parish Council was in a position to be able to co-opt to the vacancies. Andrew Shutt had expressed an interest in one of the vacant positions and had put himself forward as a candidate for consideration by the Parish Council.

Members therefore **RESOLVED that** Andrew Shutt be co-opted to the West Ward of Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council.

**148. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2023**

The Chair asked Members whether they were satisfied that the attached Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 March 2023 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 March 2023 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

**149. PLANNING APPLICATIONS 2023**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Resolved Action</b>
DM/23/00592/FPA Mr Frederick Hutchinson 23 Grange Park Crescent, Bowburn, Durham DH6 5BW	Garage to rear	No objection.

**RESOLVED that** the action be noted.

Councillor Ridley commented that Persimmon Homes had erected signs at the entrance to the Grange Estate which were advertising their other sites in Durham and queried if planning permission was required for such signage. County Councillor Hutchinson noted that he had raised matters like this in the past and signs had been removed; he would enquire about these new signs.

## **150. CLERK'S REPORT**

### **(i) The People's Lamp Seating**

Andy McKeown had responded to the questions raised by Members on the seating. The finish for the seat seats would grey galvanised steel with black/anthracite colour for the coal seam. These would be extremely durable and well-fixed into concrete. The galvanised steel would be very resistant to graffiti and any graffiti could be removed with graffiti removers and sandpaper; this would be easier than on stone where it could leave more obvious ghosting.

The Parish Council agreed to move forward with the seats being made from galvanised steel. It was suggested that a further site visit be held to pinpoint the exact locations for the seats.

### **(ii) Coronation Celebrations**

At the last meeting of the Parish Council it had been agreed that a donation up to a maximum of £250 would be made towards events marking the King's Coronation. It had been suggested that the Parish Council would pay directly for the room hire at Bowburn Community Centre.

It was highlighted that Cassop Community Centre was also holding an event to mark the Coronation and queried whether the Parish Council would also be supporting this.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should support both events up to a maximum of £250.

**RESOLVED that:** -

- (a) the new seating associated with The People's Lamp be made from galvanised steel and a further site meeting be held to confirm the location for four seats; and
- (b) events to mark the King's Coronation at Bowburn and Cassop Community Centres be supported by the Parish Council up to a total of £250 for both events.

## **151. LOCAL YOUTH SERVICES**

The Parish Council received the Youth Services report for April 2023 and noted that everything seemed to be going well.

Councillor Storey advised that he had been in discussion with provision at Spennymoor and had received some costings for a worker to provide one session a week at Cassop Community Centre for 39 weeks of the year which was initially coming out at £3,042.

For the Parish Council to consider funding this proposal, it was suggested that Cllr Storey bring forward a paper setting out the detailed costs and requirements of the Service Level Agreement with Spennymoor.

County Councillor Blakey also noted that the division councillors may be able to support the provision on a short-term basis if the Parish Council wanted to budget for this in future financial years.

**RESOLVED that** the update be noted.

## **152. LOCAL FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY**

The Parish Clerk advised that the strimming grant for 2023/2024 had been approved by Durham County Council and works would begin in June.

**RESOLVED that** the update be noted.

## **153. ALLOTMENTS, GARAGES AND CEMETERY**

It was noted that the avian flu measures which had been put in place in 2022 had been lifted and poultry on the allotments no longer needed to be kept inside.

**RESOLVED that** the update be noted.

## **154. COUNTY COUNCILLORS' MONTHLY REPORTS**

County Councillor Hutchinson provided an update on the following matters: -

- Pothole repairs
- Collapsed drain at Cassop
- Grass cutting complaints
- Bins and drains at Parkhill
- PACT meeting
- Anti-social behaviour at the Grange Estate
- Burglaries in Bowburn area

Councillor Morgan asked if the pothole repairs included the slurry sealing programme and County Councillor Blakey undertook to check the capital works programme.

Councillor Robinson raised the issue of lighting column 1413, at the rear of Steavenson Street which was obscured by a tree. He had first reported this matter almost a year ago and there had been no action taken. County Councillor Hutchinson believed that all three division councillors had also reported this and he would look into the matter.

Councillor Robinson also reported a possible collapsed drain at the rear of Steavenson Street.

The Bowburn and Parkhill Community Partnership had expressed concern about the condition of the old Co-op building which was very poor and a risk to public safety. It was noted that the owner of the building did not have the funds to address all of the issues with the building but it was a blight on the area.

It was agreed to raise this with the Planning and Environmental Health teams at Durham County Council to request that enforcement action be taken on the property owner.

Councillor Robinson highlighted that there was a lot of litter around Footpath 1 and the water gulley was filled with beer cans and litter. He asked if Integra 61 were responsible for clearing this. County Councillor Hutchinson said he had previously asked for bins and dog bins on the site but the County Council could not install these on unadopted roads.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

#### 155. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (SURFACE MAIL)

Correspondence Received from	Details of Information

#### 156. ACCOUNTS (EXPENDITURE)

Name	Description	Other Details	Cheque No.	£ p
Gillian Kelly	Salary (paid net of tax)	1 – 30 April 2023	050354	882.74
“	Mileage/Parking Fees	68 miles @ 45p	“	30.60
“	Printing	Instant Ink Cartridges	“	4.49
“	One Drive	Monthly Fee	“	1.99
“	Stamps	50 @75p	“	37.50

HM Revenue & Customs	Monthly Deductions (G Kelly) (April 2023)	Income Tax and NI Deduction	050356 (part)	176.40
HM Revenue & Customs	Monthly Deductions (A Shutt) (March 2023)	Income Tax Deduction	050356 (part)	20.80
Andrew Shutt*	Monthly Fee (February 2023)	Allotment Superintendent (gross)	050355	104.20
HM Revenue & Customs	Employers NIC	Parish Clerk	050356	17.21
D J Evans Youth Club	Local Youth Services	Salary Costs etc. (March 2023)	050357	3821.57
Max Recycle	Bowburn Cemetery	2023/2024	050358	1088.00
"	"	VAT	"	217.78
CDALC	Membership Fee	2023/2024	050359	872.39
Durham County Council	Licence to occupy land, Durham Road	Annual Fee	050360	65.00

\* Councillor Shutt declared an Interest in the Items show above.

**RESOLVED** that these items of expenditure be noted.

## ACCOUNTS (INCOME)

### 8 MARCH 2023 – 11 APRIL 2023

Name	Description	Details	£ p
Various Clients	Allotments, Garages	BACS	17.00
Durham County Council	Council Tax	Precept 2023/2024	74,572.51

## 145. DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Agreed that the date of the next Monthly Meeting is to be Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 6.30pm at Bowburn Community Centre.

I agree these to be a true record of the Meeting held on Wednesday 19 April 2023 at Bowburn Community Centre at 6.30pm.

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