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Our ref: PDH/SG
Ask for: Peter Hughes
Date: 22nd March, 2017

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is invited at the meeting of **BURNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL** for consideration of the undernoted agenda. The meeting will be held in Burnhope School on **Thursday, 6th April, 2017**, commencing at **6.00 p.m.**

Yours faithfully,

PETER HUGHES
Clerk

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **POLICE REPORT**
3. **PARTNERSHIP REPORT**
4. **COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT**
5. **MINUTES**

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd March, 2017.

6. **FINANCE REPORT**
7. **PLANNING MATTERS**
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Minutes of a meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held in Burnhope School on Thursday, 2nd March, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Present

Councillor D. Coates (Chair)

Councillors H. Barron, K. Barron, D. Bennett, J. Box, F. Dawson, A. Gibson, T. Metcalf and A. Wood.

In attendance

In attendance were County Councillors O. Johnson and R. Young and PCSO L. Jackson.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors B. Henderson and G. Smith.

Police Report

PCSO L. Jackson presented the Police Report as follows:

- Problems with quad bikes being ridden in the village – ongoing investigation.
- Mini Police been working with Speedwatch and have also visited Spennymoor Police Station.
- Stolen mini vehicle – enquiries are ongoing.
- Drain cover stolen.
- Speed laser gun used at Holmside and verbal warnings given.

Partnership Report

Councillor K. Barron presented the report as follows:

- Rose Garden at a standstill
- Two allotments available.

Community Centre Report

Councillor J. Box reported as follows:

- Plans to be included in the next newsletter.
- Area Action Partnership Grant received towards funding. At present the shortfall is £5,800.

War Memorial

Members were advised that a grant of £63,300 had been approved by the War Memorial Trust. This leaves a shortfall of £8,000. The Area Action Partnership had asked the Parish Council to provide £2,000.

The Area Action Partnership had asked the War Memorial Trust to pay the grant to Durham County Council so that it might provide the VAT funding shortfall which could not be met by the Parish Council.

It was unanimously **Resolved that:**

1. The report be noted
2. £2,000 be provided by the Parish Council as requested by the Area Action Partnership.

Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd February, 2017 be approved as a correct record.

Finance Report

The Clerk reported on the following payments made since the last meeting: -

Detail	Amount
	£
A. Gibson - Plants	22.00
T. Metcalf – Xmas Lights	121.91
HMRC – Tax	90.00
P. D. Hughes - Salary	360.00
Brandon and Byshottles Parish Council -	270.20
Total	864.11

Correspondence

The Clerk reported upon the following items of correspondence:

- Area Action Partnership – invoicing for Fly Tipping Cameras.
- Area Action Partnership – War Memorial Trust grant etc. (Discussed earlier in the meeting).
- County Durham Association of Local Authorities – Section 137 expenditure 2017/2018
- Parish Councils’ Committee – meeting 18th March 2017.
- County Durham Association of Local Authorities – Parish Meetings and Annual Meeting.
- County Durham Association of Local Authorities – Durham County Council, Durham Ask.
- Derwentside Action Group – Defective roads and footpaths in Burnhope. County Councillors Johnson and Young explained that they had received the same letter and had asked the Area Highways Inspector to visit the area and report back on his findings. It was **Agreed** that the Clerk should pass this information on to the Secretary of the Action Group.

Durham Constabulary

County Councillor Johnson advised that Durham Constabulary had, for the second time, been awarded “Outstanding Policing”

He also advised that the Chief Constable had been interviewed on Radio 4 praising Neighbourhood Policing in the County and praising the work of Police Community Support Officers.

Open Areas

The path near the Chapel was difficult to traverse because of its muddy condition.

There were horses in the wood adjacent to the football field.

Agreed that the matters should be referred to Kevin Telford of Durham County Council.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:00 pm in Burnhope School on Thursday 6th April, 2017