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Our ref: PDH/SG  
Ask for: Peter Hughes  
Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2019

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 Community Centre on **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**, 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 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.
6. **FINANCE REPORT**
7. **PLANNING MATTERS**
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Minutes of a meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held in Burnhope Community Centre at 6:00 pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Present

Councillor D. Coates (Chair)

Councillors H. Barron, K. Barron, J. Box, A. Gibson, B. Henderson, P. Luther, I. McKeag, and G. Smith.

In Attendance

County Councillor O. Johnson.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors F. Dawson and T. Metcalf and County Councillor. J. Considine.

**Burnhope – The Village that Refused to Die.**

The Chair welcomed Kirsty McCarrison, Age UK, County Durham.

Kirsty explained that the project "*Burnhope – The Village that Refused to Die*" is an inter-generational social history project exploring life in the village from the 1840's to the present day.

The project aims to bring together young and older members of the community by means of a range of events and activities.

All members of the community are invited to get involved throughout the project. Volunteers have already become involved by supporting research etc.

Regular news sheets will be circulated to keep the community updated. The Chair thanked Kirsty for her presentation.

**Partnership Report**

Councillor Henderson reported as follows:

- All allotments have been taken.
- Arrangements are well in hand for the Annual Fair to be held at the Cricket Club.

## **Community Centre Report**

Councillor Box reported as follows:

- Funding has been secured for the Youth Club to operate for a further year. The funding had come from the budget allocated to County Councillors Considine and Johnson and the Detached Youth Project.
- Much work was needed on the Annual Accounts which must be submitted to the Charity Commission.

## **Small Parishes Report**

Councillor Box reported that the next meeting would be held at Burnhope Community Centre at 10:00 am on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

## **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Burnhope Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be approved as a correct record.

## **Finance Report**

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

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	£
P. D. Hughes – Salary (April – June 2019)	360.00
HMRC – Clerk - Tax	90.00
T. Kernahan – Web duties	92.20
A. Gibson – Plants and compost	80.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>622.30</b>

## **Planning Matters**

The Clerk reported that there were no matters to consider.

## **Correspondence**

The Clerk reported upon the following items of correspondence: -

- Maxine Stubbs- Re Burnhope Crossroads. At present there are no funds available for public consultation etc. regarding the change from 30mph to 40 mph. Members expressed frustration at this ongoing saga and the lack of any real progress. Email to be forwarded to MP.
- Smith Rodham Solicitors – re Deed of Grant of Easement for new properties off The Avenue.
- Durham County Council – Re email sent to Durham County Council to progress installation of electricity supply for Christmas Tree.
- Durham County Council – Re tethered horses on Greenwood Avenue and the rear of the Garage Bar and Grill. The County Council will not be taking any further action.

- Karbon Homes – Re play area provision, Burnhope. Request received from a resident of Burnhope for the provision of play area equipment for younger children.  
Members pointed out that the provision of any type of play equipment was very expensive and that funds were simply not available. The Parish Council has already committed expenditure to the village Christmas Tree.  
Further, should a Planning Application be received for residential development of the Greenwood Avenue site, the Parish Council would seek Planning Gain for the provision of play equipment by means of a Section 106 Agreement.
- Go North East – Reduction in 'bus service provision in Burnhope from half-hourly service to hourly service. This is because that only three or four passengers actually use the service.
- Durham County Council – re multi-use bins. Multi-use bins are to be provided for Holmside.
- Durham County Council – Re signage for Community Centre. One sign will cost approximately £430. Councillor Box to examine funding options.

### **Provision of Seats**

Councillor Coates advised that permission would be needed for the provision of a seat in Holmside. A new seat will replace the existing seat which is in a poor state of repair.

Members were advised of a seat which had recently been provided in the Cemetery without the necessary permission and it was **Agreed** that the Clerk should prepare a notice to be fixed to the seat advising that the Council accepts no liability in respect of any accident / incident which might occur as a result of the unauthorised installation of the seat.

### **Pressure Washer**

It was **Agreed** that a portable pressure washer be purchased at a cost of approximately £120 for use in connection with the cleaning of public seats, planters etc.

### **Parking**

It was **Agreed** to ask the Police to examine parking at 1 The Gable. The parking is causing an obstruction.

### **Details of next meeting**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Burnhope Parish Council will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in Burnhope Community Centre at 6:00 p.m.