

BEARPARK PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of Bearpark Parish Council held on **Wednesday 21 November 2018 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Councillor M Wright in the Chair.

Councillors N Anderson, O Edwards, G Hendry, R Kemp, J Peart, M Wilson, P Wilson and T Wilson.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Clerk referred the Council to his email informing the Council that Councillor E Hull had resigned from her position as Councillor and advised that the process to fill the vacancy would commence in the new year.

18/79 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Chard.

18/80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to any items of business on the agenda.

18/81 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no representations from the Public.

18/82 POLICE REPORT

There was no representative from the Police present and no report had been provided.

18/83 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor M Wilson provided an update as follows:

- Discussions between Durham County Council and Langley Park Cricket Club in relation to the asset transfer of Bearpark Recreation Ground were ongoing with both parties hopeful of reaching agreement. Should the asset transfer go ahead, the Cricket Club wished to incorporate Bearpark into their title and actively engage with the local community;
- Officers had looked at creating additional parking at Taylor Avenue as a result of representations made by residents. The estimated cost for the works stood at £22,000;

- Councillor Wilson had spoken to Business Durham regarding those businesses that occupied the industrial units at Colliery Road. Representatives from Business Durham would be speaking to the small businesses currently occupying the units at in an attempt to try and identify similar sized units at similar prices elsewhere, given that the land could be sold off by the landowner for housing; and
- In response to a question from Councillor Kemp regarding the no waiting/no loading / removal of lines at Woodland Road, Bearpark, Councillor Wilson confirmed that the lines to be removed related to the removal of an old school crossing point for Durham Community Business College.

18/84 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2018 were **Moved** by Councillor M Wilson, **Seconded** by Councillor R Kemp and agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

18/85 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There were no requests for financial assistance.

18/86 FINANCE REPORT

The Council considered the monthly financial report which detailed the current bank balances, payments made since the last meeting and payments to be made.

Payments

Payment	Supplier	Description	Amount
BACS	Bearpark WMC	Bonfire Night Event	300.00
BACS	M Turnbull	Clerks Salary (November)	403.62
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	100.91
BACS	RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath Donation	25.00
BACS	Bearpark Community Assoc.	Grant	3000.00
BACS	G Hull	Plants/Compost	150.00
BACS	Anything Wood	Planters	100.00

18/87 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk provided the Council with an update regarding the following matters:

(i) Village Carol Service

The Clerk informed the Council that a request had been received from St. Edmunds Church for a member of the Parish Council to undertake a reading on Wednesday 5 December 2018.

18/88 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

Councillors M Wilson and M Wright updated the Council in relation to the application for housing at Colliery Road. The Council noted that Taylor Wimpey remained in discussion with planning officers at Durham County Council. The latest information available was that Highways Officers at the County Council were happy with the revised proposals for Colliery Road, the proposed speed humps at Aldin Grange Terrace and the widening of the footpath outside Bearpark Primary School. They had also responded positively to the broader footpath, narrowed road and improved sightlines at the Colliery Road junction, although there were no official responses on the planning portal to confirm the information provided. Councillor M Wilson felt that Taylor Wimpey would be willing to speak to the Parish Council again, but wished to continue with their discussions with Durham County Council at the present time.

18/89 PARISH COUNCIL ACTION PLAN

The Clerk informed the Council that the action plan had been updated to take into account those submissions put forward. The Chair informed the Council that the action plan would hopefully be a document to enable the parish council to monitor and chart progress of the direction of travel and better understand what the parish council would do over the next 4-5 years and asked Councillors to feed any comments/idea back to the Clerk.

Resolved

That Councillors feedback any final comments and ideas to the Clerk.

18/90 VILLAGE MATTERS

The Clerk informed the Council that he was working hard to have everything in place for a Christmas tree lights switch on event, however, the date could not yet be confirmed until the final set of electrical work and delivery of the tree had taken place.

18/91 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.