

COTHERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held in Cotherstone Village Hall
on Wednesday 11 July 2018 at 7.00pm

In attendance:	Cllr John Birkett (Chair), Cllr Richard Hunter, Cllr Jenny Watson, Cllr Richard Green
Absent:	Cllr Tim Sabey, Cllr Alan Thorn, Cllr Robin Quick
Public:	None
Clerk:	Judith Mashiter
1. Approval of apologies for absence	<i>As Cllrs Sabey and Quick had submitted apologies due to being on holiday, and Cllr Thorn due to work commitments, it was resolved that their absences be approved.</i>
2. Declarations of interest	None
3. Requests for dispensations	No requests had been received.
4. Minutes	Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 6 June 2018 had been circulated. <i>It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 6 June 2018 are an accurate record.</i>
5. Public participation	No public were present.
6. Update on progress of actions and resolutions	An action log updated 25 June 2018 had been circulated. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clerk to forward Durham County Council's response about its request for a 20mph zone to Cotherstone School for information• Clerk to chase Durham County Council for update on vegetation cutback on footpath between Hawcroft Lane and East Green
7. Planning matters	<i>It was resolved to note the decision made by Durham County Council to approve the application DM/18/01137/FPA (Haggworm Hall, Baldersdale DL12 9UP).</i> Clerk advised that in recent days applications DM/18/01548/FPA (Lathholme) and DM/18/01380/FPA (Fox Hall) had both been approved by Durham County Council.
8. The County Durham Plan	Details of the new County Durham Plan and consultation events had been circulated to all councillors on 24 June and councillors had viewed the documents. <i>It was resolved that Cotherstone Parish Council make no comment on the County Durham Plan.</i>
9. Correspondence	A list of correspondence received had been circulated and was noted. Further issues raised with councillors: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A branch still attached to a very large sycamore is blocking Footpath 98 immediately behind the Methodist Chapel. Clerk to contact Mike Murden at Durham County Council to request remedy• Northumbrian Water work on the pipe bridge has been extended to September.• Northumbrian Water will be carrying out essential sewer work in the village on Friday 13 July• A chain on the West Green boundary has become detached. Cllr Hunter will attend to this.
10. Cemetery matters	Noted that Cllr Birkett had sprayed weedkiller around all graves Following an email from a member of the public, councillors had visited the cemetery to view its condition. <i>It was resolved to write to the grass cutting contractor expressing concern at the state of the cemetery and Garden of</i>

Remembrance, asking why no strimming has been done and requesting a better quality of work, with the offer of a councillor to accompany them to explain the work if necessary.

Clerk to write to member of the public with thanks for tidying up the Garden of Remembrance, details of action taken and apologies for the upset caused.

Matters still pending:

- Removal of damaged tree in right hand wall
- Collapsed old gravestone
- Row number realignment

11. Allotment matters

Councillors to check before the next meeting on whether Klondike Plot 8a has been strimmed.

12. Neighbourhood Plan

CLlr Hunter reported that final comments are still awaited from Durham County Council.

13. Finance

A paper had been circulated.

- It was resolved to receive a report of receipts and payments from 1 – 25 June and a bank reconciliation at 25 June 2018.*
- It was resolved to authorise payments due.* Clerk to request breakdown of the webhosting charges with a view to comparing the price with other suppliers for next financial year.

14. To receive reports from representatives to external meetings

There were no reports to receive.

Meeting closed: 19.55pm