

# 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
<b>1. Approval of apologies for absence</b>	<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>
<b>2. Declarations of interest</b>	None
<b>3. Requests for dispensations</b>	No requests had been received.
<b>4. Minutes</b>	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>
<b>5. Public participation</b>	No public were present.
<b>6. Update on progress of actions and resolutions</b>	An action log updated 25 June 2018 had been circulated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clerk to forward Durham County Council's response about its request for a 20mph zone to Cotherstone School for information</li><li>• Clerk to chase Durham County Council for update on vegetation cutback on footpath between Hawcroft Lane and East Green</li></ul>
<b>7. Planning matters</b>	<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.
<b>8. The County Durham Plan</b>	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>
<b>9. Correspondence</b>	A list of correspondence received had been circulated and was noted. Further issues raised with councillors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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</li><li>• Northumbrian Water work on the pipe bridge has been extended to September.</li><li>• Northumbrian Water will be carrying out essential sewer work in the village on Friday 13 July</li><li>• A chain on the West Green boundary has become detached. Cllr Hunter will attend to this.</li></ul>
<b>10. Cemetery matters</b>	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

APPROVED