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Ask for:

Peter Hughes

Date:

20th February, 2021

# Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is invited at the virtual meeting of **BURNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL** for consideration of the undernoted agenda. The meeting will be held via Zoom at 6.00 p.m. on **Thursday**, 4<sup>th</sup> **March**, 2021. (NB please join the meeting by 5.50 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> February, 2021.

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

Minutes of a Remote (Zoom) meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

# Present:

Councillor D. Coates (Chair)

Councillors J. Box, A. Gibson, B. Henderson, P. Luther and G. Smith.

### In Attendance

County Councillors J. Considine and O. Johnson.

# Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors H. Barron, K. Barron, F. Dawson, I. McKeag and T. Metcalf.

### Partnership Report

Councillor Henderson advised that the allotment fees were now due.

## **Community Centre Report**

Councillor Box advised that a remote (Zoom) meeting had been held earlier in the day. Painting had been carried out in the Centre. It is hoped to re-open the Centre as soon as Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.

#### **Minutes**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 be approved as a correct record.

# **Finance Report**

The Clerk reported that the following payments had been made since the last meeting of the Council:

Description	Amount
	£
British Gas – Christmas Tree	23.71
Burnhope Community Centre – Donation towards cost of Defibrillator	100.00
Mazars – Audit Fee	240.00
DAC Beachcroft- VAT -War Memorial insurance claim	22.06
D. Reed –Provision and Installation of Seat and Planter	470.00
British Gas – Christmas Tree	13.44
T. Kernahan – Web duties	46.10
Total	915.31

### **Planning Matters**

The Clerk reported upon the following Planning Application received from Durham County Council.

Burnhope Cricket Club, Holmside Lane, - proposed bar extension. No objection.

# Correspondence

The Clerk reported the receipt of the following items of correspondence:

- Durham County Council re replacement bin
- Durham County Council re Wheatley Green Lane and Holmside Lane Temporary Road Closure re replacement of telegraph Poles – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for 3 days.
- County Durham Association of Local Councils Section 137 limit for 2021- £8.41.
- Durham County Council re canvassing for elections Not allowed because of Covid 19.
- Durham County Council re Plans for first phase of £70 million Council house building.
  Phase 1 comprises 7 sites across County Durham, one of which is in Burnhope. A report is to be considered by Durham County Council's Cabinet on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
  Members fully supported the proposal and looked forward to the scheme progressing.

# **Burnhope Parish Council - Safeguarding Policy**

The Clerk invited Members to consider a report (previously circulated) regarding the need for a Safeguarding Policy for the Parish Council, and to appoint a Safeguarding Officer.

#### Resolved that:

- i. The Council formally adopt the Safeguarding Policy.
- ii. Councillor A. Gibson be appointed Safeguarding Officer for Burnhope Parish Council.

#### **Community Centre**

Councillor Box referred to the funding received for the Centre from Durham County Council's Area Action Partnership, in the sum of £20k to assist in the continuation of the Centre in these difficult times. Councillor Box took the opportunity to thank County Councillors Considine and Johnson for their contributions.

#### Date of next meeting

The next Remote (Zoom) meeting of Burnhope Parish Council will be held on Thursday 4th March 2021 at 6:00 p.m.