

NORTH LODGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Lodge Parish Council held at Arizona Chemical, Vigo Lane, Chester-le-Street on Tuesday 17th February 2015.

PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr. Mrs. E Forrester
Councillors: Mrs. M. Caygill, Dr. D. Hartley, Mrs. M. May,
Mrs. C. Walton, N. Alderson, D. Hall,
C. Noble-Nesbitt, D. Snaith, J. Waugh.

County Councillor: P. May.

Clerk: Mr. D. Murrell.

Two Residents

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm with the Chairman welcoming everyone.

Item 1. 15/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Mrs. L. LeDune.

Item 2. 15/18 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Mrs. Caygill declared an interest as a Governor of Park View School.

Item 3. 15/19 Report of the Police

The Police were not present at the meeting but had provided a written report (Appendix 1, attached) and this was read out by the Clerk.

Cllr. Mrs. M. May advised of a recent burglary at Lambton Park.

Item 4. 15/20 Report of the County Councillor

The Chairman invited County Councillor P. May to give his report which included the matters contained in his written report attached (Appendix 2).

The Chairman thanked the County Councillor for his report.

Item 5. 15/21 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th January 2015, draft copies of which had been previously circulated, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the Meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Item 6. 15/22 Chairman's Report

a) Re Minute 15/07 section a). Re the Drum pond project, a meeting with the site manager will be arranged to discuss the way forward.

b) Re Minute 15/07 section d). Re a possible community room at Park View School, Cllr. Mrs. Caygill advised that the School continued to seek a workable solution following the discovery of asbestos in the proposed room.

c) Re Minute 15/08 section d2). Re damaged safety surfacing at Low Flatts play area, Cllr. Mrs. Caygill advised that this had been inspected by the County Council technician who considered that the amount of damage was not substantial enough at present to require a repair.

d) Re Minute 15/08 section d4). Cllr. Mrs. Caygill advised that the surface of the bridle path alongside Low Flatts play area did not require re-surfacing at present.

The Chairman reported on the matters contained in her written report attached (Appendix 3).
Councillors thanked the Chairman for her report.

Item 7. 15/23 Portfolio Holders' Reports

The Chairman invited Cllr. Noble-Nesbitt to give his report.

a) Highways and Website

Cllr. Noble-Nesbitt's report included the matters contained in his written report attached (Appendix 4).

- 1) Re parking at Lombard Drive, the Clerk will contact the County Council to request the attendance of the traffic wardens and to request the re-painting of the yellow lines.
- 2) Councillors discussed the County Council's proposal to remove street lights in Picktree Lane. The Clerk is to write to the County Council with the concerns of the Parish Council, and to suggest as a compromise the removal of alternate lights.
- 3) Re Rights of Way, this matter is to be put on the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Noble-Nesbitt for his report and invited Cllr. Mrs. May to give her report.

b) Publicity

Cllr. Mrs. May advised that there were no matters to report.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Mrs. May and invited Cllr. Snaith to give his report.

c) Planning

Cllr. Snaith advised that there were no matters to report.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Snaith and invited Cllr. Waugh to give his report.

d) Finance Cllr. Waugh advised that he and the Clerk would shortly be discussing the role of Finance Portfolio Holder in the financial business of the Council.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Waugh for his report and invited Cllr. Mrs. Caygill to give her report which included the following matter.

e) Play Areas

There were many large molehills at Merlin Drive play area. The Clerk had advised the County Council and a reply was awaited.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Mrs. Caygill for her report and invited Cllr. Mrs. Walton to give her report.

f) Horticulture

Cllr. Mrs. Walton's report included the matters contained in her written report attached (Appendix 5).

- 1) Re preparation of new beds at the re-instated bus shelter at North Road/Northlands roundabout, the Clerk will contact the County Council to clarify responsibilities.
- 2) Cllr. Mrs. Caygill and the Clerk will arrange for a replacement millennium plaque.
- 3) The Chairman gave details of her site meeting at Barley Mow with the Civic Pride team at which suggestions had been made for the horticultural improvement of the area.
- 4) The Chairman invited the Chairman of the Residents' Association, who was in attendance, to give a report on the recent creation of new flower beds in North Road and to outline the Association's proposals for horticulture in the Parish. Following this, Cllr. Mrs. Caygill proposed that a working party, drawn from the Parish Council and the Residents' Association, should be set up to co-ordinate horticulture in the Parish and it was agreed by both parties that such partnership working was desirable. A meeting was then arranged, with the County Councillor also invited to attend.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Mrs. Walton for her report and thanked the Chairman of the Residents' Association for her informative contribution to the meeting.

Item 8. 15/24 Correspondence

1) From the Pensions Regulator
Letter re workplace pensions.

2) From Big Spring Clean 2015
email re this year's event.

The Big Spring Clean 2015 will take place between 28th February and 18th April.

3) From the County Durham Association of Local Councils

- a) email re Royal Garden Party.
- b) Agenda for the Smaller Councils Forum held on Friday 13th February 2015.
- c) email re human resource training.
- d) email re Parish Paths Partnership grants.
- e) email re Community Buildings Grant paid by the County Council.
- f) email re election costs.
- g) Invitation to a County Associations Regional Event to be held on 28th March 2015.

4) From Durham County Council

- a) Quotation for new Christmas lights.

(Resolved - to purchase a 50m length of tree lights).

- b) Confirmation of receipt of precept request.
- c) Letter re consultation on proposal to remove street lights.
- d) email re neighbourhood planning.
- e) email re biodiversity duty.
- f) Notification of the AAP Board meeting to be held on Monday 23rd February 2015.

5) Various planning applications, approvals and refusals from Durham County Council, of which the following were within North Lodge Parish:-

- a) Approval for erection of single dwelling (outline - all matters reserved), at 31 North Lodge.
- b) Approval for conversion of existing macadam play area to a floodlit, fenced 3G synthetic pitch (resubmission with changes to hours of use), at Park View Comprehensive School, Lombard Drive.
- c) Approval for demolition of vehicle maintenance building, and erection of new vehicle maintenance building, at Simpson Bros, Drum Road.

Item 9. 15/25 Adoption of new Financial Regulations

The Chairman and Clerk together had prepared a draft document which would be circulated to Councillors prior to, and for approval at, the next Parish Council meeting.

Item 10. 15/26 Request for Donations

Councillors considered the outstanding requests for donations and agreed to make no donation to any of these. Cllr. Alderson proposed that, in recognition of the meeting room being provided to the Council free of charge by Arizona Chemical, a donation of £50 should be considered to an organization of Arizona's choice.

(Resolved - to make a donation of £50 to an organization chosen by Arizona Chemical).

Cllr. Mrs. Caygill advised that students at Park View School were involved in a sculpture design project and were seeking financial support. Cllr. Mrs. Caygill will obtain details of the project to present to the Council at the next Council meeting.

Item 11. 15/27 Payment of Accounts

TO	AMOUNT	REASON	VAT
D. Murrell		Salary February 2015	
D. Murrell		Expenses February 2015	
Durham County Pension Fund		Clerk's Pension February 2015	
D. Murrell (via Costco Ltd)	£299.89	Laptop Computer	£49.98
Pot-It-On	£207.96	Horticulture	
Information Commissioner	£ 35.00	Annual Registration Fee	
D. Murrell (via Amazon)	£ 99.99	Microsoft Office Programme	£16.66

(Resolved - the payments be approved as submitted).

Item 12. 15/28 Future inclusion of "Other Matters" on the Agenda

a) Councillors discussed this matter and agreed that the title of this Agenda item should be more closely defined in order that significant matters requiring discussion and/or requiring expenditure, should not be brought forward by a Councillor for consideration without prior advice to other Councillors. In future, the item will be named "Other Matters for Information".

(Resolved - Any significant matters requiring discussion and/or requiring expenditure (excluding essential expenditure of no more than £200 which can be authorized between meetings by the Chairman and Clerk together), can only be raised under "Other Matters for Information" for discussion/approval at the next meeting).

b) The next Residents' Association meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th March at 7.15pm, at Park View School.

c) Cllr. Mrs. Caygill advised that the seat at the bus shelter at North Road/Northlands had not yet been replaced. The Clerk will again contact the County Council.

d) Cllr. Mrs. Caygill advised that Park View School had now completed the re-pointing of the School's stretch of the stone wall along the east side of North Road.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

North Lodge Parish Council

Accounts for the month as submitted to the Meeting of North Lodge Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th March 2015.

TO	AMOUNT	REASON	VAT
D. Murrell		Salary March 2015	
D. Murrell		Expenses March 2015	
Durham County Pension Fund		Clerk's Pension March 2015	
HM Revenue & Customs	£	P.A.Y.E.	
Pot-It-On	£	Horticulture	
E. Forrester	£150.00	Chair's Quarterly Allowance	
	£50.00	Donation	

Balance to 28th February 2015

Balance b/f	£32610.47	Balances at Bank:-		
Deduct Payments - Feb 2015	<u>£ 1336.90</u>		Current	£ 417.36
	£31273.57		30 Day	<u>£30891.21</u>
			Total	£31308.57
		Deduct cheques not yet presented		<u>£ 35.00</u>
Balance c/f	£31273.57			£31273.57



CHESTER-LE-STREET BEAT TEAM

NORTH LODGE **PARISH**

BEAT OFFICER – Pc Ferry. (temporary)

PCSO 6389 Christine Taylor

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REPORTING PERIOD

1st December to 31st December 2014

BURGLARY	0
THEFT	0
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	0
ASB NUISANCE	0
VEHICLE NUISANCE	0

1st January 2015 to 31st January 2015

Burglary 0

Theft 0

Criminal Damage 0

Nuisance 0

Vehicle Nuisance 0

INFORMATION

Please remember to lock all valuables away if leaving in your vehicles and remove all traces of Sat Navigation systems if stuck on windows etc. Also check that your vehicle is locked and the keys are not visible through a window or door.

Up to 70% of all car crime in Chester le Street in the last 12 months is because the vehicles have been left unlocked.

ASB is 53% down in Chester-le-Street

Winter is here!

Please don't leave your vehicle unattended while de-icing on these frosty days, a number of vehicles have been stolen and your insurance will not pay out.

If you get a phone call asking you to call a 0809 number back, don't. It will cost you over £1000.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any Police matters.

Thank You

PCSO Christine Taylor

Telephone the police on 101

christine.taylor@durham.pnn.police.uk

County Councillor Peter May

Report - North Lodge Parish Council Meeting February 2015

Anit social behavior – Community Trigger

In December 2014, the Council's Safer & Stronger Communities OSC held a Members Awareness session on the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and activity undertaken to implement the Act by the Safe Durham Partnership ASB thematic group. At this event, Sergeant Jim Peel, Durham Constabulary appraised Members on the introduction of the Community Trigger.

Sponsorship on Northlands Roundabout

I was asked questions re the sponsorship by Jackie Martin - North Lodge Residents Association which were answered by John Reed

Peter

I refer to your enquiry below and can respond as follows.

a) Is the Council charging a fee for advertising?

Yes, through our agents Community Partners.

b) If so is that money being used to fund horticultural on the roundabout?

Generally no. The sponsorship (after deduction of costs) is used to fund highway maintenance countywide.

However, where sponsors wish to improve a roundabout (including horticulture) this facility is available at extra cost.

c) If so does that free up your funding which can be used in other areas of the ward?

Not applicable.

Best regards

John

John Reed

Head of Technical Services

Neighbourhood Services

Durham County Council

County Hall

Councillors vote on budgets

On 25 February the Council will be voting on the budget and council tax.

Any Councillor who is two months in arrears with their council tax payments will not be entitled to vote and must also disclose at the meeting that he/she is not entitled to vote because of council tax arrears.

(Not disclosing why you cannot vote and then voting would amount to two criminal offences).

Grass verges turning into mud

Looking to see if I am able to get Camperdown Avenue repaved to rid the mud from the grass verges North Road

Paving flags being replaced by tarmac on North Road as promised

Rusty cabinet Picktree Lodge.

Long term issue which has been pursued by the Parish Council and latterly by the Residents Association

Simon Turner – highways has it in hand – complicated issue as it has shared facilities with Gateshead. Whilst the situation is being sorted the box will be refurbished. It is not dangerous

Dog Bin for Picktree Lodge

Email sent from Cllr Colin Noble Nesbitt

Cllr May

On Oliver's behalf I have sent your query to our Team who will respond to you directly asap.

Any problems please do come back to us,

Kind regards

Jacqui Nolan

(Temp) Personal Assistant to Oliver Sherratt - Head of Direct Services

Neighbourhood Services

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Meadowfield, Durham
DH7 8XQ
Tel. 03000 269258



From: Cllr Peter May
Sent: 12 February 2015 2:57 PM
To: Oliver Sherratt
Subject: FW: Site for new dog bin - Picktree Lodge

Sent to Ian/Dave and responded to Cllr May. - J

Hello Oliver
I am not sure who to ask to deal with this enquiry. Please can you pass it to the correct person
Thank you

Regards
peter
County Councillor Peter May
North Lodge
03000 268745
Sent from my Windows Phone

From: [Colin Noble-Nesbitt](#)
Sent: 11/02/2015 17:40
To: [Cllr Peter May](#)
Subject: Site for new dog bin - Picktree Lodge

Hello Peter,
Please seek out the County Council's view as regards the supply, siting and servicing of a new dog waste bin on Picktree Lodge, in the vicinity of lamp standard 441: this is situated to illuminate the footpath that runs through the most northerly of the three main DCC owned grassed areas on the east of the estate and immediately to the west of the motorway baffle bank. The suggested position is marked by a cross on the attached map.
The site has been carefully chosen to be sufficiently away from housing so as not to cause offence and yet easy enough for the DCC pick up vehicle to park nearby in the most northerly of the estate's cul-de-sacs. The Parish Council may need to be asked to fund the supply and siting of the bin, I imagine, given the current DCC constraints.

The large "£1000 max. penalty" metal notice on lamp standard 413 at the entrance to Picktree Lodge needs cleaning and it is suggested that the Neighbourhood Wardens could be asked (again) to provide adhesive dog fouling notices for lamp standards 415, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445 and 446: these all lie along the east edge of the estate, near to the baffle bank and in the area of the estate where dog fouling and discarded dog waste bags appear to be most in evidence.

Regards,
Colin Noble-Nesbitt

Awaiting reply

Planning Applications

Proposed New Dwelling situated on land to the rear of 1 Park View
At 1 Park View North Road Chester-le-Street DH3 2AA

For Mr David Emmott

Highways report for the NLPC meeting of 17 February 2015

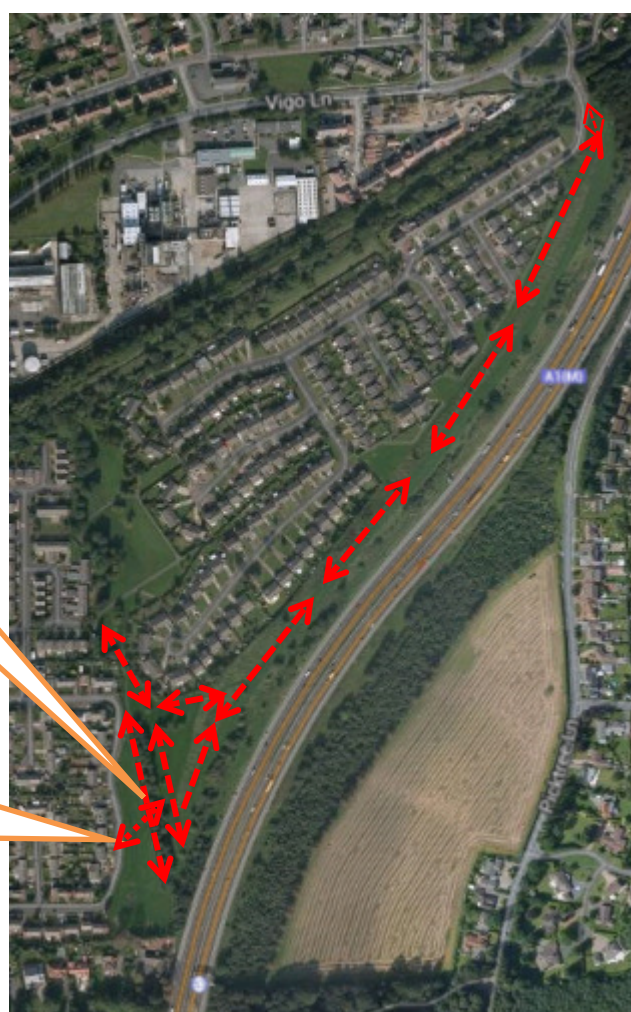
Dog waste bin and Dog fouling notices for Picktree Lodge: The vicinity of lamp standard no. 441 has been identified as the most appropriate position for a first dog waste bin and lamp standards 415 and 437 to 446 as needing Dog fouling notices. County Councillor May has agreed to approach DCC with this request. Funding of parts of this request may need consideration by the Parish Council.

Lombard Drive single yellow line parking restrictions, from 3pm to 4pm, directly opposite Park View School entrance, are regularly being disregarded, thus wholly negating the intended safety-for-pupils effect of these restrictions. Parking is consistently overlapped onto the pavement along this single yellow line. [At this time of day speed is not an issue at all – typically in the 0 to 10mph range!] **Action needed:** traffic wardens to be asked to attend between 3pm and 4pm after school half term holiday, to enforce and educate. Additionally, DCC to be asked to repaint all the yellow lines, including the zig-zags which are particularly eroded.

DCC Proposal to Remove Street Lighting Columns (LC) 81 to 88 inclusive on Picktree Lane has been approved by DCC cabinet: discussion needed in council with respect to any further information which may inform the risk assessments [by 2nd March].

Rights of Way from Caxton Way and Merlin Drive to and along the baffle bank: see following map with details.

Footpath routes situated between North Lodge Estate and Picktree Lodge which have been used by the public without challenge for more than 25 years.



The Access & Rights of Way Team at Durham County Council is in the process of identifying those paths which have been used continuously for 20 years or more within the County for the purpose of applying for dedication as Public Rights of Way and adding those successful applications to the definitive map.

Kevin Telford (responsible for the Chester-le-Street area) would appreciate a written request from NLPC in support of an application to apply for dedication of the above routes as public rights of way.

C N-N 17/02/2015