

A meeting of **Bearpark Parish Council** will be held on **Wednesday 19 July** at **7.00pm** at **Beaurepaire Community Hub**.

R. Parker
Clerk to Bearpark Parish Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Disclosure of any personal or prejudicial interests by Councillors in relation to any matters to be considered at the meeting.

3. MINUTES and MATTERS ARISING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 June 2023 (copy attached).

4. POLICE REPORT

To receive information about local crime and disorder issues.

5. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

To receive any representations from the public.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

To receive an update report from local County Councillors.

7. REPORT OF THE CLERK

To note an update report from the Clerk.

8. FINANCE REPORT

To consider all financial transactions since the previous meeting.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider any recent planning applications

Number and Applicant	Location	Proposal	Decision
DM/23/00363/FPA Northumbrian Water Ltd	Sewage Treatment Works And Premises At Aldin Grange Farm Bearpark DH7 7AR	Erection of 3 no. kiosks	Approved
DM/23/00986/TPO Arborline tree services	49 Quarry Crescent Bearpark Durham DH7 7DR T1	Beech prune back to boundary as marked on the picture and shape back in	Approved
DM/23/00804/TPO Arborline Tree Services	2 Woodland Close Bearpark Durham DH7 7EB T1	Beech - prune back the branches overhanging number 2 woodland close by 1.5-2 metres	Refused

10. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

To consider any requests for financial assistance

11. VILLAGE MATTERS

To raise any village matters of interest/concern

12. EASTSIDE AVENUE LINKED FOOTPATH

To receive an update on plan and costings.

13. REMEMBERING BEARPARK

To receive an update on costings

14. CHRISTMAS 2023

To consider plans and costings.

15. ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

To consider any additional urgent items of business.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next meeting – Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 7.00pm

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Bearpark Parish Council

At a meeting of **Bearpark Parish Council** held on **21 June 2023** at **7:00pm** at **Beaurepaire Community Hub**.

Present:

Councillor M Wilson in the Chair

Councillors I Cummings, R Kemp, J Peart, J Thompson, and P Wilson.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor O Edwards

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that he had fed back to the resident of Hedley Court regarding the overgrown shrubs and trees. The resident was advised that the vegetation was on private land and therefore not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

The Clerk had contacted the contractor regarding the overgrown planters on the chicane. These have been cut back to improve visibility for drivers. The contractor had advised that it appeared some bedding plants had been stolen from the planter and so these have been replaced.

In relation to the Eastside Avenue Linked Footpath, Cllr M Wilson reported that a plan and more accurate costings should be available by July.

Cllr R Kemp advised that the Chapel Quiz Night raised over £400 for Christian Aid.

Resolved

That the information be noted and that Eastside Avenue Linked Footpath be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

4. Police Report

Cllr M Wilson advised that there had been a couple of minor incidents involving youth nuisance but nothing major to report.

Resolved

That the information be noted

5. Representations from the Public

There were no members of the public present and no representations had been received.

6. County Councillors Report

Cllr M Wilson provided a brief report to the Council as follows:

- Cllr Joan Nicholson had been elected as Chair of Durham County Council for the forthcoming year. Her chosen charities are Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs and The Alzheimer's Society. Councillor Lesley Mavin was the new Mayor of Durham. Councillor Liz Brown was Deputy Mayor.
- Durham Brass Festival is set to return from Sunday 9 to Sunday 16 July. On Saturday 15 July a free party will be held in Wharton Park from 5:30pm.
- £2.64m had been awarded by the Department of Transport for the repair and prevention of potholes across the county. This was in addition to almost £13m that had already been committed to improving the condition of the road network.
- The Sunday bus service which had previously ceased was set to be reinstated as it was (or as close to as possible). The service is to be funded by Durham County Council on a yearly basis subject to available budget.

Resolved

That the information be noted.

7. Report of the Clerk

The Clerk provided the Council with an update as follows:

- The next two meetings of the Smaller and Larger Council Forums will take place on 20 July at Shildon and 23 November at Great Aycliffe.
- The data protection register entry for the Parish Council had been renewed with the Information Commissioners Office.
- An emergency planning meeting was to be held on Monday 26 June, 6pm, Beaurepaire Community Hub.
- An email had been received from CDALC to advise that 6 June 2024 would signal the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The Parish Council may wish to consider a potential event to mark the occasion.
- The following training courses are available via CDALC:
 - New Councillor training - Wednesday 5 July 2023, 6-8pm
 - An Introduction to CiLCA - Tuesday 11 July 2023, 6-7pm
- An email was received regarding a number of fires at the colliery woods. The fire service had been called. Cllr M Wilson advised that she had contacted Durham County Council regarding the brash as a potential fire hazard. The response received suggested that the brash was not the issue.

- Both benches which had previously been taken away by Durham County Council following damage have now been reinstalled on the Parish Council land.
- Durham County Council grass cutting services had improved which had been well received.
- A finance report was circulated and all payments were agreed.
- The Parish Council Consultant sought agreement from the Council for the following purchases for the new Clerk:-
 - new laptop up to the value of £500
 - mobile phone contract up to £10 per month
 - printing costs of up to £10 per month
 - mileage allowance
 - broadband allowance

Resolved

- (i) That the Clerk's report be noted and actions agreed where appropriate; and
- (ii) That the Clerk's Contract of Employment be updated to reflect the updated allowances.

8. Planning Applications

DM/23/01450/FPA – 3 Hartside View, Bearpark, DH7 7TE

(Proposed two storey and single storey rear extension)

Resolved

To note the above application

DM/23/01573/NMA - 2 Auton Field Terrace Bearpark Durham DH7 7AS

(Non-Material Amendment pursuant to planning permission DM/22/01280/FPA to reduce the of height of proposed dwelling)

Resolved

That the Clerk seek clarity regarding the application and report back at a future meeting.

9. Request for Financial Assistance

Heritage 100 Walk – Accompanying Story

Unfortunately, the Project Leader was unable to attend the meeting but has advised he will attend at a future date. The Clerk to send dates of future meetings to Project Leader

10. Village Matters

Flag Pole

A suitable site is still to be agreed. Clerk to speak to DCC/Company who supplied the pole and report back.

Interpretation Boards

That Cllr M Wilson to contact designer and report back.

Remembrance Event

Cllr I Cummings to check the condition of the poppy display used for the previous two years and advise if repairs are needed. Cllr M Wilson to contact Community Hub Manager to ask if the craft club would be able to help with any repairs.

Cllr M Wilson asked if it would be possible to hire a portable PA system to be available for the service at the pit wheel. Clerk to source recording of The Last Post. To be discussed at a future meeting.

Play Park

Cllr R Kemp enquired as to whether damage to the play park had been fixed to which Cllr M Wilson advised that it had.

Housing Development

Cllr R Kemp advised that there were a number of occasions recently where work on the development site had begun earlier on the morning than stipulated in planning regulations. Cllr R Kemp to make the developer aware.

Dangerous Trees

Cllr M Wilson advised that DCC have issued an enforcement warning regarding dangerous, overhanging trees.

Stone Valley Festival

Cllr M Wilson advised that a letter would soon go out to residents who would potentially be affected by the noise, traffic etc from the festival. The letter contained contact information for anyone who had concerns or queries and also advised that there would be 24-hour security on site throughout the weekend. Cllr M Wilson would post the letter on the Facebook page.

Litter Pick

The next litter pick would take place on Sunday 2 July. Children from a local care facility had been invited to partake.

Football Club Fun Day

The football club are hoping to host another funday.

Resolved

That the Clerk refer and take actions where required and that the other matters be noted.

11. Any Additional Urgent Items of Business

There were no additional items of business to discuss.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 19 July 2023.