



Chairman: Sarah Crone

Parish Clerk: Iris Leadbitter

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**Minutes of Birtley Parish Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

**8pm at Birtley Village Hall**

**Present:**

Sarah Crone, David Burn, Bill White, Paul Andrew, Ann Lowes

Nick Morphet unable to attend

**Declaration of interest:** None

**Update from the previous meeting**

Sarah Crone (Chairman) did not approve the minutes from the previous meeting as a Parish Council member asked for additional information to be added to the minutes relating to the dog fouling

#### B4RN

A village resident advised the Kirkwhelpington and Woodburn connections were going ahead

At a meeting at Cambo it was noted the shortfall is now £120000

Not all of Birtley village has been connected however the connections are to all the boundaries of each residence

#### ROADS

Clerk advised she has emailed Northumberland County Council asking if they can advise when they will be in the Birtley area to fill in pot holes

A member of the Parish Council asked the clerk to contact Northumberland County Council about pot holes at Dinley Hill and also the overflowing ditch on the right beside Birtley Shields

#### DRAINS

Paul Andrew advise the drain truck had been in the village to clear the drains only one not cleared opposite the Bells house as no access was possible due to a vehicle being parked

#### VILLAGE HALL

The generator is now in position on the concrete pad

A date has been arrange for the connection to be completed by the contractor

The gas bottles required to run the generator have been ordered

The village hall is to send an invoice to the Parish Council for the hiring of the hall as this had been overlooked

#### ST GILES CHURCH

David Burn advised the church council has been advised the dog show was not going ahead this year on the playing field

A different location had been suggested for the show but this was turned down

In July the church service time will change to 9am instead of 10am

#### FINANCE

The committee were advised of expenses during the last 3 months

#### PLAYGROUND

Clerk advised the cost for a replacement swing was being investigated and would advise the committee of the cost to purchase and instal

#### DOG FOULING

Paul Andrew advised he had purchased two signs to be placed on the two gates advising no dogs allowed in the playing field

The Chairman confirmed the decision not to allow dogs on the filed is to be discussed at the December meeting

A.O.B.

The chairman asked the clerk to investigate costs to update the website

The Chairman advised she has applied for a free framed portrait of the king to be delivered and will contact the village hall committee once received to ask if it could be placed in the village hall

The Northumberland County Councillor was unable to attend the meeting but advised a copy of his notes will be sent to the clerk to be distributed to the committee and placed on the village notice board

Two village residents asked if they could attend the meeting to discuss two matters they would like to raise with the Parish Councillors

1. Practical ways to engage and listen to parishioner's
2. Could more be done for the village

The chairman welcomed the villagers to the meeting and discussed the two questions raised

She invited the two visitors and any other members of the public in the village to attend any of the 4 meetings a year should they wish to do so

The committee of the Parish Council welcomed a new member Marilyn Bell who was voted onto the committee at the AGM

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date of next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024