

LARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Lartington Parish Council meeting held on

Tuesday 11th November 2025 at Cotherstone Village Hall at 7.30pm

In attendance: Cllr Sharon Munn (Chair) Cllr Neil Prior, Cllr Rachel Frost, Cllr John Clarke,

Cllr David Crisp

Others: 3 members of the public

47/2025	Apologies Received from Cllr Cynthia Symon and Cllr Eric Crawford
48/2025	Minutes of the last Lartington Parish Council Meeting The Chair was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 September 2025 (previously circulated)
49/2025	Declarations of Interest /requests for dispensation (ii) Declaration of Interest – Cllr Sharon Munn – Agenda Item 58/2025 – Planning Application Ref. No: DM/25/02980/
50/2025	Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) There were no items of business which require any exclusions
51/2025	Public Participation Owners of Low Ponds updated the Parish Council on the works currently being undertaken. They also outlined the planned works and the necessary permissions and reports they were initiating to undertake the delivery of the project
52/2025	Correspondence All correspondence received had been circulated to Councillors and items for discussion included in this agenda
53/2025	Clerks Report The Clerks Report had been circulated to Councillors. The report was discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Trail Running Event – Parish Council had been written to by the event organiser advising of an incident during the event where a resident from Cat Castle was very upset and told a Marshal that runners had no right to access the village via the old railway track between Deepdale Woods and the village. The organiser also highlighted that the ribbons marking the route through Deepdale Woods had also been removed. The organisers had obtained all relevant permissions required to hold the event from Durham County Council and the owner of railway track prior to the event. Councillor Crisp alluded to an alleged safeguarding incident. Councillor Frost advised that any alleged safeguarding issues should be reported by the complainant to the police.Other items and actions addressed under items on the agenda.

54/2025	The Council's Code of Conduct and The Nolan Principles It was agreed to update Lartington Parish Council Code of Conduct. The Nolan Principles were noted.																											
55/2025	NJC 2025/26 agreement for terms and conditions of local authority employees The implementation of the 2025/26 agreement on terms and conditions of local authority employees, including a pro rata amount of 3.2% increase backdated to 1 st April 2025 was agreed.																											
56/2025	Assertion 10 compliance The implementation before 31 March 2026 of the new digital and data protection responsibilities introduced in the 2025 Practitioners Guide for town and parish councils that will apply to the 2025/26 AGAR was agreed. The Clerk was to attend a workshop on requirements compliance for Assertion 10, on 12 th November. Clerk to produce a checklist to ensure the Parish Councillors were aware of what was required regarding compliance.																											
	Financial Matters Finance (i) The income below was noted <table><tr><td>30/09/2025</td><td>Bank Interest</td><td>£11.96</td></tr></table> (ii) To ratify the below payment (post 9 September 2025 meeting) <table><tr><td>19/11/2024</td><td>NONE</td><td></td></tr></table> (iii) The payments below were considered and authorised <table><tr><td>11/11/2025</td><td>Hire of Village Hall</td><td>£17.00</td></tr><tr><td>11/11/2025</td><td>Admin Expenses</td><td>£17.10</td></tr><tr><td>11/11/2025</td><td>Pads for the Defibrillator iPad SP1 Adult/Child Electrode Pads</td><td>£105.00 plus VAT (twin pack)</td></tr></table> (iv) The Standing Orders below were agreed and authorised <table><tr><td>30/11/2025</td><td>Clerk Salary – November</td><td>£100.30</td></tr><tr><td>30/11/2-25</td><td>HMRC</td><td>£25.00</td></tr><tr><td>30/12/2025</td><td>Clerk Salary - December</td><td>£100.30</td></tr><tr><td>30/12/2025</td><td>HMRC</td><td>£25.00</td></tr></table> (iii) The cash book and bank reconciliation/spend to date circulated to Councillors was noted	30/09/2025	Bank Interest	£11.96	19/11/2024	NONE		11/11/2025	Hire of Village Hall	£17.00	11/11/2025	Admin Expenses	£17.10	11/11/2025	Pads for the Defibrillator iPad SP1 Adult/Child Electrode Pads	£105.00 plus VAT (twin pack)	30/11/2025	Clerk Salary – November	£100.30	30/11/2-25	HMRC	£25.00	30/12/2025	Clerk Salary - December	£100.30	30/12/2025	HMRC	£25.00
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57/2025	Budget/Annual Precept 2026/27 The 2026/27 finances were considered. As the 26/27 Budget Planning - Tax Base had not been received from DCC prior to the meeting, it was agreed to approve the budget and agree the precept at the January meeting.																											
58/2025	Planning Matters (i) The current status of the following were discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Village Stores Lartington Lane Lartington Barnard Castle DL12 9DA Ref. No: DM/24/03207/FPA. Agreed to object on the grounds that the external revisions were not in keeping with the village vernacular. Agreed to respond to the applicants' letter to residents of 10th October welcoming the applicants to the village but also seeking resolution to issues raised by residents, regarding compliance to the Section 106 Agreement, parking on the pavement, grass verge and in the bus stop, and mud left on the road.																											

	<p>(ii) The following planning applications were discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chantry Cottage, Lartington DL12 9BP Ref. No: DM/25/02830/FPA – Single Storey Extension to side and rear including replacement detached garage and shed. Application was discussed – no issues raised • Postgate House. Lartington DL12 9DA Ref. No: DM/25/02980/TCA – G1 Beech –reduce in height by 3m – Cllr Munn left the meeting whilst the application was discussed. Application was discussed – no issues raised • Park Farm Lartington Lane Lartington DL12 9DE Ref. No: DM/25/03037/TCA – Pruning of low hanging and overhanging branches, Various species including Cherry, Oak, Ash Beech, Sycamore, Maple. Application was discussed – no issues raised • Keeper’s Cottage. Lartington DL12 9BP Ref. No: DM/25/02870/FPA - Proposed single storey side extension. Application was discussed – no issues raised
59/2025	<p>Parish / Members Matters To receive information/updates, discuss issues raised and agree actions</p> <p>(i) Highways Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for extension of the 30mph speed limit. Agreed to follow up the invitation to Durham Police Traffic Management to visit site in the new year, should no response be received to the email sent on 22 October 2025 <p>(ii) Drains on Lartington Green Lane – Agreed to report via Do it Online</p> <p>(iii) Footpaths and Bridleways – no further responses received</p> <p>(iv) Aqueduct – Clerk to follow up the initial email sent to Durham County Council Conservation</p> <p>(v) Proposal to build a wind farm on Hope Moor on the edge of the Stang Forest – Cllrs were updated and agreed to be updated on the proposal</p> <p>(vi) Damage to the gate piers at Lartington Hall – resident had reported damage to those working at the Hall but no action forthcoming from the Apartment Group. The damage represents a potential danger to those using the entrance. Agreed to report incident/damage to Durham County Council</p>
60/2026	<p>Speed Watch A verbal update on Speed Watch exercises was given. Adverse weather had prevented some recent exercises but more were planned</p>
61/2026	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting The next meeting date was - Tuesday 13 January 2026 @ 7.30pm The following meeting dates were agreed:</p> <p>Tuesday 10 March 2026 Tuesday 12 May 2026 – Annual Parish Meeting followed by Ordinary Parish Meeting Tuesday 14 July 2026 Tuesday 8 September 2026 Tuesday 10 November 2026</p>

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm