

LARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Lartington Parish Council meeting

held on Tuesday 13th January 2026

at Cotherstone Village Hall at 7.30pm

In attendance: Cllr Sharon Munn (Chair), Cllrs Eric Crawford, Cllr Neil Prior,

Cllr Cynthia Symon, Cllr Rachel Frost, Cllr John Clarke, Cllr David Crisp

62/2025	Apologies No apologies received																								
63/2025	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 11 November 2025 (previously circulated)																								
64/2025	Declarations of Interest /requests for dispensation (i) Cllrs Munn and Crawford – Agenda Item 72/2025 Planning Matters																								
65/2025	Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) No exclusions required																								
66/2025	Public Participation No written public questions submitted																								
67/2025	Correspondence Correspondence previously circulated to Councillors																								
68/2025	Clerks Report The Clerks Report was circulated to Cllrs. Any actions from the report to be discussed within this agenda																								
69/2025	Financial Matters Finance (i) The income below was noted <table border="1"><tr><td>31/12/2025</td><td>Bank Interest</td><td>£8.36</td></tr></table> (ii) To ratify the below payment (post 11 November 2025 meeting) <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>None</td><td></td></tr></table> (iii) The payments below were authorised <table border="1"><tr><td>13/01/2026</td><td>Hire of Village Hall</td><td>£17.00</td></tr><tr><td>13/01/2026</td><td>Admin Expenses</td><td>£23.05</td></tr></table> (iv) The Standing Orders below were noted and agreed <table border="1"><tr><td>30/01/2026</td><td>Clerk Salary – Jan</td><td>£100.30</td></tr><tr><td>30/01/2026</td><td>HMRC</td><td>£25.00</td></tr><tr><td>30/02/2026</td><td>Clerk Salary - Feb</td><td>£100.30</td></tr><tr><td>30/01/2026</td><td>HMRC</td><td>£25.00</td></tr></table>	31/12/2025	Bank Interest	£8.36		None		13/01/2026	Hire of Village Hall	£17.00	13/01/2026	Admin Expenses	£23.05	30/01/2026	Clerk Salary – Jan	£100.30	30/01/2026	HMRC	£25.00	30/02/2026	Clerk Salary - Feb	£100.30	30/01/2026	HMRC	£25.00
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	(v) The cash book to date was noted
70/2025	<p>Budget/Annual Precept 2026/27</p> <p>The 2026/27 finances and budget were discussed and an annual precept budget of £2,851.00 approved for 2026/27. It was noted that the proposed increase was due to the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no income from DCC Council Tax Reduction Scheme • The need for the Parish Council to comply with Assertion 10 regulations and AGAR compliance • Introduction of a small minor maintenance budget • Increased cost of auditor
71/2025	<p>Assertion 10 compliance</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to a maximum budget of £300 to be allocated to Assertion 10 compliance. It was agreed in order to comply with the requirements of Assertion 10 regulations, the Parish Council (Clerk) and all Parish Councillors would be given gov.uk email addresses.</p>
72/2025	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>(i) Verbal updates were given on the status of the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Village Stores Lartington Lane Lartington Barnard Castle DL12 9DA Ref. No: DM/24/03207/FPA – new door and window design – refused. Sample stone and mortar – Refused. • Chantry Cottage Lartington Barnard Castle DL12 9BP. Ref. No: DM/25/02830/FPA - Single storey extension to side and rear including replacement detached garage and shed – Pending decision • Postgate House Lartington Barnard Castle DL12 9DA - G1 - Beech - Reduce in height by 3 Metres. Ref. No: DM/25/02980/TCA - Decided • Greys Lodge Pergola Ref. DM/25/00870/FPA – Pending • Keepers Cottage Ref. DM/25/02870/FPA Side extension – Approved • Park Farm Pruning of low hanging branches – various species Ref DM/25/03037/TCA - Refused • Section 20 application sewage treatment plant – Northumbrian Water to install a foul water sewer to serve properties on north side of the village between and to include Lartington Hall and Marian cottage.
73/2025	<p>Parish / Members Matters</p> <p>The following updates were discussed and actions agreed</p> <p>(i) Highways Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drain on the corner of Lartington Lane and Lartington Green Lane unresolved. • Request for extension of the 30mph speed limit – Police had provided dates for site visit. Awaiting confirmation from DCC <p>(ii) Footpaths and Bridleways – agreed to write to DCC to advise the footpath at Cat Castle has been blocked again, requesting DCC enact their statutory power to compel the landowner to clear it and keep it clear. It was agreed if no commitment forthcoming from DCC then a complaint to the Ombudsmen should be sent.</p> <p>(iii) Aqueduct – no response received for DCC. To be followed up</p> <p>Lartington Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage to the gates at Lartington – further damage had been sustained to the gate pillars. Clerk requested images to send further update to DCC • It was agreed to write to Lartington Estates requesting the contractors

	<p>currently working on the bridge over the Scur Beck on the estate refrain from parking HGVs on the grass verge at the west of the village.</p> <p>Vehicles impede site lines for pedestrians crossing the road and there is damage to grassed areas and large amounts of mud on the pavement.</p> <p>(v) Replacement Defibrillator – Clerk to submit funding application seeking to secure funding to replace existing unit</p> <p>(vi) Licencing – The application for Lartington Hall had been withdrawn. It was agreed to hold a meeting and invite solicitor appointed who was dealing with the proposed application. Clerk to send letter of invitation. A letter of complaint was to be sent to the Licensing Authority from the Parish Council regarding issues relating to the compliance to the existing licence.</p>
	<p>Speed Watch</p> <p>One Speed Watch Exercise had been completed since the last meeting. Others were planned. The data form the exercise was to be delivered to the Police in Barnard Castle.</p>
75/2025	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 @ 7.30pm</p>

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