

LARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Lartington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2025 at Cotherstone Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Cllr Cynthia Symon, Cllr Rachel Frost, Cllr John Clarke

33/2025	Apologies – Cllr David Crisp																									
34/2025	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 8 th July 2025																									
35/2025	Declarations of Interest /requests for dispensation (ii) Declaration of Interest – Cllr Cynthia Symon – Agenda Item 44/2025 – Fence																									
36/2025	Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) There were no items that required the exclusion of the press and public																									
37/2025	Public Participation No written questions were received																									
38/2025	Correspondence All correspondence received had been circulated to Councillors and items for discussion included in this agenda																									
39/2025	Clerks Report The Clerks Report had been circulated to Councillors. The report was discussed and items and actions addressed under items on the agenda.																									
40/2025	The Council's Code of Conduct and The Nolan Principles Agreed to include Lartington Parish Council Code of Conduct (circulated to Cllrs) on the agenda at the November meeting to discuss, note and agree any updates required																									
41/2025	Change to gov.uk email address for the Parish Council and Councillors It was agreed to take advice and seek further clarification from CDALC re) the processes required to implement a gov.uk email address. The cost would be included in the forthcoming 2026/27 budget																									
42/2025	Financial Matters (i) There was no income received <table border="1"> <tr> <td>09/09/2025</td><td>NONE</td><td></td></tr> </table> (ii) The following payments were authorised <table border="1"> <tr> <td>09/09/2025</td><td>Hire of Village Hall</td><td>£17.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>09/09/2025</td><td>Admin Expenses</td><td>£17.10</td></tr> <tr> <td>10/09/2025</td><td>ICO (direct debit)</td><td>£47.00</td></tr> </table> (i) The Standing Orders below were noted and agreed <table border="1"> <tr> <td>30/09/2025</td><td>Clerk Salary – September (inc. backdated salary increase from 01/04/2025)</td><td>£118.81</td></tr> <tr> <td>30/09/2025</td><td>HMRC - September</td><td>£29.50</td></tr> <tr> <td>30/10/2025</td><td>Clerk Salary - October</td><td>£100.30</td></tr> <tr> <td>30/10/2025</td><td>HMRC - October</td><td>£25.00</td></tr> </table> (iii) The cash book and bank reconciliation/spend to date circulated to Councillors was noted		09/09/2025	NONE		09/09/2025	Hire of Village Hall	£17.00	09/09/2025	Admin Expenses	£17.10	10/09/2025	ICO (direct debit)	£47.00	30/09/2025	Clerk Salary – September (inc. backdated salary increase from 01/04/2025)	£118.81	30/09/2025	HMRC - September	£29.50	30/10/2025	Clerk Salary - October	£100.30	30/10/2025	HMRC - October	£25.00
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43/2025	Planning Matters (i) The Village Stores Lartington Lane Lartington Barnard Castle DL12 9DA Ref. No: DM/24/03207/FPA. Agreed to contact Planning Department for confirmation that the potential flooding impact to properties and structures downstream following ongoing works associated with the stream had been properly assessed. (ii) Greys Lodge - Ref. No. DM/25/00870/FPA (retrospective) – still pending decision (iii) There were no new planning applications.
44/2025	Parish / Members Matters The following updates and information was discussed and actions agreed; • Highways Matters ○ 30mph speed limit – Response from Durham Police Traffic Section had been received and circulated to Cllrs. Agreed Chair to draft a response. Clerk to provide ▪ the background relating to the initial request ▪ all of the supporting evidence provided to DCC since the initial request, going back several years ▪ updates of recent incidents Drains at the junction of Lartington Green Lane and Lartington Lane– Clerk to report the leaking fire hydrant and request Durham County Council investigate the smell emanating from the drains in the area. • Footpaths and Bridleways ○ Agreed to contact Mark Redman at Durham County Council requesting update on agreed works etc. to Footpaths 29 and 27. ○ Aqueduct – Now for sale. Clerk to contact Conservation Officer requesting Durham County Council consider carrying out the required repairs to the Grade 2 listed structure and reclaim the costs from the sale. S.54, S.76 and S.48 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended refers. • High Crag Ponds – agreed to monitor • Fence rear of Park House – Conservation Officer considers it acceptable as a stock fence. No further action at this point. • Street Lighting – reported that lanterns had been dimmed and that residents could request shields on lanterns to reduce glare • Running Event – Clerk to contact organiser re) complainants
45/2025	Speed Watch - A verbal update was provided on Speed Watch Exercises. It was agreed to; • use various locations across the village to capture future speeding data • request if information submitted to Police from the Speed Watch Exercises was now current and updated regularly on Police systems
46/2025	Date and Time of Next Meeting Tuesday 11 th November 2025 – 7.30pm

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm