**Present:** Councillors: - Mrs P. Crathorne **(Chairman)**

Dr. S. Drew **(Vice Chairman)**

Mrs. P. Drew; Mrs J. Grafton; Mr P. Metcalfe; Mr P. Mayhew; Mr R Vaughan; Mr R. Poole;

Mrs M. Poole; Mrs M. Walker; Mrs. A. Wilson.

In attendance: Mr D. Snowball (Parish Clerk)

Mrs E. Peeke (Durham County Councillor)

**55\_22/23** **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for this meeting.

**56\_22/23 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to make declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

**57\_22/23 MEMBERS DISPENSATION**

The Clerk informed the meeting that there were no dispensations for this meeting.

It was noted that there were no dispensations.

**58\_22/23 CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTRACT**

Presentations were made to the meeting by the three companies that had quoted for the supply of the three-year contract for Christmas Motifs and Tree.

A vote was taken to agree the successful company to be appointed on a three-year agreement: -

1. Blachere 5
2. Fizzandco 0
3. Lumalite 6

Following further discussion on the motif and tree design it was requested for the clerk to arrange an Extra Ordinary meeting on Monday 18th July 2022 at 7.00p.m. for members to consider and agree the designs to be provided.

***RESOLVED:***

That: -

1. Lumalite be appointed to supply the Christmas Motifs and Tree for a period of three years.
2. The clerk to arrange an Extra Ordinary meeting on Monday 18th July 2022 at 7.00p.m for members to consider and agree the style and designs of the motifs and tree.

**59\_22/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were three members of public present.

A member of public spoke on the issues of anti-social behaviour and provided an insight of the issues being faced and actions being taken by the police and neighbourhood Wardens and the proposal that he had requested to be added to the agenda for this meeting.

**60\_21/22 MINUTES**

ORDINARY meeting held on; Monday 13th June 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Dr S. Drew and seconded by Councillor Mr R. Poole and

***RESOLVED:***

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 13th June 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at this meeting.

**61\_22/23 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

County Councillor Mrs E. Peeke informed the meeting on issues with fly tipping and attended the bus board meeting and the bus companies are having issues recruiting drivers and this is affecting the service. An update on the new council building was also provided

*Members received and noted the updates*

**62\_22/23 CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed the meeting that she had attending a small British Legion service at Tursdale memorial in remembrance of the fallen soldiers during the Falklands War. She had also been invited to attend the brass band concert by Ripon Town Band and attended the Durham Big Meeting.

**63\_22/23 POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (pact)**

Dr S. Drew informed the meeting that he had been on holiday and had not attended the P.A.C.T. Durham County Councillor Mrs E. Peeke had attended and informed the meeting and there had been theft of diesel from a local business, fly tipping, anti-social behaviour and several incidents of items removed from motor vehicles.

*Members received and noted the updates.*

**64\_22/23 AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor Mrs P Crathorne informed the meeting that she had attended a meeting and there was a presentation form Pharmacy County Durham and issues of grass not being cut had been raised and discussed in Chester Crescent and it was shown at the meeting and proved that the land does belong to Livin.

*Members received and noted the updates.*

**65\_22/23 MEMBER OF PUBLIC REQUEST**

A member of public from the green area was suffering from anti-social behaviour and other issues from youths playing football on the green open space and submitted a request for members to consider installing no football signs and/or flower beds to help reduce the issues.

Following members discussion and consideration of the request Councillor Mrs P. Crathorne proposed that flower beds and signs are not installed and the clerk writes to the police and officers at Durham County Council neighbourhood warden section asking what they will do to tackle the issues.

Councillor Mr P. Metcalfe requested that the local M. P. be copied in to any correspondence made.

This was seconded by Councillor Mrs M. Poole and Councillor Dr S. drew requested a named vote on the proposal: -

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| ***COUNCILLOR*** | ***FOR*** | ***AGAINST*** | ***ABSTENTIONS*** | ***ABSENT*** |
| Mrs P. Crathorne | **X** |  |  |  |
| Dr S. Drew |  | **X** |  |  |
| Mrs P. Drew |  |  | **X** |  |
| Mr R. Poole | **X** |  |  |  |
| Mrs M. Poole | **X** |  |  |  |
| Mr R. Vaughan | **X** |  |  |  |
| Mr P. Metcalfe | **X** |  |  |  |
| Mr P. Mayhew | **X** |  |  |  |
| Mrs J Grafton | **X** |  |  |  |
| Mrs M. Walker | **X** |  |  |  |
| Mrs M. Wilson | **X** |  |  |  |

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***RESOLVED:***

That:

1. Flower beds and signs will not be instated;
2. the Clerk writes to the police and Durham County Council Neighbourhood Wardens to find out what they are going to put in place for the village of Cornforth to deal with the issues currently being faced.
3. And a copy of this correspondence is also sent to the local M.P.

**66\_22/23 CDALC nominations for president, Vice President (x3), honorary treasurer and honorary auditor.**

CDALC had requested for members to consider the above positions and seek nominations for the above positions from within our council or if none confirm the position of the council to CDALC by the 31 August 2022.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M. Poole and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Grafton and

***RESOLVED:***

That there are no parish councillors who wish to be considered for the positions and that the council supports the re-election of the named post holders contained in the report.

**67\_22/23 DONATION OF WOODEN BENCH**

The clerk informed members of a handmade wooden bench that had been donated to the council by Endeavour Woodcrafts and a location for the bench was being sought at this meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Dr S. Drew and seconded by Councillor Mr P. Metcalfe and

***RESOLVED:***

That: -

1. The Clerk contacts Acorn Grange Care Home and see if they will accept the bench to be placed in their grounds.
2. That a donation of £250 is made to Endeavour Woodcrafts as a thank you and support for the work that they carry out.

**68\_22/23 INTERNET BANKING**

The clerk informed members of the benefits of moving towards internet banking and electronic payments. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mr P. Metcalfe and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Grafton and

***RESOLVED:***

It was unanimously agreed for Internet Banking and Electronic payment methods to be introduced.

**69\_22/23 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS FROM DURHAM COUNTY’S WEEKLY LIST**

The Clerk informed the meeting that there no planning applications for consideration.

**70\_22/23 FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Queens Platinum Jubilee Event.**

The Clerk presented the financial statement to members for information.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr R. Poole and seconded by Councillor Dr S. drew and

***RESOLVED:***

To receive the Queens Platinum Jubilee Event financial statement.

**71\_22/23 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – Quarter 1 (April – June)**

The Clerk presented the report to members for information.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Dr S. Drew and seconded by Councillor Mrs M. Poole and

***RESOLVED:***

To receive the quarterly budget monitoring form for quarter one.

**72\_22/23 BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT – May 2022**

Following discussion and a request from Dr S. Drew for the account lien that is in grey to be in black, it was proposed by Councillor and seconded by Councillor and

***RESOLVED:***

To receive the Bank Reconciliation statement for May 2022 and for it to be signed by the Chairman Councillors Mrs. P. Crathorne and Mrs M. Poole.

**73\_22/23 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS – May 2022**

Following discussion, it was proposed by councillor and seconded by councillor and

***RESOLVED:***

To receive the Income and Expenditure analysis for May 2022.

***Meeting closed at 9.30p.m.***

Signed (Chairman):

Date: