

## APPENDIX 2

Thank you for the draught details regarding the boundary changes/review.  
On behalf of Walworth Parish Council, we are happy that Archdeacon Newton are to hopefully become a Parish meeting. We as a Parish Meeting did bring this matter up at our recent meeting along with the mayor at the time Mr Lee. A vote was taken, resulting in our residents not wishing for an amalgamation of the area in question. I thank you for keeping us informed

Thanks  
Jayne Younghusband Chair Walworth.

**Barbara Harris** Barbara Harris on behalf of Catherine Whitehead  
**From:**  
**Sent:** 16 December 2014 09:55  
**To:** Councillor Lee  
**Subject:** RE: Rural Archdeacon Newton into Walworth Parish meeting

Cllr Lee

I acknowledge receipt of your email below which I will bring to Cath's attention on her return. Thanks  
Barbara

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**From:** Councillor Lee

**Sent:** 16 December 2014 09:33

**To:** Catherine Whitehead

**Subject:** Rural Archdeacon Newton into Walworth Parish meeting

Good morning Catherine,

You will remember the little chat we had after the last Full Council Meeting about allowing the small hamlet of Archdeacon Newton to join with Walworth Parish Meeting because of their close rural ties.

I have been able to talk to both minor authorities and both are happy for this to happen.

I am sorry it has taken a little longer than I had anticipated to sort this out but I still hope that you can make it happen as this is a sensible solution to residents who see themselves linked to and share rural problems and values. Should this little hamlet stay in the larger Ward boundary of West Park, it will be lost completely and its residents who are so supportive of the current Parish Council will have no say in their future.

Best wishes,

## APPENDIX 3(b)

Quarry End  
Walworth  
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May 22nd 2015

Dear Ms Whitehead

### Community Governance Review

Thank you for your recent letter detailing the Consultation schedule for the Community Governance Reviews. This letter is the formal submission to the review in respect of the Archdeacon Newton review, from Walworth Parish Meeting.

Our Ward Councillor, Mr Gerald Lee, has already made us aware of the issue and has provided us with a paper outlining possibilities for Archdeacon Newton, including the option of joining the rural section of Archdeacon Newton, north of the A1M into Walworth Parish Meeting. (See paper provided as Attachment 1).

Mr Lee attended our AGM on April 20th 2015 and presented the option to the meeting. The meeting was well attended and the matter was discussed at length. Attendees had had the paper in advance and Mr Lee explained the background and his reasoning for recommending the move and so the decisions were well considered.

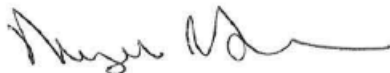
The overwhelming and strongly expressed feeling of the meeting was reflected in a vote which resulted:

In favour of joining - 0      Against joining - 16      Abstentions - 1 (See minutes as Attachment 2)

The dominant feeling of the meeting was that extending the boundary of the parish meeting would dilute the levels of activity and interest in the village, which is reflected in strong attendance at all meetings and to events such as our litter pick. There was also a feeling that this could be one step along the road to conglomerating enough Parish Meetings to make a Parish Council, which no-one wanted to happen. On the whole it was felt that there would be no benefit to Walworth residents and little or no benefit to the 16 Archdeacon Newton residents either.

Please get back to us if you have any questions relating to this submission, otherwise we look forward to hearing the proposals and to the Public Consultation exercise in August and September.

Yours sincerely



Margaret Anderson  
Clerk to Walworth Parish Meeting



Jayne Youngusband  
Chair of Walworth Parish Meeting

ARCHDEACON NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Chairman:** Councillor  
NORMAN WELCH

COLDSIDES COTTAGE  
BURTREE GATE  
NEAR COCKERTON  
VIA DARLINGTON  
CO.DURHAM

Darlington (01325) 353264  
10 June 2015

DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
15 JUN 2015

Community Governance Review  
DBC Town Hall  
Darlington DL1 5QT

Your letter (ref: CW/BAH) dated 30 April 2015 was presented to this Parish Council on 20 May 2015 (its contents having been circulated to Parish Councillors).

It was recorded that, consequent to the amalgamation of Darlington Rural District and Darlington Borough, the Archdeacon Newton Parish Meeting was inaugurated on 4 June 1978. This newly created Parish was entirely rural; comprising 7 farms or agricultural holdings at Faverdale and 7 farms or agricultural holdings north and west of A1(M) road.

As housing development occupied agricultural land at Faverdale (later designated High Grange), the Parish Meeting made repeated formal requests for an alteration of the Parish boundary to exclude High Grange. In spite of the advice of the then Borough Solicitor (P.H.Kearsley) that DBC had the authority to alter the Parish boundary, DBC continually deferred consideration of the Parish Meeting's persistent requests for High Grange to be removed from the Parish. When the Parish electorate (including High Grange residents) reached 200 it became obligatory to create a Parish Council to replace the Parish Meeting.

On 10 July 2001 P.H.Kearsley (in his capacity as Borough Solicitor) presided at the inaugural meeting of the Parish Council, with 7 nominated Parish Councillors representing an Urban and a Rural Wards. Since then, the Parish (as a whole or in part) has been included, from time to time, in the Whessoe, Heighington-Coniscliffe, Faverdale Borough Wards and is now wholly within the Faverdale-Brinkburn Borough Ward.

We submit that if CGR results in the demise of the Parish Council, the entirely rural area of the Parish, north and west of A1(M) road be re-created a Parish Meeting, thus reverting to its 1978 status.

If the electorate of this rural area precludes the creation of a Parish Meeting and CGR recommends its subsumption by an existing, contiguous Parish Meeting, we further submit that the name ARCHDEACON be added to the identification of such an enlarged Parish Meeting.

We also submit that the interests of the rural area of this Parish are best served by its inclusion in DB Rural rather than an Urban Ward. Any such Parish Meeting should continue to be consulted on Planning and other municipal matters likely to affect the Parish.

A formal acknowledgment of this submission is requested.

Signed:  Chairman of the Parish Council

## APPENDIX 4

**From:** Peter Allan <enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 04 November 2014 15:35  
**To:** Catherine Whitehead  
**Subject:** Community Governance Reviews

Good afternoon Catherine,

We refer to your letter dated 28th October, and wish to comment as follows:

1. The boundary changes appear to only affect the portion of Hurworth Parish which is within Blackwell ward and embraces houses in Skerne Park.
2. The residents of Skerne Park, historically, have not participated in any Parish meetings, nor have we received any correspondence from any resident in the last two years.
3. Cllr Chris Pratt is our councillor for Blackwell, and he does not object to this area being re-designated.

Hurworth Parish Council has reviewed and discussed the proposed changes, and has no objections to the boundary modifications. We have already lodged our 'view' that the boundary line should be the A66 highway, as this is clear cut.

We do not wish to delay your decision, and we would be very much against the scenario of two elections. This will cause discontentment within the Parish Council, and unwarranted expense, as we would have to pay for the second election.

Please accept this letter as support for the proposed changes, and an expedient and final decision.

Regards,

Peter Allan  
Parish Clerk RFO  
Hurworth Parish Council

Mr. Frank Richardson.

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to enlighten you to the history of the village of Middleton-St George. Both LOW DINSDALE and MIDDLETON-ST-GEORGE parishes were instituted by the Bishop of DURHAM in the (1200s) 800 years ago.

Prior to 1819 both parishes were TOTALLY RURAL:-on an even footing as far as homes were concerned, (L.D.P. had 217 [8 farms]) (M.S.G had 244. [9 farms]) a total of 461. Both with their own church and Manor House.

1825 : Now entered the Stockton & Darlington railway, the direct line would have bypassed both parishes by a good mile: But the rejection of this route by the 3rd EARL of DARLINGTON (Sir Harry Vane of LONGNEWTON). (Said it would affect his hunting pursuits) if it crossed his lands. He took his case to PARLIAMENT and won. So the route swung south into our parishes. Ironically: in 1832 :13 years later, he fell off his horse and never hunted again.

After the line, came the industries; 4 blast furnaces, then associated industries. Brick works: rolling mills: water mills and wagon works.

1931. With the advent of the depression and cheaper iron making in Middlesbrough, all these industries went to the wall. As the second world war broke out: it was deemed prudent to retain the blast furnaces, but when the war was over; in 1949 these furnaces were demolished leaving acres of Brownfield sites. Did the planners, build work units NO! they just built houses, over 895 an increase of 294% ... During my 40 years on Low Dinsdale P.C.we rightly decided to keep our RURAL PARISH rural as a green belt, with 17 R.O.Ws fully usable.

The Boundary Commission have now decided to cut my parish in half. Is this their answer to build on green sites and do away with the green belt? which we parish Councillors; for the last forty years fought to retain.

Yours , EX CHAIRMAN:



HONORARY FREEMAN OF LOW DINSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

## APPENDIX 5(b)

Dear Luke,

I have been asked by my chairman to respond to your letter concerning the above review on behalf of Neasham Parish Council.

Following discussion of the Council's proposals contained in your letter I can confirm that Neasham Parish Council are in full agreement with the proposals regarding the incorporation of that part of Low Dinsdale Parish area that now sits in Hurworth Ward and the area covered by Sockburn Parish Meeting into the proposed greater Neasham Parish Council area.

During your final deliberations on this proposed action our members would ask the council to give consideration to allowing one further member to sit on the council to represent the views of the residents of the extended parish area. We feel that the additional one hundred plus residents fully justify such an addition, as you will be aware, that part of Low Dinsdale Parish currently has one designated council representative to look after the interests of that area so it would make sense to transfer that designated position to the new Neasham Parish Council. By increasing our parish numbers from seven to eight we would still be following the National Association of Local Council's recommendations for councils representing up to five hundred residents.

The Council's positive consideration of this request would be much appreciated and could save the need for costly elections in 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Dodwell.

Vice Chairman.  
Neasham Parish Council

## APPENDIX 5(C)

From: Councillors: Doris Jones, Steve York, and Brian Jones.

Ward Councillors for Sadberge and Middleton St George Ward.

Dear Luke,

Please find attached a petition collected by resident Mr J Jarvie of St Georges Gate Middleton St George.

The residents of this estate and other areas of Low Dinsdale parish council Middleton St George, feel strongly that it makes more financial and administration value by only having the one parish council covering the whole of the ward.

Low Dinsdale parish council only have 6 meetings a year, meeting bi-monthly and residents do not consider the need for the cost of two parish clerks and all the other administration costs of running a second parish council.

We have also be requested to include the minutes/agendas for the meetings held this year pointing out the running costs of Low Dinsdale parish council which is mostly a duplicate of MSG parish.

You will also note in the minutes for May the parish council agree *"it is in the best interest of the village to only have one parish council"*.

We have also included a copy of our submission sent in earlier this year to Cath Whitehead Borough Solicitor, (please note the amendments to our original submission sent to Cath, as we have since learned that MSG own all of the playground.)

Kindest regards.

Doris Jones Steve York Brian Jones



**We the undersigned, residents of St George's Gate, Middleton St George agree the proposal by Darlington Borough Council to support the Community Governance Review to form one parish council for Middleton St George**

**Signature**

**Print Address and Name**

This is the first page of the petition.

The signatures and names and addresses have been redacted for Data Protection compliance.

The petition comprises 4 pages, with 82 individuals' names and signatures, resident at 45 addresses in St Georges Gate, Middleton St George.

# Middleton St George Parish Council

Councillor Doris Jones BEM  
Chairman Middleton St George Parish Council  
38 The Oaklands Middleton One Row  
Darlington DL2 1BD

Dear Catherine,

## Community Governance Revue: Middleton St George Council.

Members of Middleton St George have discussed this issue and are strongly of the view that the Parish Council Boundary would be more effective and agreeable with the residents of Middleton St George if the ward was represented by one parish, that being the parish of Middleton St George.

As a parish MSG provide, pay for and maintain all of the recreation facilities in the village which are shared by residents living in both parishes, the only exception to this is that Low Dinsdale Parish Council contribute 25% of the playground running costs except for the insurance which MSG pays 100% as they are the full owners.

MSG Parish Council employ the grounds man for grass cutting and hedge trimming in all of the recreation areas and take full responsibility to arrange repairs of any of the village equipment and the Insurance for repairs and public liability also organising weekly, monthly half yearly and the ROSPA annual health and safety inspections. We meet on a monthly basis, whereas Low Dinsdale only meets bi-monthly giving them only 6 meetings a year.

MSG Parish Council is leading on the village Neighbourhood Development Plan and has taken the responsibility of employing the Planning Consultants MD2 to lead us and the village on this.

We feel it is only fair to also point out that most residents living in the Low Dinsdale Parish area are not aware that their parish council is Low Dinsdale; consequently they attend our parish meeting with their concerns and do not feel this is in their best interest as they pay council tax to live in Middleton St George. As one resident complained to us that the difference between the provisions of services causes a minority of residents to be at a disadvantage compared to the parish service provided to the majority of residents.

We sincerely hope you consider our application favourably in the best interest of the whole of the residents living in the ward area of Middleton St George.

Yours sincerely

Comment [CJD1]:

Comment [CJD2]: This is an amendment from my first submission as we have just learned this new information from the land registry.

Comment [CJD3]: MSG are the sole owners of the playground but have given 25% contribution to Low Dinsdale. However MSG will not be able to sell the land without Low Dinsdale approval however they can build on it.

Precept Increase for Low Dinsdale Parish council from 2008 to 2013 (No further details available.)

2008 increase 14.1% 2009

increase 11.4% 2010

increase 34.8% 2011

increase 51.9% 2012

increase 18.8% 2013

increase 4.0%

The overall increase between 2008-2013 has gone from £5.26 to £14.83. What are we paying for?

Mr J Jarvie St Georges Gate. Middleton St George

These minutes were approved at the Council meeting of 26 August 2015. Subsequently an error was pointed out which will be recorded the next Council meeting. For the purpose of accuracy the error has been corrected, and is shown here in blue

## Low Dinsdale Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 22 July in the W I Hall, Middleton St George, commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Mrs C Gilsenan (Chairman)

Cllr Paylor (~~Vice Chairman~~)

Cllr Mrs Ashton (Vice Chairman )

Cllr S Crowther

Cllr C Everett

Cllr M Gilsenan

Cllr D Lambert

One member of the public

In attendance: Cllr Mrs D Jones, Cllr D Sheen (Middleton St George Parish Council) Mr Clive Davies (MD<sup>2</sup>), Mrs Helen Crute (Clerk)

Apologies: There were no apologies

3041 The Chairman welcomed Members and noted the meeting was quorate. She also welcomed Mr Davies of MD<sup>2</sup>, Cllr Mrs D Jones and Cllr Sheen, Chair of the Neighbourhood Development Plan committee. It was agreed to take Agenda Item 5 first.

3042 Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllr Sheen and Mr Davies explained the current position regarding the plan, stating it was now in its final stages prior to going to public consultation. Work on the various policies was ongoing to ensure the language was unambiguous and clear. The plan was confidential until completion of this stage-Cllr Sheen said confusion could be caused if the wording was not clear and precise. They answered various questions from Members about the process the plan would need to go through before being finally adopted, at which stage it became a statutory document. Cllr Mrs Ashton asked why Low Dinsdale Parish Council had no representation on the Steering Group. Cllr Sheen responded by saying he believed Low Dinsdale Parish Council had decided not to be involved. He said representatives would be welcome to attend the next meeting, although no meeting was currently scheduled. Cllr Mrs Gilsenan asked if it was possible to have a copy of the draft in its current form. Cllr Sheen said he would supply a copy on the understanding that it was a confidential document and must not go beyond Councillors. Cllr Mrs Gilsenan said she understood that was the case and

that position would be respected. She then thanked Cllr Mrs D Jones, Cllr Sheen and Mr Davies for attending, whereupon they left the meeting. The Clerk then reminded the meeting that the Council had not decided not to be involved and it had expected to be part of the Steering Group. The formal agenda then resumed.

3043 Declaration of Interests Cllr Mrs Ashton declared an interest in item 7.2 and Cllr Paylor in item 8.2

3044 Minutes of meetings held on 13 May and 16 June 2015 It was proposed by Cllr Crowther, seconded by Cllr Lambert and agreed by the meeting that the minutes of both meetings were correct records, subject to the amendment of a minor typographical mistake under Item 3036 -*question of LDPV having a facebook page* should read *the question of LDPC having a facebook page*

3045 Progress Reports 3028.1 Changes to the bank mandate had been awaiting the return of Cllr Mrs Ashton, and would now be progressed 3030 Fence at Woodlands Green: there was no progress to report 3033 Cllr Mrs Gilson reported she had found the Training for Councillors and Chairmen very helpful statement were signed by the Chairman.

1. The Annual Governance Statement within the Annual Return was **approved**
2. The submission of the Annual Return to the external auditor was **approved**
3. Appointment of Ian Calvert as internal auditor was **approved** However, it was **noted** that in the event of Low Dinsdale Parish Council (LDPC) ceasing to exist in its current form as a consequence of the outcome of the Local Governance Review, the audit of the 2015-16 may require different arrangements to be made. It was **resolved** to pay the Internal Auditor £35 for the current Audit.

### **3025 Appointments to Subcommittees**

1. Joint Playground Subcommittee: it was **agreed** the Chairman and Vice Chairman would represent the Council. It was **noted** the LDPC only had one vote on this subcommittee
2. Darlington Association of Parish Councils: it was agreed that the Chairman would represent LDPC

### **3026 Items raised at the Parish Assembly**

No items raised which were not on the Agenda

**3027 Renewal of Membership of Cleveland local Councils Association** After a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Gilson, seconded by Cllr M Gilson and **resolved** that LDPC would re-join Durham Association rather than Cleveland Local Councils Association, the clerk to notified both organisations as appropriate.

### **3028 Financial Matters**

1. Bank Mandate It was proposed by Cllr Lambert, seconded by Cllr Gilson and **resolved** by the meeting that the signatories would be Cllr Mrs Gilson, Cllr Mrs

Ashton and Cllr Paylor.

2. It was proposed by Cllr Paylor, seconded by Cllr Everett and **resolved** that the following accounts should be **approved** for payment

Helen Crute -salary (April/May)	322.00
Helen Crute-expenses 12.02.15 -13.05.15	47.01
MSG WI-balance due	7.00
Co Durham Assoc of Local Councils - copy of "Governance & Accountability"	5.80
Ian Calvert - Annual internal audit	35.00
MSG Parish Council - RoSPA Report	11.93

3. The Clerk explained the nature of a complaint she had made to Barclays Bank as a result of incompetence on its behalf, which had resulted in considerable work and stress for her. The bank had offered her compensation of £125. It was proposed by Cllr Lambert, seconded by Cllr Paylor and **resolved** by the meeting that she could accept the offer.

### **3029 Community Governance Review**

The formal notice of the Review had been received and any submissions for consideration by Darlington Borough Council had to be with them by 30 June. It was agreed to have an additional meeting to discuss this. The clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements, and to find out as much information as possible about the options available and the consequences of those.

**3030 Fence at Woodlands Green** After a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Lambert, seconded by Cllr Crowther and **resolved** by the meeting to support the decision made by Middleton St George Parish Council to accept the transfer of the Fence to both Parish Councils.

### **3031 Planning**

The following planning application had been received:

Application Ref:	15/00195/FUL
Description:	Construction of dropped kerb to allow vehicular access to highway Location: 9 Neasham Road, Middleton St George DL2 1LE

**noted**

The clerk commented that the board was in need of repair.

**3051** Invitations to Ward Councillors to attend Council Meetings It was **agreed** that invitations to attend should be sent to the Councillors for Middleton St George and Sadberge as well as those for Hurworth Ward, as Low Dinsdale South was now in Hurworth Ward following the Boundary Commission review

**3052** Agenda Items requested by Councillors

1. Nuisance caused by youths in the Pountey's area: Cllr Paylor updated the meeting regarding the ongoing problems. Cllr Crowther suggested complainants should be asked to keep a log which could be passed on to the police. **Agreed** this was a good idea
2. Facebook page: It was proposed by Cllr Gilsenan, seconded by Cllr Crowther and **resolved** by the meeting that the Chairman would set-up a facebook page for Low Dinsdale Parish Council. This would link to the website .for access for formal documents, minutes etc.

**3053** Correspondence from Darlington Borough Council

A letter had been received regarding consultation on the residential proposals for the former Blackwell Grange Golf Course. **Noted**

**3054** Other correspondence

Routine correspondence was **noted**

**3055** Training There were no requests for training

**3056** Councillors reports and future agenda items Cllr Mrs Ashton asked if the Speed Monitoring equipment was still in operation. It was confirmed that it was.

She asked if something could be done to have the grass cut by the Fighting Cocks. The clerk was asked to raise the matter with Street Scene. Cllr Lambert asked if the clerk would contact Street Scene about the condition of poo and rubbish bins by Spa House.

He also asked if the Clerk could contact Highways about the condition of the road junction at Brass Castle, both about its poor physical condition, and the fact it is a dangerous junction. **Agreed** Cllr Paylor reported the Ramblers Association "Big Path Watch" which wanted people to walk rights of way, and inform them of problems encountered.

It was suggested that the Parish Council could try to have all its local paths walked as a final contribution to the village. The clerk was asked to bring the footpath maps to the next meeting.

**3057** Due to the Clerk being on annual leave, the next meeting will be on Wednesday 26 August 2015, 7.00 in the WI Hall

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 9.45pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Low Dinsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 May 2015 in the W I Hall, Middleton St George, commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr D Lambert (Chairman)  
Cllr C Everett  
Cllr Mrs C Gilsenan  
Cllr M Gilsenan  
Cllr C Paylor

In attendance: Mrs Helen Crute (perk)

Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mrs Ashton

The Chairman welcomed Members and noted the meeting was quorate.

- 3017 Election of Chairman for the ensuing year Cllr Mrs Ashton and Cllrs Mrs Gilsenan had both proposed themselves for the position of Chairman. Cllr Paylor seconded Cllrs Mrs Ashton and Cllr Lambert seconded Cllr Mrs Gilsenan. A vote was taken and Cllr Mrs Gilsenan was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. Cllr Mrs C Gilsenan signed her declaration of acceptance of office
- At this point, the retiring Chairman, Cllr Lambert stood down from the chair and Cllrs Mrs C Gilsenan took his place.
- 3018 Election of Vice Chairman for the ensuing year Cllr Lambert proposed that Cllr Mrs Ashton be elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Cllr M Gilsenan and resolved unanimously by those members. As Cllr Mrs Ashton was away for several weeks, it was agreed that she must sign her declaration of acceptance of office before the July Council meeting
- 3019 Co-option to fill the vacant place on Council It was proposed by Cllr Lambert, seconded by Cllr M Gilsenan and resolved by the members that Stewart Crowther be co-opted to fill the vacant place on Council. The Clerk circulated an information pack to all councillors and was asked to send copies of the Good Councillors' Guide by email to the Chairman and Cllr Crowther, and to put it on the website as a matter of general interest
- 3020 Apologies It was proposed by Cllr Paylor, seconded by Cllr Everett and Resolved by those present that Cllr Mrs Ashton's apologies were approved by Council.
- 3021 Declarations of Interest No member declared any interest in any item on the Agenda
- 3022 Minutes of the Meeting on 11 March 2015 It was proposed by Cllr Lambert, seconded by Cllr Paylor and resolved by the meeting that the minutes of the meeting on 11 March 2015 be signed as a true record of the meeting



3023 Progress Reports The were no progress reports on any items not on the Agenda

3024 Audit of accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

The date for the audit is 30 June 2015. The accounts would be available for inspection from 29 June -24 July 2015 noted The Clerk took the meeting through accounts, pointing out that two Precept & CTS grants had been received in the 2014-15 financial year and that unbudgeted expenditure of £1,400 had been made to Middleton St George Parish Council towards the costs of the Neighbourhood Plan. The balance of £14,355.11m was Approved. The Bank Reconciliation and Variance

3036-Poo Bins: The clerk had not had time to contact Darlington Borough Council regarding poo bins but would do so as soon as possible. 3027 The Clerk had notified both Cleveland Association and Durham Associations of the decision to return to the Durham Association. Representation at the AGM etc would be on the agenda at the next meeting

3046 Community Governance Review Cllrs Mrs Gilson and Cllr Crowther had agreed a response to the invitation to submit views for consideration by Darlington Borough Council. The report by Catherine Whitehead presented to DBC Cabinet had not accurately represented the submission, and Cllr Crowther had attended the meeting to ask a question. After a long discussion it was agreed that ~ It was in the best interests of the village of Middleton St George that there be one parish council ~  
It was logical that Low Dinsdale South should become part of Neasham Parish ~ Members felt it was be a shame if the historic name of Dinsdale where lost, therefore, when the Darlington Borough Council consultation was undertaken, there should also be consultation in the name of the combined parish. Middleton St George and Dinsdale seemed to be a logical choice

3047 Planning Matters

1. Resolved that no comment be made in respect of the following application: 15/00685/FUL-erection of single storey side and rear garage, utility and kitchen extension, at 10 Palm Tree Villas
2. 15/00484/FUL-creation of a Solar Farm on land to the west of Hunger Hill Farm, Neasham Road. Access to this development would be off the A67  
Noted
3. Update on proposed development at the rear of Grendon Gardens and High Stell application no 14/00041/OUT. The application had been rejected by the Planning Committee. It is probable that the applicants would appeal, and after a discussion, it was agreed that the clerk should make enquiries as to the costs of engaging a planning consultant.

3048 Financial Matters

1. Resolved the following accounts should be paid: Helen Crute-salary for June/July 2015 £322.00 Darlington Borough Council-Group Insurance Policy 185.51 Middleton St George-Grounds Maintenance for period 1.4.15-30.9.15 190.05 Co Durham Assoc Local Councils-Chairman Training 27.00 Co Durham Assoc Local Councils-membership fee 94.22 Middleton St George-repair of spring on gate 70.00 The Clerk pointed out that due to pressure of work, she had not had time to finalise her expenses claim, and would carry it forward to the next meeting

2. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ashton, seconded by Cllr Crowther and resolved by the meeting that a donation of £50 should be made to the Middleton St George & District Allotment & Gardens Association towards its Summer Show. Cllr Paylor abstained as he had declared an interest in this item.
3. A request from Butterwick House would be on the Agenda for the following meeting.

,3049 Reports

PACT Meeting -no report as no representative able to attend meeting DAPC - the clerk gave a brief update on the meeting Teesside Airport Group -the Chairman reported she was still trying to find out further information

3050 Notice Board at the Old Chapel A letter had been received from the current owners giving permission for the continued posting of notices on the board affixed to the Chapel wall. Noted The Clerk was asked to write and thank the owners.

Information had been received re a proposed solar farm at Hunger Hill Farm. Whilst this is not in the Parish, any building works might impact on the village. This was **noted** at this stage

**3032 Reports**

There were no reports

**3033 Training** Training for Councillors and Chairman, 10 June 2015. It was **agreed** Cllr Mrs Gilsenan would attend this training course.

**3034 Correspondence from Darlington Borough Council**

None which had not been taken at the meeting

**3035 Other Correspondence**

Routine catalogues and newsletters **noted**

**3036 Councillors reports and items for future Agenda**

Cllr Paylor reported an increase of youths causing nuisance in the Pountey's area, and asked for it to be on the next agenda Cllr Mrs Gilsenan reported she had been invited to attend a meeting of the Friends of the Airport as well as a meeting of the group opposed to the development of the airport Cllr Lambert reported the seat at the top of the Black Path had disappeared and was informed it had been returned to the donors, as it had been damaged by vandals He also report a walker commenting on the absence of poo bin at end of the path at Low Dinsdale Church. **Agreed** to Clerk should follow on LDPC's earlier request for such a bin to be provided Cllr Mrs Gilsenan asked for the question of LDPV having a facebook page to be on the next Agenda Cllr Everett, on behalf of everyone, thanked Cllr Lambert for his service as Chairman.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 8.5Spm

Signed:

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Low Dinsdale Parish Council

Helen J Crute  
Clerk of the Council

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## Agenda

1. **Apologies for Absence**  
**To receive** apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
**To receive** any declarations of interest from Members  
Members are invited to declare personal and prejudicial interests in items on the agenda. It is a requirement that declarations from a member include the nature of the interest and whether it is personal or prejudicial.
3. **Minutes of the previous meetings**  
**To approve** the minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015
4. **Progress Reports**  
**To receive** progress reports for information
5. **Neighbourhood Plan**  
**To consider** response, if any, to email from David Sheen (attached)
6. **Community Governance Review**  
**To review** the current position and agree the next steps
7. **RoSPA Safety Report on playground**  
**To receive and consider** latest RoSPA report  
Repair of swing assembly is required, with an anticipated cost of approximately £790
8. **Planning**
  - 8.1 **To receive and consider** any planning applications
  - 8.2 **To consider** any further information as to the current position re proposed development at High Stell
9. **Financial Matters**
  - 9.1 **To approve** the following accounts for payment:-

Helen Crute – salary for August/September 2015	322.00
Helen Crute – expenses due for May-August	174.62

- 9.2 **To consider** a request from Butterwick Hospice for a donation towards Butterwick House
10. **Beating the Bounds**  
**To discuss** suggestion of "Beating the Bounds"
11. **Reports**  
**To receive** reports:-  
- PACT Meeting  
- Darlington Association of Parish Councils  
- Teesside Airport Group  
- Durham County Association of Local Councils – representation require
12. **Correspondence from Darlington Borough Council**  
**To receive** correspondence from Darlington Borough Council
13. **Other Correspondence**  
**To receive** other correspondence to be tabled at the meeting
14. **Training**  
**To receive** information regarding forthcoming training courses and to approve any training requests
15. **Councillors reports and items for future agenda**  
Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and raise items for future agendas. **Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making**
16. **To confirm the dates of the next meeting**  
**The next routine meeting will be 11 November 2015**

**Middleton St George Parish Council  
Councillor Doris Jones BEM  
Chairman Middleton St George Parish Council  
38 The Oaklands Middleton One Row  
Darlington DL2 1BD**

Dear Catherine,

**Community Governance Review: Middleton St George Council.**

**Members of Middleton St George have discussed this issue and are strongly of the view that the Parish Council Boundary would be more effective and agreeable with the residents of Middleton St George if the ward was represented by one parish, that being the parish of Middleton St George.**

**As a parish MSG provide, pay for and maintain all of the recreation facilities in the village which are shared by residents living in both parishes, the only exception to this is that Low Dinsdale Parish Council own 25% of the playground and contribute 25% of the running costs except for the insurance which MSG pays.**

**MSG Parish council employ the grounds man for grass cutting and hedge trimming in all of the recreation areas and take full responsibility to arrange repairs of any of the village equipment and the Insurance for repairs and public liability also organising weekly, monthly half yearly and the ROSPA annual health and safety inspections. We meet on a monthly basis, whereas Low Dinsdale only meets bi-monthly giving them only 6 meetings a year.**

**MSG Parish Council is leading on the village Neighbourhood Development Plan and has taken the responsibility of employing the Planning Consultants MD2 to lead us and the village on this.**

**We feel it is only fair to also point out that most residents living in the Low Dinsdale Parish area are not aware that their parish council is Low Dinsdale; consequently they attend our parish meeting with their concerns and do not feel this is in their best interest as they pay council tax to live in Middleton St George. As one resident complained to us that the difference between the provisions of services causes a minority of residents to be at a disadvantage compared to the parish service provided to the majority of residents.**

**We sincerely hope you consider our application favourably in the best interest of the whole of the residents living in the ward area of Middleton St George.**

**Yours sincerely**

**Doris Jones Chairman of Middleton St George Parish Council**

**Doris Jones**

**Chairman of Middleton St George Parish Council**

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## Community Governance Review

Response to invitation from Darlington Borough Council to provide formal submission to the Review from Low Dinsdale Parish Council

1. This submission contributes to the first stage of the Principal Authority's consultation following its decision to hold a Community Governance Review. Low Dinsdale Parish Council's preference is to retain Low Dinsdale parish in its existing form, with its existing boundaries, and enquiries seem to indicate that there is no reason in principle why a parish cannot straddle two electoral wards. Low Dinsdale parish reflects a rural environment and community and the Parish Council has done its utmost to retain this over many years.
2. If the Principal Authority's review comes to a different conclusion, then this Council submits that any new arrangements for the parishes of Low Dinsdale and Middleton St George should involve the creation of a totally new parish, suitably named to reflect the recognition historically of both names<sup>1</sup>. A parish council elected for such a newly designated parish area would, therefore, be representative of the whole community and the varying characters of the different parts of the parish.
3. In making this proposal, it is assumed that the Principal Authority would make arrangements for the transfer of assets belonging to each Council to the new Council. It is also assumed that arrangements would be made for the continued governance of, what in 2015, has become Low Dinsdale South ward of Low Dinsdale Parish. No information has been forthcoming at this stage as to whether electors in Low Dinsdale South would prefer to become a Parish Meeting (with or without Sockburn Parish Meeting) or become part of Neasham Parish. We suggest that if the latter option were taken, it has some implications for the transfer of assets to ensure that Low Dinsdale South is not disadvantaged.
4. It follows from the above submission that Low Dinsdale Parish Council would consider as wholly unacceptable the abolition of Low Dinsdale Parish, with the affairs of its Council being subsumed into Middleton St George Parish Council.

Low Dinsdale Parish Council believes that the creation of a totally new parish would ensure that the whole population of the village of Middleton St George is well represented, and that past differences between the two parish councils will no longer pose difficulties.

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<sup>1</sup> eg Middleton St George & Dinsdale Parish Council

**APPENDIX 6(c)**

**From:** IAN RIDDLE <ianriddle@btinternet.com>  
**Sent:** 30 November 2014 09:30  
**To:** Community Governance Review Consultation  
**Subject:** community governance review

Dear Ms Whitehead,

Inclusion of Neasham in Community Governance Review

As Chairman of Sockburn Parish Meeting I would support the review of Neasham Parish Council boundaries and suggest the inclusion of Sockburn Parish Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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**APPENDIX 6(d)**

Barbara Harris

From: John <john.weighell@btinternet.com>

Sent: 05 January 2015 10:24

To: Catherine White

Fw: Boundary Changes

Dear Catherine,

Further to Friday's meeting regarding the possible need for Neasham Parish to be included in the forthcoming Community Governance Reviews I would like to confirm and reiterate the views of Neasham Parish on this topic. From the outset we, as a council, have been of the opinion that we would wish our current boundary's to remain as they stand today and as such would not wish to become part of the review process. We do however appreciate that any necessary changes to the future boundary of Low Dinsdale Parish and its ability to remain as a standalone council could result in a wider review of all Parish Council and Parish Meeting boundary's within the new Hurworth and Middleton St George wards which would inevitably have an impact on Neasham. As we pointed out at the meeting, although our preferred position would be to remain as we are we would not be against having discussions with Both Low Dinsdale Parish Council and/or Sockburn Parish Meeting regarding how best to move forward with parishioner representation within our particular area of the revised Hurworth Ward. I trust the above helps with your deliberations on this matter, can I close by thanking you for your valuable advice and guidance at Friday's meeting, both my Vice Chairman and I now feel we have a much better understanding on this rather confusing topic. Kind regards,

John Weighell. Chairman Neasham Parish Council

**Barbara Harris** John <john.weighell@btinternet.com>  
**From:**  
**Sent:** 02 February 2015 20:17  
**To:** Catherine Whitehead; Barbara Harris  
**Subject:** Community Governance Review.

Good evening Catherine,

At tonight's meeting of Neasham Parish Council it was resolved that I contact you to confirm our decision to welcome residents of Low Dinsdale and Sockburn who are affected by boundary changes to become part of Neasham Parish. I hope this clarifies any previous misunderstandings.

Kind regards

John

Coun John Weighell .