

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th JANUARY 2019

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: L. Johnstone (Chair), J. Coomer, S. Hannan, R. Roff, A. Smith,
S. Platten, M. Charge (from item 8)

Visitor(s): Nicki Carter, Teesdale Mercury

Public Participation:

No members of the public present

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were tendered and approved for M. Clark (unwell) Cllr's Britton (personal), and Bayles (unwell).

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2018:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on the 3 December 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Platten and seconded by Cllr Hannan

4. CHAIRS REPORT:

Worked with the clerk and Cllr Britton to organise the erection & decoration of Christmas Tree no 2 on the village green.

Helped Cllr Britton with the light up event on the green: mulled wine; Christmas music, refreshments; and posters and social media to publicise the event

Worked with Kyle Swankie, sports coach to build attendance at the sports coaching on a Saturday morning

5. PROGRESS REPORT:

In the Clerk' absence the chair referred to his written report but will add further information on the website at item 8.

RESOLVED: The report was noted

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Signed.....

Dated.....

6. FINANCE REPORT:

6.1 The December Financial Report

Cllr Smith requested clarification of the Marwood payment – Annual rent for recreation field.

RESOLVED: The December Financial Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Roff.

7. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

Item 7.1 deferred to the next meeting due to the Clark’s and the representative from Durham County Council being absent.

The chair gave a brief update on the type, user and policy decisions on the Speed visor.

- 1. The issue of payment for indemnity insurance £3000.00
- 2. Indemnity issues
- 3. Funding the above re DCC.

A short discussion on the issue of speeding took place.

Cllr Platten raised the issue of maintaining the benches within the parish and suggested a rolling programme of regular maintenance of the benches within the parish

Action: Clerk to monitor the above.

8. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE REPLACEMENT:

Cllr Johnstone gave a report and a demonstration on the new website and on how the site will appear in the internet.

Cllr Johnstone also informed members that the current domain owners had been less than helpful with the migration and releasing the domain name.

Clerk and Cllr Johnstone to have further discussion with the current domain owners regarding the release of the domain name.

9 CORRESPONDANCE:

9.1 and 9.2 deferred until the next meeting.

Clerk to circulate the correspondence to members.

10. PLANNING INCLUDING UPDATES ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

10.1 Due to the absence of Cllr Britton a written up date was submitted a copy is attached to the minutes. Appendix 1.

- 10.2 BC/18/01832/FP disabled access (post office / cafe)
- DM/18/03794/AD advertising sign (post office)

Resolved: Noted

Signed.....

Dated.....

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS:
Monday 4th February 2019, 7.00pm Village Hall (Supper room)

Signed.....

Dated.....

Appendix 1

Dear all

- Delighted to be able to tell you we are now in the final stages of the Neighbourhood Plan.

- We have commissioned an environment survey as the final part of our evidence base and we have also prepared engagement leaflets which will be distributed to every household by the parish news at the end of January.
- We will give them a donation as a thank you which will be equivalent to first class postage.
- We will be running an advert in the parish news explaining why it's vital for us to get as much response as possible.
- We will also support this via targeted online marketing .
- We will also go door to door after a set amount of time to chase up any forms we haven't received and to be on hand to answer any questions. We will also be consulting with local businesses and organisations.
- Once we have the responses these will be analysed by planning potential and we will then draft policies based on the responses. We will then put these draft policies back to the parish for consultation.
- We are planning a spring event around this time so we can answer any questions face to face and be on hand to update and advise people of the next steps.
- Once the policies have been consulted on we will then be in a position to finish the plan and put it forward for its 'mot' to the Government body responsible. There may be changes suggested which we will undertake but if not we will then move forward to the referendum process.

