

# Gainford & Langton

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2019

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLORS:** L. Johnstone                      A. Smith  
                         J. Coomer                                      C. Bayles  
                         R. Roff  
                         Clerk: Martin Clark

**Visitors:** D. Webberley, Teesdale Mercury  
2 residents whose names were recorded

**Public Participation:**

A resident spoke on area of land on the main road that is considered to be overgrown. Members were shown pictures of the area in questions which was identified as belonging to Teesdale Housing.

*It was agreed to ask Paul to tidy the area and speak to the resident before starting the work. The council were not liable for this work and will contact the housing association and ask them to maintain it in future.*

*The minutes will correct the errors on numbering of the published agenda*

**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Cllr's Hannan, Platten, Britton & Charge

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2019/20:**

Cllr Smith proposed Cllr Johnstone for Chair. Proposal was seconded by Cllr Coomer  
**RESOLVED:** Cllr Johnstone accepted the nomination and took the chair.

**3. DECLARATION OF OFFICE FORM SIGNED BY CHAIR:**

**RESOLVED:** Signed & witnessed by Clerk

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None declared

**5. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 2019/20:**

The programme of meetings was agreed:

The first Monday in the month unless a Bank Holiday, and no meeting in August.

**6. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 2019:**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Bayles

**7. PROGRESS REPORT:**

The Clerk referred to the report issued with the agenda.

Cllr Bayles referred to the broken bin that was taken away for repair and has not yet been returned. The Clerk will chase up this with DCC.

**RESOLVED:** The Progress Report as submitted was noted.

**8. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:**

8.1 Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of external audit)

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Smith proposed that all the requirements under Section 1 of the external audit had been met. Seconded by Cllr Coomer. Section 1 of the audit signed by the Chair and Clerk.

8.2 To approve the End of Year Accounts for 2018/19 (subject to audit) and May Financial Report. **RESOLVED:** The end of year accounts and May Financial Report were proposed as a true record by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Coomer Section 2 of the external audit was signed by the Clerk and Chair.

8.3 Effectiveness of Internal Audit & appointment of internal auditor for 2018/19

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Coomer that the internal audit was effective and Mrs Christine Rispin is reappointed the internal auditor for 2018/19.

**9. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:**

Cllr Johnstone referred to a resident complaining About the state of a small parcel of land that is unkempt. This has come up as an issue previously and members felt the council should look at registering this land and maintaining it. Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Coomer.

Cllr Smith referred to other small parcels of land that should be looked at to see if they are registered.

A resident reported overgrown trees by the recreation field. As it was unclear as to the exact location it was agreed to refer back to the resident.

Cllr Bayles reported a street light at Eden Lane that was obscured by overhanging branches.

**Action:** Clerk to report to DCC

**10. CORRESPONDANCE:**

None

**11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

It was decided due to the absence of Cllr Britton to defer this item until the next meeting.

**12. PLANNING:**

DM/19/01146/FPA – David Hyde, 7 Waters End, Gainford – Replace conservatory with single side extension. Noted

**13. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 3 June 2019, Village Hall, Gainford (upstairs committee room)

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