

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2020

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: L. Johnstone (Chair), S. Hannan, M. Charge (from item 7),
S. Platten, R. Logan, J. Coomer, R. Roff, A. Smith
Clerk: M. Clark

Visitors:

Teesdale Mercury

Public Participation:

No members of the public present

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr Grundy

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2019:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 December 2019 were deferred for approval until the February meeting

4. PROGRESS REPORT:

The Clerk advised members the Speed Matrix has been ordered and hopefully will be in place within 6-8 weeks.

A discussion took place on the difficulties the council had faced with DCC Highways over what was or was not their policy.

A number of people had contacted the Clerk with requests for an allotment. It was reiterated that until everything is handed over to the council the requests should be handled by the association members remaining.

Reference was made to an update from Kebble Homes on the proposed development at St Peter's. Difficulties remain over the purchase from Ruttle Plant for the rest of the site. Due to this Kebble may be looking to amend their planning permission and look at options of access from a different position.

RESOLVED: The Clerks report was noted.

5. CHAIRS REPORT:

Cllr Johnstone informed members that she had been in contact with Swankie Sports to monitor how the new system of nominal charging was working (£2 per person or £5.00 for a

family). Numbers had not been affected. Mr Swankie will be keeping a register and he has been assured of the council's continued support.

Attended the VE75 steering group event – it is hoped to have a street party, children's entertainer, a 1945 'happy meal'

A discussion took place on the role of the parish council with any of the events being planned. It was agreed to consider any financial support at a later date and in line with policies.

An article written for the Parish News referred to dogs on the recreation field, volunteers for bonfire events and Christmas lights.

6. FINANCE REPORT:

6.1 The January Financial Report

The Clerk advised members of additional invoices requiring approval:

Swankie Sports	£450.00
LJDigital Media	£105.00

RESOLVED: The January Financial Report and payments were proposed as a true record by Cllr Coomer and seconded by Cllr Smith

6.2 Setting the 2020/21 council precept

Members to consider the budget recommendations produced by the Clerk/RFO

No amendments were made to the budget items proposed.

Council reserves continue to allow it to consider support for events, grant fund and add funds to budget items as contingency

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Smith that the Gainford & Langton precept request for 2020-21 is set at £37,365. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Coomer.

The Clerk and Chair signed the precept form.

The precept would see no increase in the councils portion of the council tax bill for residents.

6.3 Review of the councils Financial Regulations.

This item was deferred until the February meeting as some members had not had an opportunity to look at the document.

7. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

A street light at the bottom of North Terrace was referred as faulty. Action: Clerk to report.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

9. PLANNING INCLUDING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UPDATES:

No new planning applications.

A Neighbourhood Plan meeting for members was agreed to take place on Monday 10th February.

10. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS:

Monday 3 February 2020 (Committee room upstairs) Gainford Village Hall

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Abbreviations: CDALC – County Durham Association of Local Councils

NP – Neighbourhood Plan

Signed.....

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