

# Gainford & Langton

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2020

### PRESENT:

**COUNCILLORS:** L. Johnstone (Chair), S. Hannan, M. Charge,  
R. Logan, J. Grundy  
Clerk: M. Clark

### Visitors:

**Teesdale Mercury**

**One resident whose name was recorded**

### Public Participation:

The council were asked if it would consider hiring a skip to assist residents clear a piece of land near the pub. It was agreed the council would look to bring in a contractor to cut the vegetation back. It was made clear the land was not owned by the council but on this occasion it would help. It would look into ownership via the Land Registry.

### AGENDA

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr's Coomer, Roff, Smith, & Platten

#### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None declared

#### 3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETINGS HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2020:

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 3 February were proposed as a true record by Cllr Logan. Seconded by Cllr Grundy.

#### 4. PROGRESS REPORT:

The Clerks report was noted.

#### 5. CHAIRS REPORT:

The Chairs report was noted.

#### 6. FINANCE REPORT:

6.1 The March Financial Report

**RESOLVED:** The March Financial Report and payments were proposed as a true record by Cllr Logan and seconded by Cllr Charge

6.2 Review of the councils Financial Regulations. Deferred.

#### 7. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

Piece of common land referred to in public participation proposed by Cllr Hannan to request SE Landscaping to clear and tidy vegetation.

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Signed.....

Dated.....

Cllr Grundy referred to the allotments associations recent AGM where it was resolved to close the association and refer the administration back to the council.

The Clerk reminded members the council had agreed to take back the allotments when all the required administration of the association had been done, and the finance transferred.

It was agreed this should take place as a matter of urgency given the rents would be due in April.

It was further agreed an article would be placed in the Parish News about the change and how payments and Tenancy Agreements can be found on the council website which will be up graded.

**8. CORRESPONDANCE:**

CDALC – Advice on those who had been successful in the Garden Party ballot

**9. PLANNING INCLUDING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UPDATES:**

DM/19/03878/WAS Land to the South West of Barforth Hall, Barforth Hall Road, Winston Importation of 45000m3 of soils to create a slope stabilisation berm to East of Barforth Lane. The proposal is outside the parish but borders it and is of interest and consideration.

Cllr Johnstone referred members to the numbers of concerned Gainford residents about the Berm.

**RESOLVED:** The council supports its residents and submits an objection summarising the main concerns.

Neighbourhood Plan – No updates available at this meeting.

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

Wednesday 1 April 2020 (Committee room upstairs) Gainford Village Hall

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Abbreviations: CDALC – County Durham Association of Local Councils

NP – Neighbourhood Plan





