

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2020 (Virtual platform)

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: S. Platten, S. Hannan, M. Charge, J. Grundy

Clerk: M. Clark

Visitors: Trevor Brookes, Teesdale Mercury, PC Harry James, Barnard Castle Police

Three residents

Public Participation:

No members of the public present wished to speak

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr's Johnstone and Coomer

No apologies were received from Cllr's Smith, Logan & Roff

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None declared

3. PLANNING APPLICATION:

DM/20/01603/FPA – 37 No dwellings associated infrastructure and landscaping – Site of former St Peter's School (Kebble)

Members were asked to consider the response, if any, to the revised application for the Kebble Homes portion of the former St Peter's site. The background to the amended plans was due to the failure to reach agreement with Ruttle Plant on the purchase of the other portion of the site.

Following a brief discussion on the revised application members felt the change in access was an improvement and overall the plans were in line with the previous approved application, but with reduced housing numbers and the access change. As no objection was considered for DM/18/01980/FPA (Sept 2019), no objection was proposed for the new application.

It was recorded that the council would like to see the area sorted as it has been far too long. Cllr Hannan asked if Durham County Council can be asked to compulsory purchase the old school building to bring this to a conclusion.

4. UPDATE ON RIVERSIDE ISSUES:

The Clerk introduced PC Harry James to the meeting who was attending to listen to the concerns over the large groups and activities at the riverside.

The Clerk also informed members that a request for additional litter bins was on hold as DCC did not have any at present.

Cllr Platten reiterated the issues discussed at the council meeting on the 1st July – need for assistance and a plan

PC James said the idea of volunteers to work and help the Police was an excellent idea. The Police

would welcome meeting with Cllr Platten and volunteers to discuss what can and cannot be done. PC James reiterated that if any criminal behaviour was occurring then people should be calling the Police.

The use of Nitrix Oxide from the many silver canisters found was not in fact illegal. It was agreed Cllr Platten and PC James would arrange to meet.

Meeting Closed

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