

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2020 (Virtual platform)

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: L. Johnstone (Chair), S. Hannan, M. Charge,
J. Grundy, J. Coomer, R. Roff, S. Platten
Clerk: M. Clark

Visitors: Teesdale Mercury

Public Participation:

No members of the public present

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 1 JULY & EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 15 JULY 2020:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on the 1 July 2020 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Platten. Seconded by Cllr Grundy. The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 15 July 2020 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Grundy and seconded by Cllr Charge.

4. PROGRESS REPORT:

The Clerk referred to the delay in obtaining the pole and the speed visor due to the lockdown and the lack of manufacturing. Things had begun to progress now with Durham County Highways due to supply and invoice for the 5 metre pole and the order with Westcotec revised as they begin to catch up with orders.

Issues at the allotments with tenancy and cultivating were recorded.

Resolved: That the information be noted.

5. CHAIRS REPORT:

Cllr Johnstone reported she had met, along with Cllr Platten, the local MP, Dehenna Davison, to discuss issues of ongoing concern in relation to the St Peter's building. Ms Davison agreed to assist in bringing together a multi-agency meeting to discuss and resolve the issues.

An update on the successful return post lockdown of the walking football on the rec field was given. The sessions are risk assessed are within the guidance. They are also now self-funding.

Resolved: That the information be noted.

6. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

6.1 The September and October Finance Report and the additional payment to CE & CM Walker was approved as a true record.

6.2 Request from Gainford Drama Group for financial support

Resolved: Following a discussion, it was agreed that more information would be required before any grant is considered. The group should be encouraged to apply to the Gainford Charitable Trust for support.

7. LOCAL MAINTAINANCE/VILLAGE ISSUES:

The Clerk referred to work done at GAP and poovering.

A resident had reported to the council her concerns about children playing around Neville Close who were not from the close. The resident had been advised to contact the Police if anti social behaviour was occurring.

Resolved: that the information was noted.

8. ALLOTMENTS:

The issue of the revised Tenancy agreement and allotment rules was deferred until the November meeting.

Resolved: That the matter of the tenancy agreement and allotment rules be deferred until the November meeting.

9. PLANNING:

No new planning applications to consider.

Cllr Hannan referred to the Neighbourhood Plan and the lack of progress. Resolved: It was agreed the issue of the Neighbourhood Plan would be placed on the agenda for November.

10. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY:

It was noted the interest in becoming a councillor had been shown. Members agreed to allow co-option to be considered at the November meeting.

Resolved: The Clerk will refer to the interested resident and ask they complete the co-option form for consideration at the November meeting.

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 4th November @7.00pm

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