

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2020 (Virtual platform)

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:

Apologies were submitted by Councillor Roff

Resolved – That the apology be accepted

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2020:

Resolved – That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

4. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY:

Members were asked to consider the request for co-option by Ms Rachael Neville.

Resolved – That Rachael Neville be co-opted to Gainford & Langton Parish Council

5. PROGRESS REPORT:

(i) Christmas tree ordered from Croft Farm with delivery and dressing with lights programmed for the 23rd November.

(ii) Pole to secure speed visor has been ordered from Durham County. When a delivery date is notified the reordering and installation of the visor will be scheduled.

(iii) Poppy Wreath ordered and collected for Remembrance Service on the village green. Wreath will be delivered by Clerk to the Chair.

Resolved: That the information be noted.

6. CHAIRS REPORT:

The Chair gave a verbal summary of her activity since the last meeting:

An approach had been made to request a Christmas tree on the green that the residents would 'power' and have the choir sing at the lighting;

Halloween trail supported; and

Future articles in the Parish News.

Resolved – (a) That the verbal report given by the Chair be noted; and

(b) Councillor Grundy to submit the council updates to the Parish News

Signed.....

Dated.....

7. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

Submitted the November Finance Report.

Resolved - That the November Financial Report and invoices requiring payment were approved.

8. LOCAL MAINTAINANCE/VILLAGE ISSUES:

The Clerk referred to correspondence received regarding a parcel of land owned by the council requiring tree maintenance.

Resolved - (a) that the information be noted; and
(b) The Clerk to organise works to be carried

9. NEW TENANCY AND ALLOTMENT RULES:

Members received the new Tenancy and Allotment rules.

Resolved: That the Tenancy and allotment rules be adopted for 2021 with the following amendment

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Rule 7 to read – Small bonfires and the use of incinerators are permitted to dispose of allotment waste. No household waste is to be burned on the allotment site. No bonfire is to be left unattended at any time.

10. PLANNING INCLUDING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Resolved – That there were no new planning applications to consider.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan has stalled, through no fault of the current members of the council. Since the council set out to produce a Plan, the Durham County Plan has been adopted, with no further allocation of houses within the parish. Current planning applications by Kebble Homes and Raby Estates are yet to be decided. If approved would see up to 100 additional properties in the village.

To date the council has spent £36,000 over 4 years, on events, professional reports, professional advice and more.

There appears to be little appetite for the plan to continue and spend further reserves. If it were to continue to conclusion the spend could exceed £45,000; with the costs of producing the plan and the referendum.

Resolved – That further work on the Neighbourhood Plan be suspended.

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 9th December @7.00pm (Zoom platform)

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