

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY 2021 (Virtual platform)

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

Visitors: Teesdale Mercury

Public Participation:

No member of the public was present

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were submitted from Cllr's Smith & Logan.

Resolved – That the apologies be accepted.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Resolved - None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER & EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 18 DECEMBER 2020:

Resolved – That the minutes be approved as a true record (Cllr's Coomer & Charge)

4. PROGRESS REPORT:

The Christmas trees on the island and green had been removed

North Star Housing have advised that they will be resurfacing the car park area they own (old garages) within the next few weeks. **Action** - It was agreed to seek assurances they will put in appropriate traffic management to ensure pedestrian access is maintained throughout the period the work is being done. In addition, it was agreed to speak to North Star Housing about the ownership of the land going forward.

Resolved – That the information was noted.

5. CHAIRS REPORT:

A verbal report was given.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

6. JANUARY FINANCE REPORT

Resolved – (a) That the January Financial Report and invoices requiring payment be approved; and

(b) The Annual precept request for the parish is made to Durham County Council for £37,062 and with the LCTRS grant of £223.00, giving a total agreed budget of £37,062. Band D £73.62 – no increase.

7. LOCAL MAINTENANCE/VILLAGE ISSUES:

7.1 Gainford village postal services – For an initial period of 3 months from 12 January 2021 full

Signed.....

Dated.....

Post Office counter service will be available on Tuesday and Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm in the foyer of Gainford Village Hall.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

8. PLANNING:

No new applications received.

9. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:

Resolved – That Cllr Platten be elected to the position of Vice Chair for the remainder of the municipal year.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC:

Resolved – That, under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2), the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the matters referred to at item 11 below, due to the confidential nature of the business to be conducted.

11. LEGAL ISSUES:

Resolved – That the council continue to discuss its options in relation to any challenge to the planning approval given for DM/20/01205/FPA | Erection of 79 residential dwellings | Land To The North And South Of Spa Road Gainford DL2 3EB.

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Signed.....

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