

Brancepeth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Brancepeth Parish Council held on **Monday 9th December 2019** in the Village Hall, Brancepeth commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors J. Dalton (Chair), S. Chapman, C. Jones, M. Lowe and I Stoker

Also Present: N. Brooker, T. Hobbs, M. Gazzard, L. Ball and D. Lamb (Residents) and G. F. Smith (Clerk).

216/19 Apologies
Councillor D. Armstrong (Unwell)
Councillor J Brown (Unwell)
County Councillor O. Gunn (Unwell)

217/19 Road Safety Issues, Craft Fair at Brancepeth Castle
The acting Chair agreed to move this item to the first item to discuss with the 5 residents who had come to discuss the problems with the Parish Council. It was agreed to discuss this item for approx. 30 minutes.

- Lack of any traffic controls
- Disruption to village
- Safety concerns (vehicles parking on A690)
- Concerns should emergency vehicles require access
- Poor communication
- Not enough parking spaces
- Mud on road, damage to grass verge
- No discussion with affected residents
- Parking in residents home area
- Attendance estimated at 3000 visitors
- Concerns on parking on/at junctions
- More sign/cones/information boards required
- Review issue of parking tickets to residents
- Work with Local Authority/Police regarding parking for residents restrictive yellow road lines

The Parish Council agreed to the following:-

- Castle to contact Police (what can they do?) and provide feedback to the Parish Council
- Police to regulate traffic
- Parish Council to contact DCC regarding residents parking
- Mr T. Hobbs to attend March meeting for an update (Councillor Dalton to arrange)
- Place this item on the agenda for the next few months

This meeting finished at 8.10 pm.

The remainder of the agenda commenced at 8.10 pm.

218/19 Declaration of Interests – None

- 219/19 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th November 2019**
Councillor Dalton raised the following matters:-
- Minutes to be produced sooner to Councillors (Clerk to note and implement)
 - Installation of a mobile phone booster (up to £500 contributed by the Parish Council), to be added to the action list
 - Minute 208/19 - respond positively to the Golf Club regarding speed humps, but suggest that we would need to clarify the legal situation
 - Deeds of the Village Hall to be include in the Action Points/List, Clerk to amend/alter the Points to Note/Action List and issue it prior to the next meeting.
- 220/19 Matters Arising**
Collection of cut grass from the recreation ground (Garden Vision)
- 221/19 Field Lease and Status**
Clerk to contact solicitors and report any progress (if any?) to the next Parish Council meeting.
- 222/19 Road Safety/Speedwatch**
- Councillor Jones to contact Michelle (DCC)
 - Road Safety (Grit) – Councillor Dalton to report to the next Parish Council meeting
 - Speedwatch – suspended for winter months.
- 223/19 Neighbourhood Planning**
Clerk to chase up DCC regarding copy of service level agreement.
- 224/19 Street Lighting in the Village**
Councillor Armstrong was not at the Council meeting, no update.
- 225/19 A690 Verge Improvement**
Councillor Chapman was to clarify details (costs etc.) with Martin Briscoe and report to the next Parish Council meeting.
- 226/19 Mobile Phone Signal Improvement**
Councillor Dalton awaiting quotes and response from the Community Association.
- 227/19 Points to Note/Action List**
To be updated for the next Parish Council meeting.
- 228/19 Representation by Residents**
See minute 217/19.
- 229/19 County Council and other County Committee Reports**
- A) County Councillor – no report received
 - B) AAP – Next meeting?
 - C) PCC – next meeting?
 - D) SCF – next meeting?

230/19**Village Reports****A) Parish/Clerk's Report**

Letter from DCC regarding Tax Base, LCTR Scheme Grant Association and request for precept 2020/21

- Council Tax request by 24th January 2020
- Tax Base 2019/20 220.7
- Tax Base 2020/21 225.2
- Increase +4.5
- Current Band D Council Tax (2019/20) £71.40
- Increase in Council Tax yield £321.30
- Removal of LCTRS Grant (£243.00)
- LCTRS grant payable 2020/21 £0.00

B) Members Reports - None**231/19****Financial Reports**

A) Accounts – vouchers 1194 to 1198 to be approved for payment

B) Detailed Expenditure Report 1/4/19 to 30/11/19 circulated to all Councillors.

Sub Total Expenditure £12409.61

VAT £974.00

Total Expenditure £13383.61

Updated report (31/12/19) to be circulated to all Councillors.

232/19**Planning Matters**

DM/03472/LB Application by Mrs E. Griffiths for replacement of existing roof tiles with reclaimed blue welsh slate, replacement of existing back door and to render existing extension at 15 The Village, Brancepeth

Decision no comments.

DM/19/0345/46/FPA/LB Application by Mr. F. Stephenson demolition of a concrete portal frame out building and replacement with stable, storage, workshop and covered parking at Quarry Hill, Wolsingham Road, Brancepeth

Decision no comments.

233/19**Allotments**

- Letter from secretary of the Brancepeth Allotment Society regarding repairs/rework of fencing. Details passed to Councillors Lowe and Stoker.
- Fencing Works
 - a) Take down existing fencing £150.00
 - b) 31 metres post, 2 rail £700.00
 - c) 31 metres post, 2 rail and boards £1100.00

Councillors Lowe and Stoker to meet with contractor and report to the next meeting.

- Tree Works – Councillor Lowe to meet with contractor and report to the next meeting.

234/19 Correspondence - None

235/19 Date and Time of next meeting
Monday 13th January 2020 in the Village Hall, Brancepeth.

The meeting finished at **9.05 pm.**