

Brancepeth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Brancepeth Parish Council held on **Monday 21st October 2019** in the Village Hall, Brancepeth commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

Also Present: M. Brown (Resident), County Councillor O. Gunn and G. F. Smith (Clerk).

- 179/19 Apologies**
Councillor J. Dalton
- 180/19 Declaration of Interest – None**
- 181/19 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th September 2019**
Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 182/19 Matters Arising - None**
- 183/19 Field Lease and Status**
Concerns were raised on the storage of grass cuttings (smell). Clerk to contact Garden Vision. Clerk to contact the Council's solicitor regarding no responses from Castle Estates and their Solicitor, report to the next Parish Council meeting.
- 184/19 Road Safety/Speedwatch**
Councillor Jones updated the meeting on the trolley, new equipment is being ordered/delivery November/December, put a hold on the trolley until new equipment arrives on site.
- 185/19 Neighbourhood Planning**
Councillor Lowe updated the meeting, speak to Carole Dillon re: Service Level Agreement (agreed to sign the document). Councillor Lowe to discuss with County Councillor Tinsley and obtain an update on the County Plan.
- 186/19 Street Lighting in the Village**
County Councillor Gunn had sent two responses to the Clerk, he will circulate the responses on his return to the office, to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 187/19 A690 Verge Improvement**
Councillor Chapman updated the meeting, awaiting further responses from Martin Briscoe, she will continue to try and chase this matter up and keep members informed.
- 188/19 Mobile Phone Signal Improvement**
Awaiting response (Councillor Dalton).

- 189/19 Points to Note/Action List**
- Authorised Signatories at Nat West – It was agreed that Councillor David Armstrong and Councillor Ian Stoker be added to the two present signatories (Councillors J. Brown and C. Jones) and complete the necessary application forms
 - Village Notice Board to be located near to the Post Box.
- 190/19 Representation by Residents**
- Mr Ruskie (to investigate).
- 191/19 County Council and other County Committee Reports**
- A) County Councillor Gunn reported on the following:-
- Village Hall Stairlift (£1000 each County Councillors budget)
 - Increase in exam results
 - Refurbishment of Bishop Auckland Town Hall
 - Locomotion at Shildon
- B) AAP – Next meeting?
 C) PCC – next meeting?
 D) SCF – next meeting?
- 192/19 Village Reports**
- A) Parish/Clerk's Report
 Clerk to circulate external audit report, for discussion at next Parish Council meeting.
- B) Members Reports
 Councillor Armstrong:-
- Item in Parish Magazine re: tubs
- Councillor Lowe:-
- Turfing work still outstanding
- Councillor Brown:-
- Sign post to Golf Club.
- 193/19 Financial Reports**
- A) Accounts – vouchers 1176 to 1189 to be approved for payment
 B) Review of expenditure 2019/20 - Clerk to circulate an update report before the next Parish Council meeting.
- 194/19 Planning Matters**
- A) Application DM/19/02962/LB by Mr. and Mrs Devonshire to demolish and replace single story extension to rear, removal of kitchen window at The Close, Durham Road, Brancepeth. Decision - No objections.
 B) Application DM/19/02992/FPA by Mr. D. Jackson for retrospective installation of 2 Biomass Boilers at Littlewhite Farm, Brancepeth. Decision - No objections.
 C) Application DM/19/02796/TPO by Mr. Hastie for tree works at 26 Goodwell Lea, Brancepeth. Decision - No objections
- 195/19 Allotments**
- Tree Works – Councillor Lowe to chase up contractor
 - Fencing - Councillor Stoker to chase up price from contractor.

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Correspondence

- Local Council Review magazine
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
- Open Spaces magazine

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Date and Time of next meeting

Monday 11th November 2019 (apologies from Councillor M. Lowe) in the Village Hall, Brancepeth.

The meeting finished at **8.50 pm.**