

Brancepeth Parish Council
Minutes Monday 7th April 2020

Present Councillors D Armstrong(Chair) J Brown, M Lowe, C Jones,
J Dalton, I Stoker, S Chapman and G Smith (Clerk)

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic this was a virtual meeting, within the new guidelines, conducted via email.

046/20 Apologies None.

047/20 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 09th March 2020 were accepted without amendment.

048/20 An update has been received from Tom Hobbs regarding the measures to be taken in future Castle craft fairs. They are being encouraged to make residents aware of these well in advance of the next event.

049/20 Street Lighting. An update has been received from DCC advising us that they are progressing the change out of the antique style lamps along The Village. Load testing the walls in advance of fitting the lamps is scheduled for this summer. The consultation for changing the lamps along Wolsingham Road has been completed with only one minor comment received. This change is also scheduled for the summer but the current pandemic may affect the timescales.

050/20 Councillors accepted the quote to replace the gate to the field and requested that it should be progressed followed by removal of the grass bales.

051/20 A request from an allotment holder to temporarily install a greenhouse on their allotment was considered by Councillors. While this may not be within the current allotment arrangements, in the current circumstances we would accept this being in place for this year only. However, we recognise the role of the Allotment Association and the note is to be forwarded to them advising of our position but leaving them to determine if this forms a precedent and make the final decision when responding to the applicant. (Action; Chair to pass back through Allotment Association before next meeting)

052/20 Quotes have been received for a Village Noticeboard prospectively to be installed on the corner near the postbox to offer an alternative to unofficial notices being pinned to lamp posts and trees. Planning permission may be required.

053/20 Financial matters. Cheques are to be circulated to signatories by post with a SAE to return to the Clerk who will forward them for payment.

054/20 Date of next meeting Monday 11th May 2020.

The meeting was closed.