

Brancepeth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Brancepeth Parish Council held on Monday 12th December 2011 in the Village Hall, Brancepeth commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors S.Murray (Chair), J Brown, F.Coffield, P. Fitchett and G.Harrison.

Also Present: G.F.Smith (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors P. Pickles, D. Thomas, County Councillor J. Wilkinson and Miss M.L.Rowland (Assistant Clerk)

120/11 Declaration of Interest

Councillors Brown, Coffield and Murray – Agenda item 3 minutes (Allotment Association).

121/11 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21st November 2011

Amendment:-

Page 2: Minute 113/11 reports – A) Parish – iii) (Allotment Association)

Line 4 “No Parish Council cheque”

Should read: - No Parish Council cheque had been raised”

Line 5 “Planting bulbs” Should read: - “Planting Bulbs”

Subject to the above amendments the minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

122/11 Matters Arising (non Agenda Items)

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Matters Arising (089/10)

1) List of Authorised Signatures

Clerk to make the necessary arrangements with Councillor Pickles and Thomas.

Correspondence (104/11)

Boundary Committee for England – response to review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England letter sent 30th November 2011.

123/11 Representation by residents

No residents present

124/11 Reports

A) Parish

Outstanding Items – None

New Items:-

i)Neighbourhood Warden Report for November 2011

Fly tipping at Wolsingham Road /Pit lane

ii) Councillor Register of Interest

Outstanding register of Interest forms (Councillor Pickles and Thomas), Clerk to chase this up and complete forms to the County Council by 30th January 2012.

B) County Council

No report

C) Area Action Partnership/ Parish Council Committee

i) Next meeting of AAP Board 11th January 2012 at Wood View Community Centre, Langley Park commencing at 6.00pm

ii) Responses to DCC – Councillor Fitchett to draft responses and copy to all Councillors.

iii) Next Meeting of PCC 21st January 2012 at The Harry Guildford Centre Langley Park commencing at 10.00am.

D) State of the Village

Outstanding item:-

i) Provision of gritting boxes (Councillor Pickles)

No further update

New item:-

ii) Grass verge at the village (gas board)

Concerns were raised at the state of the grass verge whilst work was being carried out by the gas board. Clerk to write stating that a lot of money has been spent to keep this area tidy and insist that the area is re turfed and tidied up once the work has been completed.

iii) Sign post for 23 to 28 Goodwell Lea

Chair to provide details for the Clerk to contact the County Council

E) Road safety/traffic issues

Outstanding item:-

i) Speed indicator device

Clerk to chase this matter up with the County Council and to also report Members concerns regarding significant speeding traffic through the village (report via highway action line).

F) Recreation Ground

Outstanding item:-

i) Repair to footpath/road at Wolsingham Road

Clerk to chase this matter up with the County Council and it has been ongoing for a number of months (report via highways action line).

G) Quality Parish Council

Outstanding items:-

i) Parish Plan

A meeting had taken place with the Community Association, PCC and Parish Council (Councillor Harrison and Murray). It was agreed to produce a number of questions to ask residents (including feedback from questionnaire) and put them in the February edition of the Parish Newsletter. Parish Plan meeting for residents to be held around April. Draft plan to be included in the Quality Parish Council Portfolio.

ii) Portfolio

To be submitted in January 2012 (awaiting date of accreditation panel).

H) Members Reports

Outstanding Items – None

New Item:-

- i) Provision of bike rail outside the Village Hall (funding)
The Clerk had passed details onto the AAP Co-ordinator.
- ii) Dog Bin cover (repairs)
Chair to chase this matter up
- iii) Clearing up of leaves in the Village
Work has been carried out by the County Council

114/11 Financial Report

1. Payments

Members agreed to authorise payments 652 to 660 in the sum of £1994.36

2. Bank balances

- A) Nat West (Current account) as at 2nd December 2011 £1846.66
- B) Standard Life as at 12th December 2011 £20135.61

126/11 Planning Matters

No outstanding or new applications

127/11 Correspondence

Items for information:-

- A) CDALC – Council Tax (e-mail circulated to all Councillors)
- B) Local Council review magazine; winter 2011
- C) Children's network newsletter; December 2011

128/11 Standing Orders/Financial Regulations

Awaiting response from Auditor

129/11- 5 Year Plan/ Budget

To be discussed at the January Parish Council meeting

130/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Brancepeth Parish Council will be on Monday 16th January 2012 in the Village Hall, Brancepeth at 7.30pm

The meeting finished at 7.50pm