

# Gainford & Langton

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2 JULY 2018

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLORS:** L. Johnstone (Chair) J. Coomer  
S. Platten S. Hannan  
D. Greenland

**Clerk: Martin Clark**

**Visitors: Teesdale Mercury**

**Public Participation:**

No members of the public present

**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr's Roff (work), Bayles (work) & Britton (personal), Cllr Charge (personal). No apologies were tendered by Cllr Smith.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**

None

**3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2018:**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 June 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Platten and seconded by Cllr Greenland

**4. CHAIRS REPORT:**

Cllr Johnstone gave a verbal report:

- Met with residents with the Clerk to discuss issues
- Opened the Gainford Fun Day
- Helped with Neighbourhood Plan event on the Fun Day

Members noted the Chair's July report.

**5. PROGRESS REPORT:**

The Clerk went through the report issued with the agenda.

The Chair with the Clerk visited GAP following a report of damaged equipment. The two picnic benches were found to be broken and not repairable. Older wooden equipment was in need of removing and replacing and some safety surface repairs were needed.

The Clerk had spoken to the Gainford Charitable Trust about a possible grant. With this the Chair will be meeting with Playdale on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> to look at options.

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The bench awaiting a home was mentioned as a replacement for the picnic benches but this was felt to be not a suitable location.

Cllr Hannan suggested the new bench is located on the new area of land now owned by the parish council. This could be placed to mark the council ensuring the green space remains just that. **RESOLVED:** It was agreed the bench would be located at Balmer Hill. Residents will be asked for any opinion on which part of the land is best.

## 6. FINANCE REPORT:

### 6.1 The July Financial Report

Additional invoices requiring payment received post report issue:

CE & CM Walker (June grass cuts) £844.80

The Clerk informed members that the grass cutting agreement now includes the land at Balmer Hill.

**RESOLVED:** The July Financial Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Coomer and seconded by Cllr Greenland

### 6.2 Small Grant application: Gainford Toddler Group

Members agreed the Toddler group was well run and should be supported.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Hannan proposed the request for £220.00 from the Small Grant Fund be awarded to the Gainford Toddler Group. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Greenland.

Following the granting of the award a brief discussion took place on the possibility of allocating funds in future years earmarked for 'pre-school' activities. It was agreed a full discussion would take place when setting the 2019/20 precept in January.

### 6.3 Allotment Association request for the council to purchase a strimmer and safety equipment on its behalf

At this point Cllr's Hannan and Greenland declared an interest

The Clerk informed members the association would repay the net figure on the equipment costs and the vat would be reclaimed.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Coomer the parish council purchase the strimmer and safety equipment on behalf of the Allotment Association (£443.81). Seconded by Cllr Platten

### 6.4 Mobile Speed Indicator Device to support Gainford Community Speedwatch

The Clerk informed members that following discussions with our County Councillor colleagues they had agreed to assist in the purchase of a mobile speed indicator to support the work being done for Gainford Speedwatch. However some technical issues have surfaced with DCC Highways that must be worked through before any funding can be signed off. It was agreed to receive a further update in September.

## 7. BONFIRE/FIREWORK EVENT 2018:

The Clerk informed members that following the illness of Anne Pratt the bonfire and fireworks event will now be administered in full by the parish council: including banking the bucket collections and donations. The ordering of the fireworks will be through the council

with guidance from Mark Pratt, who will continue to set the display. A sub-committee will be formed to include others involved on the night.

Cllr Platten asked for the council's sincere thanks for Anne's work over the year's to be recorded.

**8. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:**

GAP- Damaged and old equipment in need of replacement. Item dealt with under Progress Report (Item 5)

**9. REPLACEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE (GAINFORDNET):**

With the permission of the Chair and members present this item was deferred until the September meeting.

**10. CORRESPONDANCE:**

None

**11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

In the absence of Cllr Britton the Clerk gave members her update:

1. DCC has now started consultation and we have analysed their proposed plans - there are no proposed houses for our parish and the only site deemed suitable is St Peters - this leaves the NP in a very strong position to influence and or challenge any future housing which does not fit in with the parish's desired development. The NP committee are meeting DCC representatives on 25th July to find out more

2. Planning potential and the NP plan committee has now finished its evidence gathering bar a few technical reports which we are liaising with DCC on and also the housing needs survey which will be at same time as questionnaire - this is expected to start early sept once holiday period is over and DCC has finished consulting

3. We got a great response at the recent Gainford fun day and a few people volunteered their services

4. We are staying in close contact with Kebell re their plans for St peters

**12. PLANNING:**

DM/18/01788/LB – East Langton Farmhouse, Langton – Listed Building application for alterations to facilitate a residential annexe. Noted.

**13. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS:**

Monday 3 September 2018, 7.00pm Village Hall (Supper room)

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