

# Gainford & Langton

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5 MARCH 2018

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLORS:** L. Johnstone (Chair) M. Charge (Following adjournment)  
S. Hannan  
Clerk: Martin Clark

**Visitors:** L. Oxley, Teesdale Mercury.

Rev E Harrop, Mrs C Riley, Head Gainford CE School, 3 residents whose names were recorded

*The Clerk advised the Chair that Public Participation was before the agenda and could take place, despite the numbers of councillors present.*

**Public Participation:**

Rev Harrop spoke on a joint project with the Church and Gainford CE School to create a temporary stone labyrinth on part of the village green. The church and school were seeking the Parish Council's permission.

The labyrinth would comprise 'fist sized' smooth stones laid out on the ground and accessible to the whole village. Every child will paint a stone as well as offer an unpainted stone, and together with a stone from each member of staff, make the labyrinth comprising 150 stones. This would be a community project, led and produced by the school with the parish church's support. It is proposed that the labyrinth be laid out for a few days (the duration to be agreed with the Parish Council). It is hoped to have it in place on May 10th to coincide with the Bishop of Durham's visit to Gainford.

*Cllr Johnstone thanked Rev Harrop for her presentation and explained the request would be placed on the agenda for a decision at the April meeting.*

A resident spoke on his previous request made to the council for three speed visors to be installed in the village. He was aware of the report produced, and the councils' decision based on that report. He stated that he intends to take the matter up with Durham County Council himself and get them to install them. He requested access to the traffic survey carried out for the parish council on which some of the recent published report was based.

*The Clerk advised the resident highways were the responsibility of DCC, and their policies in relation to speed visors were referred too in the report. The Clerk asked the resident to please not take selective pieces from the published report that misrepresent the facts. His request would be considered by the council at the April meeting.*

A resident spoke on his love for Swifts and how lovely they were to have in the village and

surrounding area every year. He asked if the council would consider promoting residents to create nesting boxes and even when building, install a 'Swift Brick'

Cllr Johnstone thanked all those that attended and spoke during public participation.

The grant award to Gainford CE School toward their Science Enrichment Week was presented to Mrs C Riley.

At this point Cllr Johnstone, as Chair adjourned the meeting because of the meeting not being quorate - Standing Order Section1(k) & (l)

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