

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: L. Johnstone (Chair), S. Hannan, M. Charge, S. Platten, A. Smith
Clerk: M. Clark

Visitors: Mr John Grundy & Mr Roy Logan
1 resident whose names was recorded

Public Participation:

The resident in attendance wished to thank the council for its ongoing support for the sports sessions, especially the walking football sessions. Up to 20 people regularly attend and he felt this created a good community spirit

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr's Roff (work) and Coomer (personal).

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2019:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on the 2 September 2019 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Charge and seconded by Cllr Hannan

4. PROGRESS REPORT:

The Clerk gave members a verbal update:
Preparations for the annual bonfire event
Arranging for power supply to be put in for the new speed matrix
Met with Chair to discuss agenda items

RESOLVED: The Clerks report was noted.

5. CHAIRS REPORT:

Liaising with Swankie Sports to monitor the sessions
Meeting/discussions with the Clerk
Failed to meet the Parish News deadline this month due to work commitments
The Chair discussed the idea of a VE 75 day in the village next May. Possibly a street party and events in the village hall with a singer. Would the council consider a financial contribution toward the event.
Cllr Johnson confirmed a small committee of residents would be formed and it would not be a council event.

RESOLVED: Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Hannan the council make a contribution of £500 toward the events from its 20/21 budget. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Smith.

6. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES – CO-OPTION

Mr John Grundy and Mr Roy Logan were present having put forward applications for co-option to the parish council.

RESOLVED: Cllr Smith proposed Mr Grundy and Mr Logan are co-opted onto Gainford & Langton Parish Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hannan.

Both were invited to sign their Declarations of Office forms. Witnessed by the Clerk.

Cllr's Grundy and Logan joined the meeting.

7. 2019 BONFIRE EVENT:

The Clerk confirmed the fireworks, toilets, medical staff and road closure order were all in place. The fire engine would be sorted this week.

A request from Cllr Roff to move the bonfire over slightly was agreed to be looked into.

Requests for volunteers had gone out on social media but with very little response

Cllr Logan reported that helpers were also needed for the burger and tea tent this year

The stickers that will be given to those donating will be ordered this week.

An offer from a resident to use their field for a car park was discussed. Stewards would be required, and contingencies should the weather make access and exiting difficult. It was agreed that with such short notice the offer would have to be declined.

8. FINANCE REPORT:

8.1 The October Financial Report

The Clerk advised members of additional invoices requiring approval:

Planning Potential (NP)	£900.00
Swankie Sports	£540.00

RESOLVED: The October Financial Report and payments were proposed as a true record by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Platten

7.2 Mid-Year review

Members discussed the mid-year spend document. Spending was on track under most budget items. One area where additional funds had been put into was under 'youth'. An additional £2000 was placed in this budget to cover the costs of supporting the sports projects.

A discussion took place on the support given VIA Swankie Sports to run the Saturday circuits and walking football.

As the funding was coming from reserves it was felt that at some point in order to sustain the sessions a donation could be requested. The issue of administering any donations would have to be worked through.

It was agreed to look at producing a Community Support policy and to look at the long term sustainability by sourcing other possible revenue options – Gainford Charitable Trust, TAP board etc.

Cllr Johnstone agreed to put an article on the sports sessions in the Parish News.

9. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

A request had been received to consider the planting of wild flowers in areas in the village. The suggestions put forward were the greens or banks where the daffodils are planted. It was agreed to trial the area on the island before making any other decisions on other possible locations.

It was agreed to seek DCC advice on the removal of the gateway leading into the village from Darlington. Action: Clerk to speak to Highways.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Great North Air Ambulance – Request for donation. **RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Hannan and seconded by Cllr Platten a donation of £200 is made to the Great North Air Ambulance service.

11. PLANNING INCLUDING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UPDATES:01

Approved – DM/18/01980/FPA Site of former St Peters School.

Application – DM/19/03011/FPA 5 Spa Road, Gainford – Dormer windows and rooflights to side, bay window and first floor balcony to rear, single storey and detached garage to rear, attic conversion and roof lights to front and fenestration details. Noted.

A NP plan meeting is being arranged with Planning Potential the council’s planning advisors for all members to attend within the month.

12. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS:

Monday 4 November 2019 (Committee room upstairs) Gainford Village Hall

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Abbreviations: DCC - Durham County Council
NP – Neighbourhood Plan

Signed.....

Dated.....

