

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2021

COUNCILLORS: S. Platten, S. Hannan, C. Jackson, A. Buckley, A. Wilkinson, M. Kennan
A. Walker & McCall. **Visitors:** Teesdale Mercury

Public Participation:

No members of the public present

AGENDA

1. Acceptance, or otherwise of apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest:

Members are asked to consider whether they might have a personal or a pecuniary interest in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting. If so, it is requested that any such interest be declared now. If subsequently during the consideration of any matter, it becomes apparent to any member that he/she does, indeed, have an interest, it should then be declared immediately.

Resolved – Cllr Kennan declared an interest in agenda item 5.2

3. Minutes

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 23 June 2021

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the 23 June be accepted as a true record.

4. Community Engagement – Statement of Intent 2021-25

Following a discussion, it was agreed to place the item on the September agenda.

5. Finance

5.1 July reconciliation and invoices for payment

Resolved – That the July Financial Report and invoices requiring payment be approved.

5.2 Request from Gainford Village Hall Association to assist with VAT recovery for works

Resolved – That the request from Gainford Village Hall be approved with invoices for works bearing the parish council name.

6. Council website

Resolved - A working group of Cllr's Wilkinson, Jackson, Platten and McCall will look at how to improve the website and functionality.

7. Local maintenance

Resolved - It was agreed a working group would be set up to look at local maintenance issues with Cllr Kennan as the main contact for that group.

Cllr Platten referred to the need for the footpath behind the surgery requires cutting back. **Action** – Clerk

Members were advised GAP was inspected as a matter of urgency – A discussion took place on the possible options, including an alternative area for a play area, communication, partnership working and a working group to take things forward.

It was discussed the parish council having a stall at the village hall event in October – community engagement

Resolved - It was agreed one councillor would have keys to the village notice board. **Action** – Clerk

Resolved - It was agreed to carry out an allotment inspection and look to meet tenants to discuss any issues they may have. Cllr Kennan and Buckley will carry out the inspection.

A question of the responsibility for the bus stops was raised. **Action** - Clerk to advise.

8. Establishment of Sub Committees & Schemes of Delegation

Submitted – draft Scheme of Delegation for a Partnership Committee

Members discussed the need to establish committees to cover youth communication, community activities and environment.

9. Correspondence

It was agreed that correspondence be scanned and circulated to members with the bundle of papers for meetings.

10. Planning

No planning

11. Bonfire event

A discussion took place on the planning required to put an event on in 2021 and the uncertainty still around events.

Resolved – That the 2021 bonfire and fireworks event is postponed for 2021

12. Raby Stakeholders meeting

From the meeting held on 19 July 2021.

The main points:

- Roof timbers of Gainford Hall were all in good condition
- A presentation took place in the village hall which included a report on the options for the building from Saville's was referred to.
- Ideas submitted were for use as a wedding venue, arts and crafts, rural retail, holiday home.
- Lord Barnard has said the hall would only be used as private residence, with some rural offices
- The hall has a sizable car park and could be used for electric vehicle charging points with possibility of villagers using.
- Roof and re-mortaring and leaded windows will go up in the hall in spring 2022
- An extension to the recreation field lease would be considered.

Resolved – The verbal report was noted

13. Summer sports

It was noted the ongoing success of the sports sessions on the recreation field.

Meeting Closed

Signed.....

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