

# Gainford & Langton

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE 2021**

**COUNCILLORS:** S. Platten, S. Hannan, C. Jackson, A. Buckley, A. Wilkinson, M. Kennan  
**Clerk:** M. Clark. **Visitors:** Teesdale Mercury

### **Public Participation:**

No members of the public present

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2020/22**

Cllr Wilkinson was proposed and seconded.

**Resolved** – Cllr Wilkinson be elected as Chair for the municipal year 2021/22

#### **2. DECLARATION OF OFFICE FORM SIGNED & WITNESSED**

**Resolved** – Cllr Wilkinson signed his Declaration of Office form which was witnessed by the Clerk.

#### **3. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr's Walker and McCall

**Resolved** – That the apologies be accepted.

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked whether they had any pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at this point of the meeting. Members were reminded that a declaration could be given later in the meeting if the need arose during discussions.

**Resolved** - No declarations were made.

#### **5. NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION**

Members each gave a brief summary by way of an introduction to .

#### **6. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2020/21**

**Resolved** – That the council meetings be the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in the month (except August). The July meeting was agreed to be on the 21<sup>st</sup> July.

#### **7. CODE OF CONDUCT**

Submitted – Members Code of Conduct

**Resolved** – That Gainford & Langton Parish Council adopt the revised Code of Conduct.

#### **8. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS**

Submitted - Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR), End of Year Statement & June reconciliation.

**Resolved** - a) That Section 1 of the AGAR is approved; (b) that the End of Year Accounts are

approved, and Section 2 of the AGAR is approved and duly signed by the Chair; and (c) that the June Financial report and invoices is approved.

**Bank Signatories**

**Resolved** – Cllr’s Kennan, Buckley and Wilkinson agreed to be bank signatories.

**Sports Project**

Cllr Hannan referred to the applications being made to Teesdale Area Action Partnership and the Gainford Charitable Trust in order to continue the successful council led sports activities. It was agreed to support the applications being made. Reference was made to the Easter activities which were funded from the 2020/21 budget.

**Resolved** – It was proposed, and carried to use £2000 from the current year Sports budget as match funding.

**9. ADOPT A KIOSK**

A request had been received for the Parish Council to adopt the phone kiosk at High Green.

**Resolved** – That the council does not adopt the phone kiosk by the village green as it was felt it had no aesthetic value.

**10. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – STATEMENT OF INTENT 2021-2025**

**Resolved** - The item was deferred until the July meeting

**11. LOCAL MAINTENANCE**

The Clerk referred to the current issues with securing the repairs needed to carry out the works on the ‘island’ and issues relating to the maintenance of the Gainford Play area.

**12. CORRESPONDANCE**

12.1 Gainford Fun Day notification received of it moving to September 4<sup>th</sup>. Noted.

12.2 Email from Property Development, Investment & Promotion (PDIP) referring to the buildings and land at St Peter’s – Notification of Ruttle Plant & Kebble Homes working together to bring forward an alternative use for the land to provide care and supported living accommodation. They were requesting to present the ideas to the parish council.

**Resolved** – It was agreed to advise PDIP that the preferred option is for their plans to be presented to the public for any consultation/comment, and not through a council meeting but were pleased to hear that something was moving forward.

12.3 Northumbrian Water – Notification of major upgrade to water supply network in phases between 2021 and 2028. Noted.

**13. RABY STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

Cllr Platten gave members a brief summary of the recent stakeholder meeting that took place with Raby on the 13 May. He reported that he felt the meeting was generally positive. Main points:

- Overview of worked intended
- Traffic issues – safety of pedestrians, construction traffic, safety issues on the main road
- A document was being put together to look at options for the future usage of Gainford Hall

Signed.....

Dated.....

- Ideas on the use of the outbuildings for small businesses and crafts were being considered as an option
- General willingness to communicate

**Meeting Closed**

Signed.....

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