

# Gainford & Langton

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2021

**COUNCILLORS:** C. Jackson, A. Buckley, A. Wilkinson, M. Kennan  
McCall. Clerk – Martin Clark  
**Visitors:** Duncan Peake, Raby, & Teesdale Mercury

### Public Participation:

No members of the public present

### AGENDA

#### 1. Acceptance, or otherwise of apologies

Cllr's Hannan, Walker & Platten

#### 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** – No declarations were made.

#### 3. Minutes

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21 July 2021

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting of the 21 July be accepted as a true record.

#### 4. Gainford Hall

Duncan Peake from Raby Estates gave members an update on the ongoing work at Gainford Hall, stakeholder meetings and plans going forward.

#### 5. Finance

5.1 September reconciliation and invoices for payment.

The Clerk referred to additional invoices requiring approval:

CE Walker (grass cuts) - £736.80

Ruttle Plant Hire (St Peters rent) - £750.00

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

5.2 Raby – Recreation field rent review.

The Clerk informed members of the rent review carried out recently by Marwood (Raby). The current rent of £687.30 will increase to £776.46 from 11 November 2021.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

#### 6. Allotments (St Peter's)

Cllr's Kennan & Buckley will give a verbal report on their recent allotment inspection and

discussions with tenants on 22 August.

Main issues – The thoughts of managing the site themselves via an association, vermin on the site, weeds, keeping of cockerels, vacant plots, communication, security of site, maintenance, and finance.

## 7. Local maintenance

7.1 Information board at the Spa – damaged and in need of replacement. **Action:** To look at replacing as soon as practicable (Cllr Kennan)

7.2 Oak tree on island – referred to as requiring inspection due to concerns over its health. Permission is required to employ a tree surgeon to inspect. **Resolved** – that the council look to employ the services of a tree surgeon to examine the tree (obtain quotes)

7.3 Speeding in village

7.4 Hedge border by recreation field reported as in need of cutting and tidying. **Action:** To discuss options with Raby and/or source alternatives

## 8. Correspondence

Submitted – Details of correspondence received

Correspondence in month – August 2021

CDALC	Area representation on TAP
CDALC	General update
Healthwatch County Durham	Children and young person's mental health
DCC notice	Recovery grant supporting business
NALC	Online events
CDALC	Planning Training event
NALC	Rural Housing
Victim Support	Appeal
Resident	Concern over tree status on island
TAP	Bulb planting

**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

## 9. Planning

No planning applications or approvals received for comment.

## 10. Youth Summer Sports

Item deferred until October meeting.

**11. Raby Stakeholder Meetings**

The item was covered at item 4 on the agenda

**12. Statement of Community Engagement**

The item was deferred until the October meeting.

**Meeting Closed**









