

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2021

COUNCILLORS: C. Jackson, A. Buckley, A. Wilkinson, M. Kennan
McCall, Hannan, Walker & Platten. Clerk – Martin Clark
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** – No declarations were made.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 6 October 2021

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the 6 October be received as a true record.

4. Public Participation Policy

Submitted – A revised draft policy on public participation.

After a frank discussion on the draft policy it was proposed by Cllr Kennan that the policy is not approved. The proposal did not receive a seconder as was not carried.

Resolved - Cllr Platten proposed the policy requires more work and should be brought back to the council for further discussion. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Jackson and carried.

5. Finance

5.1 November reconciliation and invoices for payment.

The Clerk referred to additional invoices requiring approval:

£776.46	Raby Estates (Rec Field rental)
£35.00	Raby Estates (Spa rent)
£200.00	1 st Gainford Scouts (hut hire)
£564.00	Croft Christmas Trees (island tree)

380

Signed.....

Dated.....

£447.60 CE Walker (October grass cutting)
£25.00 Gainford Village Hall (room hire)
£38.49 M. Clark (printer ink)

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

6. Allotments (St Peters)

6.1 Submitted – Report from Cllr’s Kennan & Buckley

Resolved – that the report from Cllr’s Kennan and Buckley be received.

6.2 To review and consider the quotations obtained for pest control on the allotment site. 2 quotes had been obtained for vermin control on the allotment site:

Rentokil – a one of charge of £3811.90 with a quarterly charge of £389.75. Total £4201.65

Breeze – initial charge of £200 and a further £600 for the rest of the year. Total £800

Resolved - Cllr Buckley proposed the council accept the quote submitted for the vermin control from Breeze. Second by Cllr Kennan and carried.

7. Local maintenance/village issues

The Clerk referred to the report on the health of one of the Oak trees on the island which would be carried out in the week.

The Chair referred to the cutting/trimming of the Beech hedge at the recreation field carried out by Raby on behalf of the parish council. It was agreed that some larger species of tree be left when the work was carried out.

Cllr Kennan made reference to the indicator board at the Spa. A resident (Mr Oldfield) had offered to fully fund a new information board insert and this should be in situ within a couple of weeks. The council extended its thanks to Mr Oldfield.

Reference was made to the notice board ownership in the village, other than the official parish one. This matter would be looked into.

GAP remains locked due to the issues brought forward on the state of the equipment. Cllr Kennan had met with the toddler group, and they would be happy to work with the council going forward on looking at the future provision of play facilities within the village. Cllr Kennan will co-ordinate establishing a focus group to discuss, consult and refer back to the council.

The Clerk informed members of the difficulties being experienced in having the island wall

repaired. Several builders had declined the work. Another builder is going to look at what is needed next week and will refer back.

A complaint had been received in relation to several of the public footpaths in the parish. As Durham County Council are responsible for these paths the matter has been referred to them. The resident has been informed.

8 Correspondence

Submitted – Details of correspondence received

Correspondence in month –

CDALC	Grants for Armed Forces Day 2022
DCC	Volunteers needed for Lumiere
Grt North Air Ambulance	Newsletter
DCC	Appointment of Director of Resources
DCC	Free swimming sessions
DCC	Take on a star role - Lumiere
DCC	Leisure transformation consultation

Resolved – That the information be noted.

9. Planning

None

10. October Community Sports

Submitted – A report from Cllr Hannan on the October half term sports funded by the parish council.

It was noted that a total of 101 places were booked with 91 attended.

The invoice received from Swankie Sports exceeded the resolution of the council in October that it funded the junior sports programme for up to a maximum of 30 children at £10 per child for 5 sessions with a maximum of £1500. Due to an administrative error the contractor was not aware of the different arrangements from the previous sessions he had put on in the summer. The Clerk advised members that a further resolution would be required in order to pay the invoice received due to the 101 bookings amounted to £1010.

It was proposed by Cllr McCall that the £1010 be paid. No seconder was forthcoming for that proposal.

Resolved – It was proposed by Cllr Walker that the invoice received from Swankie Sports for £1250 be paid. Seconded by Cllr Buckley and carried.

It was agreed that the consultation group looking at play facilities would include community sports consultations.

11. Statement of Community Engagement

Submitted – The Gainford & Langton Parish Council Community and Engagement Strategy: 2021-2025 (draft)

Resolved -The draft statement deferred from previous meetings was discussed and amendments suggested were agreed.

Meeting Closed

Signed.....

Dated.....

