

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023

COUNCILLORS: Kennan, Jackson, Platten & Hannan

Clerk: Martin Clark

Public Participation:

No members of the public in attendance

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Kennan took the meeting.

1. Acceptance, or otherwise of apologies

Cllr's Wilkinson & Walker submitted their apologies.

Resolved – That the submitted apologies be accepted.

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 personal or pecuniary declarations were made.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 8 March 2023.

Resolved - That the minutes of the ordinary council meeting of the 8 March 2023 be approved.

4. Clerks Report

Received a report of actions taken from the meeting 8 March 2023.

- Samba goals for rec field order and received with a negotiated lower price.
- Coronation event grant application completed – confirmation of grant received.
- Diocese informed of council decision on GAP and lease. They will be arranging a surveyor to go to the site to value it.
- Arranged through DCC to have white lines painted at dropped kerbs at Station Road.
- End of year planning started.
- Amendments to Standing Orders being actioned.
- Researching metal signage for recreation field.
- Parish Paths application for funding completed and approved at £2,760.00.
- Email received from the village hall regarding the Gainfest committee (new) and asking if the council would continue its support financially.

Resolved – (a) That the Clerk's Report be received and noted; (b) That the Parish Council reaffirms its support for Gainfest; and (c) That any increase in financial contributions above the budget would be considered when costs are known.

5. Keeping our Communities Warm – Warm & Welcome Café project

Cllr Kennan informed the meeting that the café project was still successful:

- £522 of the £1,000 has been spent to date.
- 14 sessions with an average of 12 people attending plus volunteers.
- Intend to carry on after Easter. The funding from the council would give approximately 12 further sessions.
- Members agreed that the project has been a great success and if a further funding request was received it would be considered.

Resolved – That the information be received and noted.

6. Finance

6.1 April reconciliation and invoices for approval.

Resolved – That the April reconciliation and payments be approved.

6.2 Grant Application

Members to consider the application for funding from Gainford Surgery for the provision of an outdoor space (received).

Member felt the project to create an outdoor space was an excellent idea.

Resolved – That the Gainford Surgery request for funding of £1,000 be awarded.

7. Local Maintenance/Village Issues

7.1 Village Maintenance plans/strategy

This item was deferred until the May meeting.

7.2 Summer Planting

Cllr Kennan informed members that a group of volunteers known as 'Blooming Gainford' who have said they will plant up and look after East Gate, Lord Nelson Island, and various other flower troughs. They will plant red, white, and blue flowers and have costed this to approximately £300.00. In addition Cllr Kennan has sourced an English Oak that will be planted to commemorate the Coronation. The 5ft tree is costing £50.00.

A discussion took place on a commemorative plaque with the suggestion of it placed onto a stone would be looked into by Cllr Platten.

The costs associated with the planting, tree and plaque will be from the appropriate budget.

Wild flower planting was referred too on the Lord Nelson Island.

7.3 **GAP Development Plans**

Both Kompan and Playdale had submitted outline plans for GAP following their separate visits.

A discussion took place on the proposals.

Resolved – (a) That option 1 from Playdale be considered the best option; and (b) That a Section 106 application be submitted for funding.

7.4 **Gainford Riverside Trust**

The issues of the numbers attracted to the riverside in the summer months was discussed. The idea of a portaloos and commercial bins was referred.

It was agreed to defer this item in order to discuss further with the Riverside Trust. An invitation be extended to the Trust to attend a meeting.

8. Financial Regulations (Review)

Received – Copy of the Financial Regulations

This item was deferred until the May meeting.

9. Parish Council Website

The Clerk advised that he now has admin rights to the site but training, and amendments before it goes live need to be completed. When this has been completed the site will go live with a note to say still under construction if changes need to be changed.

Resolved – That the information be received and noted.

10. Correspondence

Submitted – Details of correspondence received.

Durham Community Action	Virtual Funding information sessions
CDALC	DCC Consultations
Teesdale AAP	Holiday Activities and Healthy Food

Resolved – That the information be noted.

11. Planning

None.

12. To set the date for the Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Council Meeting

17 May 2023 – both: 6 pm Annual Parish. 7pm Annual Council

Meeting Closed