

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2023

COUNCILLORS: Wilkinson, Jackson & Van Mourik

Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors: 4 members of the public

Public Participation:

Members of Gainford in bloom sought the council's support for them entering "it's your neighbourhood", judged by Northumbria in Bloom. It was felt the village could look to enter the full Northumbria in Bloom competition in 2025.

The hope is to get a larger group of volunteers to work toward this goal.

They sought agreement to replace the summer blooms with winter one's. – *As this was already within the budget agreed this was appropriate.*

Concern was raised over the state of some of the troughs (planters) and would the parish council consider funding the replacements – In principle this is supported but costing would need to be submitted for approval on an agenda.

Comment was made about the bus shelter by the old Lord Nelson – *the Clerk advised that painting the inside of the shelter was a job already programmed for the handyman.*

The graffiti on the sub station would be looked at to see if it could be removed.

Mention was made of the state of the pavement through the village – *The council will look at what can be done to improve.*

Would the parish council consider sponsoring (financially) a competition for the best front garden or window box – *This would be placed on the October agenda in order for a decision to be taken.*

The Chair opened the meeting.

1. Acceptance, or otherwise of apologies

Cllr's Hannan & Platten submitted their apologies.

Resolved – That the submitted apologies be approved.

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 5 July 2023.

Resolved - That the minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting of the 5 July 2023 be approved.

4. Clerks Report

Received – Clerks report (Appendix A).

Resolved – That the Clerk’s Report be received and noted .

5. Finance

5.1 September reconciliation and invoices for approval (submitted).

Additional invoices for approval:

CE Walker (grass cuts)	£972.00
TGI Media (Domain renewal)	£18.00
Home Task Handyman (Various maintenance)	£392.00

Resolved – That the September reconciliation and payments be approved.

5.2 Grant request from Gainford Academy Theatre

Resolved - Item not heard due to application not being returned.

6. Village Issues/Maintenance

6.1 Reference was made to the solution to the Christmas tree ‘hole’ on the green.

6.2 The roof on the council garage still requiring repair.

6.3 Garage doors in need of painting.

7. GAP Development

- The Clerk informed the members that the Expression of interest from the TAP Board had been approved. This would now gone forward to final consideration for approval.
- The Chair had had further meetings with Gainford School and the nursery group to look at design and equipment.
- Playdale the preferred company to supply the equipment will be asked to look at small changes and quote.
- Still awaiting comments from the Diocese on the draft heads of terms.

Resolved – That the information be received and noted.

8. Correspondence

Submitted – Details of correspondence received.

Academy Theatre	Grant Request
DCC	St Peter’s

Resolved – That the information be noted.

10. Planning

DM/23/02235/FPA – 22 Low Green, Gainford – Side and rear extensions.

Resolved – Application noted.

DM/23/02226/FPA – The Steading, Eden Lane, Gainford – Conversion of adjoining derelict farm building to form extended living accommodation, ground floor link corridor and erection of a detached garage with granny annexe and office.

Resolved – Application noted.

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11. Date & time of next meeting

Wednesday 4 October 2023, 7pm

Meeting closed

Appendix A

13 September 2023 meeting - Clerks Report

- Safety Advisory Group application made re bonfire event.
- Temporary road closure application for bonfire event completed.
- Contacts requesting first aid, toilet hire and fire engine for bonfire event completed (awaiting responses).
- Spoken to Ruttle Plant regarding the possibility of a gate at the entrance to the St Peter's allotment site – in principle consent is given but will require the gate design details before full consent.
- Balmer Hill hedge along the side of North Lane – arranged cutting back
- GAP area strimmed
- A report that the hedges being overgrown in School Lane reported to DCC. – *This work was subsequently carried out by the parish council.*
- A report from a resident of Piggy Lane about an overgrown Buddleia bush is to be actioned.
- A call out via social media for a village handyman was successful and they have been given several jobs to carry out (including Buddleia, Rec field gate hatch, and bus stop by island).

VAT reclaim actioned.

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