

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2024

COUNCILLORS: Wilkinson, Platten, Jackson & Van Mourik.

Visitors: Teesdale Mercury, 2 Residents

Public Participation

A discussion took place regarding the earlier submitted grant from the Parish News and potential ways it could look at raising more funds to be sustainable. It was previously agreed the council will invest in a page in each copy. It was agreed the grant application will be revised and re-submitted for consideration.

1. Acceptance, or otherwise of apologies

Cllr Hannan submitted her 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 7 February 2024.

Resolved - That the minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting of the 7 February 2024 be approved.

4. Clerks Report

The Clerk updated members on:

- Actions taken with Playdale and the Diocese to finalise the equipment for the GAP development, and permissions to use Diocese land during installation.
- Parish Paths grant application completed and submitted.
- Completing bonfire article for April Parish News (with Chair for clearance)
- Allotment issues re clearance of vacated plots
- Dealing with queries from allotment holders post the demolition of St Peters around security and access.

Resolved – That the Clerks report is received and noted.

5. Finance

5.1 March meeting reconciliation and payments.

Additional invoices:

Playdale - £30,797.08 (50% deposit re GAP))

A. Wilkinson - £13.70 (reimburse batteries)

Resolved – That the March payments and reconciliation be approved.

6. Village Issues/Maintenance

6.1 As referred in the Clerks report the article for the Parish News on the bonfire event has been shared with the volunteers and will be in the next edition.

6.2 The demolition of St Peters and the appeal by Kebble Homes was referred to. The council were not aware of any appeal on planning by Kebble for 37 homes was made and allowed.

Action: The Clerk will make contact with Kebble Homes to obtain up to date information following the successful appeal.

7. GAP Development

- Work is expected to start on the redevelopment on 29th April.
- Repairs and improvements to the fencing will be looked at prior to Playdale attending (if possible).
- A call for residents to come forward to create a GAP committee will be made via the Parish News
- Once the development is complete the council will arrange quarterly or half yearly inspections.

Resolved – That the information be received and noted.

8. Correspondence

Submitted – Details of correspondence received.

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Resolved – That the information be noted.

9. Planning

None

Applications can be viewed online via Durham County Council's Planning Application System: <http://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/>

10. Date & time of next meeting

Wednesday 3 April 2024, 7pm*

* changed to 17 April 2024

Meeting closed.