

# Gainford & Langton

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2024

**COUNCILLORS:** Wilkinson, Van Mourik, Jackson, Platten & Hannan

**Clerk:** Martin Clark

**Visitors:** 2 members of the public

### 1. Election of Chair for 2024/25

Cllr Andrew Wilkinson was proposed and seconded.

**Resolved** – That Cllr Andrew Wilkinson be duly elected to the Chair of Gainford & Langton Parish Council for the municipal year 2024/25.

### 2. Declaration of Office form

### 3. 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.

### 4. Programme of Meetings 2024/25

The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in the month excluding August (no meeting)

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

### 5. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 be approved.

### 6. GAP Redevelopment

- Contractors are on site and hope to complete within the next couple of weeks.
- Repairs to the fence line and trimming back of hedges had to be carried out.
- When confirmation of completion and sign off an opening date should be set – provisionally this could be Friday/Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June in order to allow more children to attend.
- Ice cream van to be organised and costed when confirmed date(s)
- Final plans to be organised at the next council meeting.

### 7. Finance/Accounts

7.1 Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of external audit); 7.2 To approve End of Year Accounts for 2023/24 - AGAR (subject to audit) - Received.

**Resolved** – (a) That Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement be approved; and (b) That the end of year accounts for 2023/24 (subject to audit) be approved.

#### 7.2 Warm & Welcome financial support

Wendy Broderick attended on behalf of Warm & Welcome to discuss the request for funding deferred from the April meeting.

**Resolved** – (a) That the Warm and Welcome grant be £750.00; (b) That the award is reviewed in October subject to the group supplying attendance records; and (c) That the group look for other funding opportunities.

#### 7.3 Gainfest 2024

Received application.

**Resolved** – (a) That Gainfest be awarded £850, being £750 from Community Support and £100 from the Chair's Fund; (b) That future applications are requested earlier with greater information on budgets and costings.

#### 7.4 Funding request received re a dog fouling campaign (received)

**Resolved** – That the Dog Fouling Campaign be awarded £100.

7.5 It was resolved that at the June council meeting the Grant Awarding and Donation policies are reviewed.

### 8. Local Maintenance/Village Issues

#### 8.1 Bonfire/firework events 2024

- Following the articles in the Parish News, no volunteers came forward (in time).
- No training is available this year.
- A private company had been approached with costs quoted exceeding £5,000 – this would not include the additional costs required – road closures, toilets, skip etc.
- The private costs exceed the budget considerably.
- The event will have to take a break this year in order for planning ahead.
- The Parish News articles have been clear of actions that would have to be taken.

#### 8.2 Christmas lights

A survey of the trees on the island had taken place recently to look at lighting the trees. The report with costing will be placed on the June agenda.

A discussion took place on the Kebble St Peter's development approval, security of allotments and a footpath. The Clerk will talk to Kebble on these issues.

### 9. Planning

None.

### 10. Date & time of next ordinary meeting

Wednesday 5 June 2024 7pm

