

# Gainford & Langton

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2024**

**COUNCILLORS:** Wilkinson (Chair), Platten, Hannan & Van Mourik.

**Visitors:** Teesdale Mercury.

### Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

#### 1. Acceptance, or otherwise of apologies

Cllr Jackson 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 6 March 2024.

**Resolved** - That the minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting of the 6 March 2024 be approved.

#### 4. Clerks Report

The Clerk updated members on:

- Actions taken with the Chair in preparation for Playdale to begin work on the development at GAP.
- Informed members that Kebble Homes were in the process of purchasing the land belonging to Ruttle Plant at St Peters.
- The fence constructed at St Peters was put up by Kebble.
- Conversations with Kebble who have said that following completion of the housing development (now approved) they will supply a gate to the allotments and a noticeboard for the site.
- It is not clear yet if Kebble will be purchasing all the Ruttle land – including allotment site.
- Preparations started for internal and external audit for 2023/24.
- Bonfire article for Parish News submitted.

**Resolved** – That the Clerks report is received and noted.

#### 5. Finance

5.1 April meeting reconciliation and payments.

Minutes April 2024

Additional invoices:

TGI Web - £60.00

**Resolved** – That the April payments and reconciliation be approved.

#### 5.2 Grant application (re-submitted) from Parish News

**Resolved** – (a) That £500 be awarded to support the Parish News for current financial year from the Community Support Budget; (b) That the support is reviewed in 2025.

#### 5.3 Warm & Welcome Group

Received – Grant request from the Warm & Welcome Group for the council to financially support their associated costs from September 2024 at £1540.00.

**Resolved** – That a representative of the Warm & Welcome committee be invited to the May council meeting to answer the queries members had on the application before a decision is made.

#### 5.4 Gainfest 24

A request for support for the 2024 Gainfest has been received (received)

**Resolved** – That the item is deferred until the May meeting to allow a full application form to be submitted.

### 6. Village Issues/Maintenance

- The path alongside the rec field towards the cemetery is in need of work – levelling or a top base put down. Will look into costs (hard core, wood chippings), and any assistance available.
- The pedestrian gate latch onto the field needs replacing.
- The path behind the doctor's surgery – the next section could be applied to DCC to put on the rights of way as it has been used as permissive for many years. Start the process.

### 7. GAP Development

- Work is expected to start on the redevelopment on 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- Further site meeting has taken place to confirm the amount of space Playdale use during the works – 7 parking bays.
- We need to arrange the removal of the dead bushes and branches for access to GAP for Playdale.
- Quote received to repair fencing and agreed work to be done.
- The quote to renew the whole fence was received but is beyond the budget at this time.
- Playdale have asked the grass is cut back before they start work.

**Resolved** – That the information be received and noted.

### 8. Correspondence

Submitted – Details of correspondence received.

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| Durham Pride  | Invitation          |
| Peter Andrews | ParkThatBike scheme |

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

## **9. Planning**

**DM/24/00734/FPA** – 3 Stobb Hill, Gainford – Horse riding arena.

**Resolved** – That the application be noted.

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

## **10. Annual Parish & Annual Council Meetings**

Members to set the date for the Annual Parish and Annual Council meetings in May.

**Resolved** – That the Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**Meeting closed.**