

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2024

COUNCILLORS: Wilkinson, Jackson, Hannan, Jerrom & Van Mourik.

Officer: M. Clark (Clerk)

Visitors: Teesdale Mercury

Public Participation

No members of public present.

1. Acceptance, or otherwise of apologies

Cllr Platten submitted his 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 Council meeting held on 6 November 2024.

Resolved - That the minutes of the Council meeting on 6 November 2024 be approved.

4. Clerks Report

Received – Clerks report (Appendix A)

A discussion took place on the Ruttle Plant earlier response to a longer lease on the allotments. It was agreed to contact Ruttle to clarify the planning position on all the land at St Peter's they own.

Resolved – That the information was received and noted.

5. Finance

5.1 December meeting reconciliation and payments.

Additional invoice - Focus Magazine £50 (November)

Resolved – That the December payments and reconciliation are approved.

5.2 Application for grant – Focus Magazine (received)

Members to consider the application submitted by Focus Magazine for additional grant funding of £1,000.

Members agreed the publication was valued by it and the wider community but given it had awarded a previous grant and is now contributing £50 a month for a page that this application could not be approved.

Resolved – That the application is not approved.

6. Village Issues/Maintenance

6.1 Recreation field litter bin placement. Discussed at agenda item 4.

6.2 Village Green Christmas Tree

On receipt of the tree from Raby it will be dressed as previously with battery powered lights.

7. Correspondence

Submitted – Details of correspondence received.

None	
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Resolved – That the information be noted.

8. Planning

8.1 DM/24/03033/FPA - Mr and Mrs Neville, 22 Low Green, Gainford - Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling.

Resolved – That the council has no objection

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

9. Royal Garden Party 2025

Nominations to be placed in to the draw for a Royal Garden Party 2025. Note: Previous attendees cannot apply.

All nominees will be entered into a draw which a random selection will be made.

Resolved – That Cllr's Jerrom and Wilkinson be nominated to enter into the garden party draw.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting – Wednesday 8 January 2025 @ 6.30pm

Appendix A

04 December 2024 meeting - Clerks Report

- Organising the GAP repairs identified from the recent report
- Looking at constructing a visual check list (monthly) for GAP
- Discussing with Durham County Council Street Scene about the litter bin, location and collection at the recreation field – agreed that the bin would be returned to the recreation field area, but nearer the entrance.
- Assisting the allotment group with warning letters over unworked plots (ongoing)
- Damaged branches following Storm Bert (removal)

- Grant funder information supplied to village hall
- Parish Paths piece for Focus Magazine
- Budget 2025/26 prep