

# Gainford & Langton

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2025**

**COUNCILLORS:** Wilkinson, Jackson, Hannan, Jackson & Jerom.

**Officer:** M. Clark (Clerk)

**Visitors:** 1 resident; Teesdale Mercury

### Public Participation

A resident spoke on the future installation of a replacement Gas Governor on Balmer Hill. Cllr Platten advised the resident of the recent meeting he had had with the contractors.

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

No apologies were submitted by Cllr Van Mourik.

**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 8 January 2025.

**Resolved** - That the minutes of the Council meeting on 8 January 2025 be approved.

#### 4. Clerks Report

Received – Clerks report (Appendix A)

The Clerk referred to gaining permission from Marwood Estates to make improvements to the rec field path (river end).

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

#### 5. Finance

5.1 February meeting reconciliation and payments.

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

#### 6. Village Issues/Maintenance

##### 6.1 St Peter's substation graffiti

Cllr Platten referred to the graffiti on the transformer/substation at St Peters. The owners should be told to remove it.

##### 6.2 High Row steps/footpaths

The steps were reported as in need of cleaning and that a couple of stones were loose.

Action – Arrange cleaning/repair.

It was also a concern that the footpath down to Low Green can often have vehicles parked across it (Low Green exit). This presents as a problem for those with a buggy, or those with reduced mobility.

**Action:** To be looked at ways to alleviate the problem to prevent vehicles parking across the footpath exit.

### 6.3 Recreation Field boundary -East by School Lane

Damage to the boundary fence/hedge was reported (East side School Lane) giving free access to the field for dogs/rabbits.

**Action** – Contact local contractor to quote for repairs.

## 7. Correspondence

Submitted – Details of correspondence received.

None	
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**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

## 8. Planning

DM/25/00044/FPA – 8 Selaby Court – Proposed extension to the side and rear of property and extension to hardstanding driveway.

**Resolved** – (a) That no objection be raised; (b) That a comment be recorded over concerns over parking.

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

## 9. Parish Council brand Development

Received – Report from Cllr Platten.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that Cllr Platten continue to discuss with TGI Media and obtain a quote for the work.

**Meeting closed.**

**Next meeting – Wednesday 5 March 2025 @ 6.30pm**

## Appendix A

- Precept request following budget approval submitted to DCC
- Further discussions with parish solicitors on Balmer Hill Gas Governor
- A follow up request made to Marwood Estates for permission to improve the footpath beside the football field – Permission has been obtained - Quotes to be obtained to carry out the improvements.
- Grant to Warm & Welcome Café paid

## Agenda Item 9

### Gainford & Langton Parish Council

#### Brief for Branding Style Development

##### **Purpose**

To create a recognisable standard style for G&LPC, that reflects the community and setting we serve, that will become our brand for various written communications.

##### **Scope**

The following are some of the opportunities where the brand styling could be used:

- Letterheads, Leaflet, surveys etc.
- Village signage e.g. recreation field, GAP playground
- Village notices e.g. prohibition (e.g. no parking), instruction (e.g. keep clear, clear up after your dog etc.), information boards, publications etc.
- Website

Proposals to include font, layout, colour(s) etc.

##### **Style**

To be a recognisable style, specific to G&LPC and different to other notices etc. e.g. DCC standard signage. To be individual without being flamboyant or complex.