

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025

COUNCILLORS: Wilkinson, Platten, Hannan, Van Mourik & Jerom.

Officer: M. Clark (Clerk)

Visitors: 2 residents, 1 visitor (non-parish)

Public Participation

A resident spoke on the 2025 Gainfest plans and the potential of having several recycling Bins positioned around the green that could be collected by DCC, and stored in the council garage. These could be used for other events. The Gainfest committee are seeking a potential partnership with the parish council, with purchasing said bins.

The council have allocated £850 in the budget for 2025/26 for Gainfest. With regard to any Bins this would need to be referred to DCC to ask if they have any bins that could be supplied, and what arrangements would be needed for collection.

Cllr Jerom referred to the surplus in the Cross Keys Sleigh Fund which can be used for the village.

The Clerk will contact DCC and explore costs and collection.

A resident spoke on the training for a couple of resident volunteers for setting off Level 2 Fireworks.

The Clerk will contact Fantastic Fireworks for details of the next training dates in 2025.

Reference was made to the village possibly having a book library/swap shops. Other villages have used old phone boxes or bus shelter. If one is built would the council look at funding.

1. Acceptance, or otherwise of apologies

Apologies were submitted by Cllr Jackson.

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 5 February 2025.

Resolved - That the minutes of the Council meeting on 5 February 2025 be approved.

4. Clerks Report

Received – Clerks report (Appendix A)

The Clerk referred to now having the final lease to be signed/executed.

Cllr Platten advised members that Farrens have offered 2 lorry loads of 'core' for the pathway improvements by the football field, delivered and free of charge. Cllr Platten will visit the storage site to look at the quality of what has been offered. A discussion took place on how/who lays the path.

Resolved – That the information was received and noted.

5. Finance

5.1 March meeting reconciliation and payments.

Resolved – That the March payments and reconciliation be approved.

5.2 Quote for Recreation field boundary repairs

Nigel Pickering submitted a quote for £2,400 to cut back hedge, supply and fit 66 metres x 1.2 metre-high post and 4 rail timber fence with 1050mm rabbit netting.

Resolved – That the quote for the work be accepted

6. Village Issues/Maintenance

None reported.

7. Correspondence

Submitted – Details of correspondence received.

Durham Community Action	Community Buildings update
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Resolved – That the information be noted.

8. Planning

None

9. Parish Council brand Development

The 6 options presented were discussed in detail with the majority choice to be referred back for minor changes.

10. Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved – To be held on Friday 16th May at the Cross Keys, beginning at 5.00pm

11. May 2025 Elections

The Clerk updated members with the election timetable.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting – Wednesday 2 April 2025 @ 6.30pm

Appendix A

05 March 2025 meeting - Clerks Report

- Continued work with solicitors on the lease for Gas Governor
- Arranged for leaves to be cleared from bus shelter

Minutes March 2025

- Arranged for steps from High Green to Low Green to be cleaned/maintained
- Request to DCC Highways for an advisory white line to be placed at the base of the path at Low Green – ordered and received Thermoplastic StartMark.
- Requested a quote from AN Pickering for repairs to the Eastern boundary of rec field
- Awaiting quote for work on improving the footpath besides the football field
- Call out for councillors placed in Parish News/Facebook and website