

Gainford & Langton

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Cllr L. Johnstone (Chair) Cllr M. Charge
 Cllr J. Coomer Cllr S. Platten
 Cllr S. Hannan
 Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors: M. Paul, Teesdale Mercury.

Public Participation:

No members of the public present.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr Britton (work). No apologies were received from Cllr's Smith or Roff

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2017:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 4 December 2017 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Platten and seconded by Cllr Coomer

4. CHAIRS REPORT:

Cllr Johnstone gave a verbal report:

- Attended, as an observer, a meeting between a resident and an inspector from the Forestry Commission in relating to significant tree felling by the river Tees.
- Article for Parish News written
- Liaised with outdoor gym equipment manufacturers
- Met with Clerk to discuss budget, agenda items

5. PROGRESS REPORT:

The Clerk read out his report submitted with the agenda.

It was agreed Marwood Estates are contacted seeking their views on the placement of outdoor gym equipment on the recreation field. **Action:** Clerk

Members were informed the application to Awards for All for the gym equipment had ben

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declined. The advice from them was to carry out a consultation and resubmit with this evidence. It was agreed to use the Parish News, website and FB for the consultation.

RESOLVED: The Progress Report was noted.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – STATEMENT OF INTENT & COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY:

Members discussed the documents as presented.

Two small amendments were agreed – Cllr Platten not a member of the Allotment Association and the Bonfire and Fireworks added under memberships.

It was agreed to contact Gainford C of E School to request Cllr Platten represents the council on the Governors. **Action:** Clerk

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Coomer and seconded by Cllr Platten to approve, with the minor changes, the Statement of Intent 2018 and the Communication and Engagement Strategy 2018-2020.

7. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

Cllr Platten referred to the street lights from no.35 main road East towards St Peter's are all not working. **Action:** Clerk to report to DCC

It was noted that some irresponsible dog owners were still letting their dogs foul the footpaths.

It was also noted that fly tipping had occurred by the cemetery. This has now been removed.

Cllr Charge referred to being asked about Christmas lights through the village (main road).

This would be an expensive project that would require a committee (not just the council) that would have to fundraise.

Cllr Platten suggested consulting residents on this issue but to also ask if they felt the floral displays along the main road remained relevant. The money spent here could be used toward any Christmas lights.

RESOLVED: It was agreed the council would set out to consult residents on Christmas lights and floral displays. This would be done using the Parish News, website and Facebook.

8. FINANCE REPORT:

8.1 To approve the January Financial Report and invoices requiring payment.

Additional invoices requiring payment received post report issue:

Hattons Traffic Management	£264.00
Hewitts (replacement for cheque 2091)	£1579.00

RESOLVED: The January Financial Report and invoices for payment was proposed by Cllr Coomer and seconded by Cllr Charge

9. CORRESPONDANCE:

9.1 Great North Air Ambulance – Thank you for the donation

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Clerk gave a verbal report on behalf of Cllr Britton.

The committee have been continuing adding to the evidence base and have started liaising with local community resources and businesses such as the school and doctors surgery as part of this process.

On the 15th Jan our planning consultants will be meeting with the committee and members of the council to offer an update on progress so far and to finalise the engagement strategy before this is rolled out in the parish. This will allow all members of the council an opportunity to be fully briefed and ask any questions they may have.

11. PLANNING:

None

12. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS:

Monday 5 February 2018, 7pm – Village Hall (Supper Room)
Signing of Dying to Work Charter
Speed Visor signs

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