



**Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on:**

**Day/Date** Wednesday 12 January 2022

**Time:** 7.00p.m.

**Venue:** Gainford Village Hall

**Councillors are summoned to attend**

**Signed:** *Martin Clark*

**Parish Clerk**

**Public Participation 7.00 - 7.15pm**

15-minute discussion period for members of the public to raise questions from items from the agenda.

## **AGENDA**

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

None to date

### **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.

### **3. Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 1 December 2021**

**Recommendation** - To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on the 1 December 2021

#### **4. Finance**

4.1 January meeting reconciliation and payments

**Recommendation** – To approve the January reconciliation and invoices

4.2 Annual Budget & Precept setting

Submitted – Budget recommendation report

#### **5. Allotments (St Peter's)**

A verbal report will be given by Cllr's Kennan and Buckley

#### **6. Local Maintenance/Village Issues**

#### **7. Correspondence**

Submitted – Details of correspondence received

TAP	Winter EBullitin
Durham Community Action	Newsletter
TAP	Notification of TAP Board meeting
DCC	Avian Flu update for allotment tenants
DCC	Double taxation notes
Kebbell Homes	St Peter's
Raby	Gainford Hall update

#### **8. Planning**

None to date

#### **9. Civility & Respect**

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC), and endorsed by CDALC, have put forward the statement below on civility and respect. It is suggesting councils adopt the statement in order to show that bullying, harassment and intimidation of council staff and councillors should not be part of public life.

*'We treat everyone with courtesy and respect and ask for the same in return. We ask that you treat your councillors and council staff courteously without violence, abuse, or harassment.*

*Councillors and council staff have the right to carry out their civic duties and work without fear of being attacked or abused. Any behaviour whether that be verbal, physical or in writing, which causes either councillors or council staff to feel uncomfortable, embarrassed, or threatened, is totally unacceptable.*

*The zero tolerance policy includes abuse, aggression or threats made in person, over the telephone or in written communication,*

*including on social media. The council considers threatening behaviour to be:*

- *Attempted or actual aggressive, or physical actions made towards any councillor or member of staff.*
- *The use of aggressive, or abusive language, (including raising of the voice, swearing, shouting or in writing) which threatens or intimidates councillors or council staff'*

**Recommendation** – That the council adopt the statement and place it on its website front page.

#### **10. GAP/Play provision consultation event**

An update will be given on the preparations for a consultation on future play provision.

*\*Members of the public should contact the Clerk if they have any matters to be raised within the public participation period that relate to the business to be conducted on this agenda.*

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