



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

Day/Date Wednesday 15 November 2023
Time: 7.00p.m.
Venue: Gainford Village Hall (Supper Room)

Councillors are summoned to attend.

Signed: *Martin Clark*
Parish Clerk
9 November 2023

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

Cllr Jackson has submitted her apologies.

Recommendation – That the submitted apologies be accepted and 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.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 4 October 2023

Recommendation - To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 4 October 2023.

Recommendation – That the minutes are approved as true record.

4. Clerks Report

A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

Recommendation – That the information is noted.

5. Finance

5.1 November meeting reconciliation and payments.

Recommendation – That the November payments and reconciliation be approved.

5.2 To consider an application for a grant from Gainford Babies & Toddlers (submitted)

5.3 2023/24 Pay Agreement

Agreement has been reached on the pay award for local government services employees, covering the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 (equates to 3.66%).

Recommendation – (a) That the information is noted; and (b) That the arrear of pay is paid in November salary.

6. Village Issues/Maintenance

6.1 Village green Christmas tree – Raby Estates have acknowledged the request for a tree.

6.2 Christmas tree (Island) – Due to the risk that the tree would not be hoisted onto the island the order was not placed following discussions with the Chair.

Members previously discussed having lights on the large trees on the island. It is recommended to begin exploration of the costs.

7. Bonfire Event

The Clerk will update members post the bonfire/fireworks event held on the 4th November.

8. GAP Development

An update will be given at the meeting if available.

9. Correspondence

Submitted – Details of correspondence received:

Durham Community Action	Community Halls Network meeting
TAP	Meeting date
Raby Estates	Autumn Newsletter

10. Planning

DM/23//02467/FPA – Highcliffe Farm, Winston – Erection of an agricultural building for free range egg production for 12000 hens.

This is a planning application outside the parish but is considered to be one Gainford & Langton may wish to comment.

Applications can be viewed online via Durham County Council's Planning Application System:

<http://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/>

11. Date & Time of next meeting

Wednesday 6 December 2023 7pm

*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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