



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

**Day/Date**    **Wednesday 6 November 2024**  
**Time:**        **6.30p.m.**  
**Venue:**       **Gainford Village Hall (Supper Room)**

**Councillors are summoned to attend.**

**Signed: *Martin Clark***  
**Parish Clerk**  
**31 October 2024**

**Public Participation 6.30 - 6.45pm**

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

**AGENDA**

**1.      Acceptance, or otherwise of 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 meeting held on 2 October 2024**

**Recommendation** - To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 2 October 2024.

**Recommendation** – That the minutes are approved as true record.

**4.      Clerks Report (attached)**

**Recommendation** – That the information is noted.

**5.      Finance**

**5.1 November meeting reconciliation and payments.**

**Recommendation** – That the November meeting payments and reconciliation be approved.

## 5.2 Santa's Sleigh

Pursuant to minute 7.3/December/22 the council contribute £250 toward the upkeep of Santa Sleigh for 5 years (under review)

**Recommendation** – That £250 be approved for Santa's Sleigh for 2024 with the funding coming from the Community Support budget.

## 5.3 2024/25 PAY AGREEMENT

Agreement has been reached on the pay award for local government services (Green Book) employees covering the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2025. The award represents an increase of 2.72%.

**Recommendation** – That the arrears of pay are paid in November salary.

## 6. Village Issues/Maintenance

6.1 Allotments – request to allow small ponds to attract wildlife and reduce slug problem.

## 7. Correspondence

Durham Community Action	News update
Raby	Newsletter
Gainford School	Admissions consultation

## 8. Planning

None.

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

**Next meeting – Wednesday 4 December 2024 @6.30pm**

\*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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