



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

Day/Date **Wednesday 3 September 2025**
Time: **6.30p.m.**
Venue: **Gainford Village Hall (Supper Room)**

Councillors are summoned to attend.

Signed: *Martin Clark*
Parish Clerk
28 August 2025

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

Cllr Wilkinson has submitted his 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 2 July 2025

Recommendation - To approve the minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting held on the 2 July 2025.

Recommendation – That the minutes are approved as true record.

4. Clerks Report

A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

Recommendation – That the information is noted.

5. Finance

5.1 September meeting reconciliation and payments.

Recommendation – That the September meeting payments and reconciliation be approved.

5.2 Grant request – Warm & Welcome Café

Submitted – Application and accounts

Item deferred from July meeting.

Recommendation – (a) That the grant to Warm & Welcome is approved; (b) That the award is paid from the approved Community Support budget.

5.3 Agreement has been reached on the pay award for local government services employees, covering the period April 2025 to 31 March 2026. The award is an increase of 3.2%

Recommendation – That the information is received and noted.

5.4 Laptop – Windows issues

On October 14 Windows 10 will reach the end of support – with many critical systems no longer being provided. The PC laptop is not able to support Windows 11 and will therefore require replacing.

Recommendation – That a new Windows 11 compatible laptop is purchased

6. River safety

Members to consider purchasing and installing an Emergency Throwline following a request from a local resident.

7. Affordable Rural Housing (Gainford)

Susan Tron, Durham Community Action will be present to report on the Parish Housing Profile

8. Allotment Update

9. Village Issues/Maintenance

9.1 Langton phone box – the box requires painting

10. Correspondence

none	
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11. Planning

None

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

12. Speeding Group

Cllr Hannan will give a verbal report on the groups first meeting.

Next meeting – Wednesday 1st October 2025 @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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