



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

Day/Date Wednesday 1 October 2025
Time: 6.30p.m.
Venue: Gainford Village Hall (Supper Room)

Councillors are summoned to attend.

Signed: *Martin Clark*
Parish Clerk
25 September 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

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 3 September 2025

Recommendation - To approve the minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting held on the 3 September 2025.

Recommendation – That the minutes are approved as true record.

4. Clerks Report

Submitted – report.

Recommendation – That the information is noted.

5. Finance

5.1 October meeting reconciliation and payments.

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

5.2 Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2024/25

Pursuant of Minute 6.2 & 6.3/May/25 and the council's approval of Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement and Section 2 (Accounting Statements), the Annual Return, together with all supporting documentation, were duly submitted to the Council's External Auditor (Mazars LLP) by the agreed date.

There were no material matters affecting the opinion.

Recommendation – That the information is received and noted.

6. Village Issues/Maintenance

6.1 State of the hedge/path between Balmer Hill and North Lane – This has been reported to Durham County Council

6.2 Parish Paths – As the parish council are not involved in the Parish Paths this year, Durham County Council Rights of Way have been requested to carry out clearance.

6.3 Reference has been made to the placing of Union and St Georges flags on lampposts – officially the parish council has no jurisdiction on removing these flags. The county wide issue is one for Durham County Council.

7. Correspondence

none	
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8. Planning

None

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

9. Affordable Rural Housing Survey

The Clerk will update members on the progress towards the Affordable Housing Survey due to be conducted by Durham Community Action.

Next meeting – Wednesday 5th November 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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