



Ordinary Council Meeting

Day/Date: Wednesday 7 October 2026
Venue: Gainford Village Hall (Supper Room)
Start Time: 7:00pm

Councillors are summoned to attend.

Signed: *Martin Clark*
Parish Clerk
1 October 2026

Public Participation – 7:00-7:15pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Jerome has submitted his apologies.

Recommendation – That the submitted apologies be accepted

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 Meeting held on 9 September 2026

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2026

Recommendation – That the minutes be approved as a true record.

4. Finance/Accounts

4.1 October meeting reconciliation and payments.

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

4.2 Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025/26

Pursuant of Minute 6.2/May/26 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.

5. Local Maintenance/Village Issues

None reported.

6. Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday 8th November

7. Allotments

Update on the allotments administration from the Clerk.

8. Planning

DM/26/02272/FPA – 4 Balmer Hill, Gainford – Front porch and pitched roof

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

9. Speeding Group

Cllr Hannan will update members on the latest meetings held by the Speeding Group

*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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