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10th October 2025

Dear Councillor

You are duly summoned to attend the meeting of West Rainton & Leamside Parish Council at 19:00 on Thursday 16th October 2025 at St Mary's Church Meeting Room, West Rainton.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Agenda

- 1) **Apologies for absence.** Parish Council to receive and consider any apologies.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest.**
 - a) To declare any personal interests in items on the Agenda and their nature.
 - b) To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the Agenda and their nature.
(Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for relevant items)
- 3) **Public Participation.** Questions to be taken from members of the public for a maximum of 15 minutes in line with the Parish Council's Public Participation policy.
- 4) **Minutes of last meeting.**
 - a) To consider approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th September 2025 and
 - b) To review any actions arising from these minutes.
- 5) **County Councillor Report.** Parish Council to receive any relevant updates from County Councillors.

- 6) **Durham County Council Consultations** – Parish Council to consider the following current consultations:
 - a) Budget Proposals for 2026/27 and Medium-term Financial Plan 2026/7-2029/30.
 - b) Exceptions to the Empty and Unfurnished Properties and Second Homes Council Tax Premium
- 7) **Finance.** Parish Clerk to report on financial position and seek approval for payments due October 2025.
- 8) **Budget Position Q2 2025/26.** Parish Clerk to report financial position.
- 9) **Bank Reconciliation Q2 2025/26.** Parish Clerk to present bank reconciliation.
- 10) **Planning Applications.** Parish Council to consider previously circulated planning notifications from DCC.
- 11) **Application for the grant of a premises license.** Parish Council to consider application.
- 12) **Jubilee Hall.**
 - a) Parish Council to receive progress update from Cllrs Langford and Wood
 - b) Parish Council to receive request to transfer ownership of Village Green to the front of Jubilee Hall to the Community Association.
- 13) **Road Safety.**
 - a) Parish Council to consider approach and requirements for action to improve road safety across the parish.
 - b) Notice of Motion (Councillor Wood) - To seek support for a change of the speed limit signs for the residential section of Pittington Rd. (Please see supporting documents for further details.)
 - c) Notice of motion (Councillor Stabler) - Road Safety – Station Road (Please see supporting documents for further details.)
 - d) Notice of Motion (Councillor Stabler) - Road Safety – Moorsley Road (Please see supporting documents for further details.)
- 14) **Notices of Motions:** To consider the following notices of motions proposed by Councillor Stabler. (Please see supporting documents for further details.)
 - 14a) Implementation of archive policy.
 - 14b) Transparency and Accountability - Motion that the attached information (please see supporting documents) is made available to the local electorate on the Parish Councils website (Policies and Procedures) to promote community

engagement, inform the local electorate, strengthen democratic accountability and ensure transparency, accountability, and effective service delivery for the public. As Local taxpayers have rights to scrutinise council decisions (named vote).

14c) Public Access - Motion that the attached information (please see supporting documents) is made available to the local electorate on the Parish Councils website to ensure members of the public can access information held by the parish council without any interference.

14d) Cemetery Signage (please see supporting documents)

15) **Village Green Group meeting.** Feedback from Cllr Diggory

16) **General correspondence:** For consideration
a) Letter from The Cambian Group (please see supporting documents)

17) To note date and time of next meeting: Thursday 20th November 2025 at 19.00.

Signed:



Mark Ramshaw, Parish Clerk, West Rainton Parish Council

Relevant papers for the meeting will be published on the Parish Council's website:
<http://westraintonandleamsidepc.gov.uk>.