

Hepple Parish Council Ref AM Aug 2020

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Hepple Parish Council
held on Monday 10th August 2020 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

Present: **Mr C France** **Chair**
 Mr J Hasson **Vice Chair**
 Mrs C Buckley
 Mr S Whitfield
 Mr W Wooley
 Mrs C Bell **Clerk**

- Mr C France opened the meeting, welcomed everyone then read the chairman's annual report.
- Amalgamation of parish: Mrs C Bell will take over the role of Parish Clerk at the end of the annual meeting, so amalgamation is no longer being considered
- Roads in the parish are currently being improved
- A request made to Northumberland County Council for a path at the western edge of the village has been ignored yet again
- The Chair thanked the clerk Mr D McKechnie for his work over the past few years.

1. Election of Chair

Mr C France was elected as Chair proposed by Mr J Hasson seconded by Mrs C Buckley

2. Acceptance of Office

Mr C France signed the 'declaration of Acceptance of Office' as chair
There were no other candidates

3. New Chair takes over as Chair of the meeting

Mr France thanked the outgoing Chair and Clerk for their contribution to the parish

4. Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest/grant of dispensations or co-options

All councillors were present. No apologies or declarations were necessary

5. Public Questions

None

6. Election of Vice Chair

Mr J Hasson proposed by Mr C France seconded by Mr W Woolley
There were no other candidates

7. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of 14th May 2019 were agreed and signed by the chair

8. Matters arising

None

9. Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2019/20

A copy of the 2019/20 Financial Statement was given to each Councillor

9.1 Clerk explained governance and internal auditing procedure. No actions were necessary

9.2 The Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed

9.3 The draft annual accounts for 2019/20 were approved

9.4 The accounting Statement and Explanation of Variances were approved

9.5 The Certification of Exemption was confirmed and approved

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10. Any other business

None

The meeting closed, to be followed by the August quarterly meeting of the Parish Council

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carole Bell', written in a cursive style.

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