

Hepple Parish Council Ref AM0517

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Hepple Parish Council held on Monday 8th May 2017 at 8pm in the Village Hall

Present: **Mr J Hasson** **Chairman**
 Mr S Whitfield
 Mr W Woolley
 Mr D McKechnie **Clerk**

Apology from Mrs C Buckley, recovering from illness.

1. Election of Chairman

Mr J Hasson Proposed Mr W Woolley Seconded Mr S Whitfield

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Mr C France Proposed Mr S Whitfield Seconded Mr W Woolley

3. The minutes of the Annual Meeting of 9th May 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman

4. A copy of the 2016/17 Financial Statement was given to each Councillor present.

The clerk reported that the notice of the first instalment of the Parish Precept of £475 had been received on 11th April, 2017

5. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that to comply with statutory obligations, an annual parish meeting will be held immediately before next year's annual parish council meeting.

The annual parish meeting of a parish with a parish council must take place between 1 March and 1 June, both dates inclusive, and must take place no earlier than 6pm.

In areas where there is a parish council, the chairman of the parish council shall normally chair the parish meeting, and the parish meeting acts only as an annual democratic point of communication. It may invite the public and press to hear reports from the Chairman, District and County Councillors and organisations to which the council donates funds, and it allows the public to express their opinions on what the council is doing. Only electors can vote at this meeting, and no votes are binding on the parish council, although they should be considered at the next parish council meeting.

6. There being no further business the meeting closed, to be followed by the May quarterly meeting of the Parish Council.