

Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes for the Annual Meeting held at Hurworth Grange on Thursday, 14th May, starting at 7:00pm.

Those present

Tony Winnett, Peter Foster, Michelle Edwards, Wilma Campbell, Andy Coakes, Jean Peacock, Margaret Williams, Andrew Robinson, Chris Pratt,

Also: Cllr Joe Kelley, Cllr Lorraine Tostevin and the Peter Allan (Parish Clerk)

Tony Winnett welcomed the new council and thanked the meeting for the support which had been given to him during his year in office as Chairman. We wished the new Chairman good wishes for the coming year.

1. Election of Chairman 2015-16

There being only one candidate, Jean Peacock was elected Chairman, proposed by Tony Winnett and Seconded by Peter Foster– unanimous.

2. Chairperson's Acceptance of Office

The new Chair signed the Acceptance Register
The elected councillors signed the Register of Acceptance, witnessed by the Parish Clerk.

3. Apologies for absence

Val Hughes (Holiday abroad)

4. Co-option of new councillors

Elaine Hedley and Paul Walters, having been interviewed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman in the presence of the Parish Clerk, were invited to join the council. The council were unanimous in making the co-option, with a proposal by Tony Winnett and Seconded by Michelle Edwards.

All the councillors and the two co-opted councillors signed the Acceptance Register.

5. Declaration of interests

All the councillors present filled in their Declaration of Interest forms, which were witnessed by the Parish Clerk, and will be sent to the Darlington Town Hall.

6. Minutes of the Annual Meeting dated May 2014.

The Minutes having been circulated previously were approved, Proposed by Jean Peacock and Seconded by Tony Winnett.

7. Election of Vice Chairperson

Margaret Williams was elected Vice Chair for 2015-16, Proposed by Tony Winnett and Seconded by Chris Pratt – unanimous.

8. Election of Finance Committee

It was agreed that all members of the council will be members of the Finance Committee.

9. Election of Representatives of the Allotments Working Party

Michelle Edwards and Andrew Robinson.

10. Election of Representatives for PACT Meetings

Paul Walters

11. Election of Representative for Trees

Peter Foster

12. Election of Representative for Open Spaces

Wilma Campbell and Elaine Hedley

13. Election of Representative for Highways

Margaret Williams and Andy Coakes

14. Election of Representative for Planning Matters

Jean Peacock and Elaine Hedley

15. Election of Flood and Contingency Plan Committee

Tony Winnett and Chris Pratt

16. Election of Representative for Playgrounds and Recreational Areas

Val Hughes

17. Election of Representatives for Parish pathways and Rights of Way

Val Hughes and Wilma Campbell

18. Election of Representatives for the Newsletter and web site co-ordinator

Tony Winnett and Elaine Hedley

19. Election of Vetting Committee (FoI and Data Protection)

Jean Peacock (Present Chair), Margaret Williams (Vice Chair), Tony Winnett (Past Chair), Val Hughes (Past Vice Chair).

20. Election of Independent Review Committee

Chris Pratt, Michelle Edwards, Paul Walters

21. Election of delegates to outside bodies

Outside Bodies

a. Darlington Council Association

Tony Winnett and Jean Peacock

b. Durham Association Towns/Parish Councils (CDALC)

Peter Foster

c. Village Hall Committee

Michelle Edwards

d. Hurworth Community Association Management Committee

Val Hughes

e. EPICH

Wilma Campbell

f. Durham and Tees Valley Airport Consultative Committee

Tony Winnett

g. CPRE

Tony Winnett

h. Small and Medium Councils Committee

Elaine Hedley

i. LEADER Group

Tony Winnett

22. Date/Venue/Time of monthly meetings

First Thursday of every month, excluding August, at Hurworth grange starting at 7:00pm.

The meeting was closed at 7:55pm

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