



Chairman: Sarah Crone

Parish Clerk: Iris Leadbitter

Minutes of Birtley Parish Council meeting held on 18th March 2025
at Birtley Village Hall

Present:

Sarah Crone, David Burn, Paul Andrew, Anne Lowes

Apologies for absence

Marilyn Bell, Bill White

Declaration of interest None

Update from the previous meeting

Sarah Crone (Chairman) approved the minutes from the previous meeting

Communications

The clerk advised a letter had been received from Tynedale Hospice and the Great North Air Ambulance thanking the parish council for the donation

B4RN

A village resident advised the main bulk of the parish is now completed

Should anyone wish to be set up going forwards all details can be found on the web site

Roads

The clerk advised she had been in touch with Michael Rowe from Northumberland County Council regarding the issues with Fix My street website

Michael advised the clerk to resubmit the complaint and he would investigate what could be done to resolve the issues from Warshaw bridge to Heron House an estimated time for repairs is approximately 6 months

Village Hall

A member of the committee confirmed the generator was now fully commissioned and operational

St Giles Church

A member of the committee advised the parish council they would contribute £50.00 towards to the fuel used by the parish volunteers who cut the grass in the church yard

The clerk was asked to send the parish council bank details to David Burn

A group of 10 people attend the annual tidy up around the church David Burn thanked them for assisting on the day

Finance

The precept for 2025 – 26 has been submitted to Northumberland County Council

Expenses since the last meeting:

Lawn mower service & repairs	£824.83
Northumberland Estates	£25.00
Zurich Insurance	£762.92
Great North Air Ambulance	£50.00
Tynedale Hospice	£50.00

Playground

A new swing has been purchased and a village member offered to install the swing

A parish council member asked if the clerk could investigate the cost to have all the play equipment in the play park pressure washed

Website update

Paul Andrew advised a company had been asked to arrange the setting up of the new website

The new website name would now be Birtley Parish Council.Org

Administrators would need to be set up and additional information and photographs of the parish council members added to the site

Northumberland County Council

Nick Morphet delivered his update and will email his county council matters update to the clerk

The draft of an emergency plan provided by Northumberland county council was passed on to the chairman to read through to investigate what issues need to be covered for the parish

Proposed Woodland Creation

The chairman advised no further communication has been received

A.O.B.

The chairman thanked Nick Morphet on behalf of the parish council for his help and assistance during his visits to the meetings during his term

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Next meeting 20th May 2025

AGM 7.30PM

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8PM