



Chairman: Sarah Crone

Parish Clerk: Iris Leadbitter

Minutes of Birtley Parish Council meeting held on 5th December 2024
at Birtley Village Hall

Present:

Sarah Crone, David Burn, Bill White, Paul Andrew, Anne Lowes, Marilyn Bell

Declaration of interest None

Update from the previous meeting

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

B4RN

A village resident advised some more of the houses in the village have now been joined onto the network

A new contractor has been appointed

Communications

A request for a donation has come in from Tynedale Hospice and the Great North Air ambulance for a donation

The committee agreed to donate £50.00 to both charities

Roads

Clerk advised she has had no response from Fix My street re the issues with the over hanging bushes from Warshaw bridge to Heron House

The chairman asked the clerk to make an official complaint to the council Nick Morphet advised the clerk to contact David Hunt in neighbourhood services he can then contact the landowner who is responsible for the overhanging bushes and ask them to cut the hedges back

Village Hall

A member of the committee asked if the generator was now fully operational a village hall member advised they were unable to start the generator as they didn't have the operating instructions they had contacted Burncliffe Electricals to obtain a copy

A member of the committee asked if the church would like to contribute to the cost of the Christmas tree a donation is to be made once the carol singing has taken place

St Giles Church

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

Finance

The precept for 2025 – 26 is to be submitted to Northumberland County Council

the committee agreed not to ask for the precept to be raised

Playground

Following on from the recommendation to replace one of the swing in the playpark the clerk has looked into purchasing a new swing the committee agreed for the purchase to go ahead and a village member offered to install the swing

Annual Dog Show

The Chairman advised that going forwards she would make an exception to the rule regarding holding the annual dog show annually on the playing field

The committee voted on holding the dog show again the vote was 5 to 1

All proceeds from the dog show will go to St Giles church

The no dog rule will still apply for the playing field

Website update

The clerk advised a company had been contacted to arrange the setting up of the new website

The chairman asked Paul Andrew and Marilyn Bell volunteered to assist with the setting up with the company

Northumberland County Council

Nick Morphet will send across an update to be placed onto the notice board

Proposed Woodland Creation

The chairman advised she would contact Scottish Woodlands to arrange a meeting to discuss the proposed woodland creation

A.O.B.

A member of the village asked on behalf of the village volunteers if the large lawn mower could be sent in for service the Chairman agreed

Nick Morphet advised Nigel Fisher is available to attend a meeting to give advice on writing a village emergency plan

The clerk advised she would contact Nick to obtain Nigel's contact details to arrange a suitable date for a meeting

Nick advised he would send over a proforma template for the committee to approve

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Next meeting arranged for 18th March 2025