

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Stamfordham held in Stamfordham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm on Thursday 15th May 2025

Those Present: L Boylan, S Parker, C Reynolds, T Merridew, C Miller (Clerk), one member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

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2. To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held 16th May 2024 and consider any matters arising therefrom.

RESOLVED:

Those present agreed that the minutes of the previous annual parish meeting held 16th May 2024 were a true record.

There were no matters arising.

3. To receive the Chairman's Report

Parish Council Chairman L Boylan gave the following report.

Work continues to keep the parish a place residents and visitors are pleased to live in and visit. As always there are some issues still current and will remain on the agenda until they reach a resolution. As it is some considerable time since the precept increased and it has now risen from £5,500 per year to £6,500. Instead of a static investment, with a very low interest, funds are now in an instant access deposit account. Although interest is still low because of the nature of the account it is higher than the previous arrangement. A complaint which has been ongoing with Northumberland County Council regarding a planning application is now in the hands of the Ombudsman. Hopefully this will resolve whether their approval of the application in question was correct or not. Neighbourhood Planning has an established Working/Steering Group made up of councillors and landowners. It is quite a long, drawn-out process to complete a plan so work is ongoing. Climate Change has been addressed with yet another 10 free trees from Northumberland County Council and a cycle repair station for residents and visitors alike. County Councillor Jones made funds available to make the cycle station possible. Interactive speed signs are now installed with the hope all motorists will comply to the 20mph limit and help to keep the village safe. This is another project enabled by funds secured by County Councillor Jones. Incom made a presentation to the Parish Council, who welcomed interested members of the public, and made themselves available at more than one Pop-up Café. Their aim is to supply our area with good, affordable broadband. Thanks go to the councillors for their work, the support of our County Councillor and the hard work of our Clerk, Claire.

4. To receive reports from any local organisations wishing to give one

There were no reports from local organisations.

5. Any other matters raised by electors

There were no matters raised by electors.

C Miller, Clerk

Stamfordham Parish Council