**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MAY 20th, 2024, AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT: Cllr C Roe, Vice Chairman of the Council together with, C Turnbull,

Mrs Glover, S Lynch, J P Short and 11 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllrs M D Senior and County Cllr H Waddell
2. **To receive the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2023.**

It was agreed to receive the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held in 2023, previously circulated, as an accurate record.

1. **Chairman’s Annual Report 2023-2024.** Cllr C Roe presented his Cllr M D Senior annual report in his absence on the work of the Council during the past year and a copy is attached to this minute, including paying tribute to Dave Lillie who sadly died earlier this year.
2. **Clerk’s Annual Finance Report 2023-2024.** Mr A Turnbull presented report on the statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024. A copy was circulated to those present and is attached to these minutes.
3. **To consider any resolutions of which due notice has been given**. There were no resolutions to consider.

There being no further matters raised for discussion, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed as a true record.

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C Roe

Chairman

20th May 2024

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20th MAY 2024 AT 7.00PM IN HORSLEY WI HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr C Roe, Cllr C Turnbull, Cllr S Glover, Cllr S A Lynch and Cllr J P Short.

**0524.01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

With Cllr M D Senior stepping down as chair due to illness it was proposed by Cllr S Glover and seconded by Cllr C Turnbull that Cllr C Roe will be chair for the coming year.

**0524.02 TO RECEIVE CHAIRMANS DECLARATION OF OFFICE**

Declaration of Office was signed by Cllr C Roe.

**0524.03 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

it was proposed by Cllr S Glover and seconded by Cllr S Lynch that Cllr C Turnbull will be vice-chair for the coming year.

**0524.04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**Apologies were received from Cllr M D Senior and County Cllr H Waddell.

**0524.05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**There were no declarations of interest.

**0524.06 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**Minutes approved from the last meeting 15th March 2024.

**0524.07 PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS IN RELATION TO HORSLEY PARISH**

Some residents were unhappy at the decision to sell Ovingham Lodge within cemetery grounds. Parishioners have loved ones are buried there and are concerned what will happen if sold, questions asked at March meeting will not be answered until September meeting and think this is unacceptable and want Parish Council to speed this up and find if any restrictions are on the deeds. Cllr S Glover will feed this back and come back with update.

**0524.08 MATTERS ARISING & REVIEW OF ACTIONS**

* **Installation Activated Sign.** Clerk is meeting Alston Electrics on 23/05 to see further information on getting them installed.
* **Lead Lane Gate** This should be done soon now awaiting Tim Fish information.
* **White H Lines and Rumble Strips** This has been requested to Small Schemes through County Cllr H Waddell
* **Highway Issues** To recontact NCC regarding Drains to be cleared which has been reported on numerous occasions.
* **State of Pavement/Roads.** Some potholes have been filled contact for walkaround from NCC.
* **Bus Stop.** Needs repainting at Lion & Lamb awaiting news from NCC.
* **Northumberland (Alnwick) Estates.** Jamie Dodds to sort asap.

**0524.09 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**There was no report from County Cllr H Waddell due to illness report will be sent on later.

**0524.10 DECLARATION OF OFFICE**

Mr J P Short signed declaration of acceptance of office as new Parish Councillor.

**0524.11** **CORRESPONDENCE**

List of Correspondence was provided below.

**0524.12 FINANCE**

It was AGREED by the Council to approve the expenditure on the list attached below.

**0524.13 PLANNING**

There were no planning applications submitted since last meeting.

**0524.14** **VILLAGE ISSUES**

Current Issues from Village

* **Play Area Inspection report from Cllr S Lynch**

Cllr S Lynch went through his report and items that need addressing prior to Play Area Inspection in June.

* **Donation request Horsley Village Trust.**

It was agreed to make donation of £250 towards a TV for the Trust for them to raise money for future events.

* **Football Hedge side of Highcroft’s need cutting.**

Cllr C Turnbull and clerk reported hedges needing cutting on the football field side, unable to do this till later in year, a report next meeting on costs and what needs doing.

**0524.15** **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023-2024.**

These items below were all agreed and approved.

1. To consider and agree any actions arising from the Internal Auditor’s Report 2023-2024
2. To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2023-2024
3. To approve the bank reconciliation, Asset Register for 2023-2024
4. To confirm and approve the Certificate of Exemption
5. To approve the Accountant Statement 2023-2024 (all provided)

**0524.16 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATION OF COUNCILLORS**

* Ovingham Joint Burial Committee

Please see above for item raised under matters arising and report.

**0524.17 ANY URGENT BUSINESS**

There was not any other business.

**0524.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meeting Monday 15th July 2024.

**Correspondence received since the March meeting.**

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| **SENDER** | **MOST OF THESE HAVE ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO COUNCILLORS BY EMAIL** |
| CAN England | Newsletter |
| R Haswell Sols | Re Mr W Collard South Bank Farm |
| NALC | Weekly news - e |
| Community Action Northumberland | Monthly CAN news - e |

**Planning Applications and Decisions received since the March meeting.**

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| **REFERENCE** | **ADDRESS** | **DESCRIPTION** | **DECISION** |
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**Accounts for payment on 20th May 2024**

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| **PAYEE** | **DESCRIPTION** | **NET**  **AMOUNT** | **VAT** | **GROSS AMOUNT** | **PAYMENT METHOD** |
| HM Revenue and Customs | PAYE | 108.97 |  | 108.97 | BACS |
| Host world | Internet Provider | 20.00 | 4.00 | 24.00 | BACS |
| Mr A Turnbull (Amazon) | Lapbook Laptop | 208.32 | 41.67 | 249.99 | BACS |
| Mr A Turnbull | Clerical Services | 435.86 |  | 435.86 | BACS |
| Horsley Village Trust | Hall Booking May | 27.00 |  | 27.00 | BACS |
| NALC | Subscriptions | 116.00 |  | 116.00 | BACS |
| Mr A Turnbull (Amazon) | Ink Cartridges Printer | 21.99 |  | 21.99 | BACS |
| **INCOME** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lloyds Bank | Interest April | 8.43 |  | 8.43 | BACS |
| Lloyds Bank | Interest May | 13.88 |  | 13.88 | BACS |
| Northumberland CC | Precept 1 | 6000.00 |  | 6000.00 | BACS |