

Minutes of the Hurworth Parish Council meeting  
Held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 starting at 7.00pm



Attendees

Parish Councillors Present:

Cllr. Andrew Leigh, Cllr John Howard, Cllr Bree Stamp. Cllr Janine Forster, Cllr. Fiona Lennox, Cllr Angela Allan, Cllr Graham Wylie, Cllr Karen Mann; Cllr Catherine Hartigan

Also Peter Allan (Parish Clerk), Cllr. Lorraine Tostevin, Cllr. Paul Walters and 8 members of the public.

1. Chair’s Opening Address

- The Chairman welcomed the attendees to the meeting.
1. The Chair demonstrated how the new presentation system for future meetings will operate. The benefits include visual presentations of reports and illustrations of planning applications, Rights of Way reports and any other presentations being made.
  2. The Chair welcomed representative of Rockliffe Cricket Club, who will be making a presentation at this meeting. The club is looking for funding of £7,000 to extend their pavilion
  3. The Chair reported that the Council has just held their Annual Meeting, and the details of the new committee are available. He himself has been elected Chairman for 2025-26 and Cllr Lennox has been elected Vice Chair.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Dave Crisp, Cllr. Peter Willis,

3. Declaration of Interest

- Cllr Wylie – Hurworth Grange CIO  
Cllr Leigh – Hurworth Albion

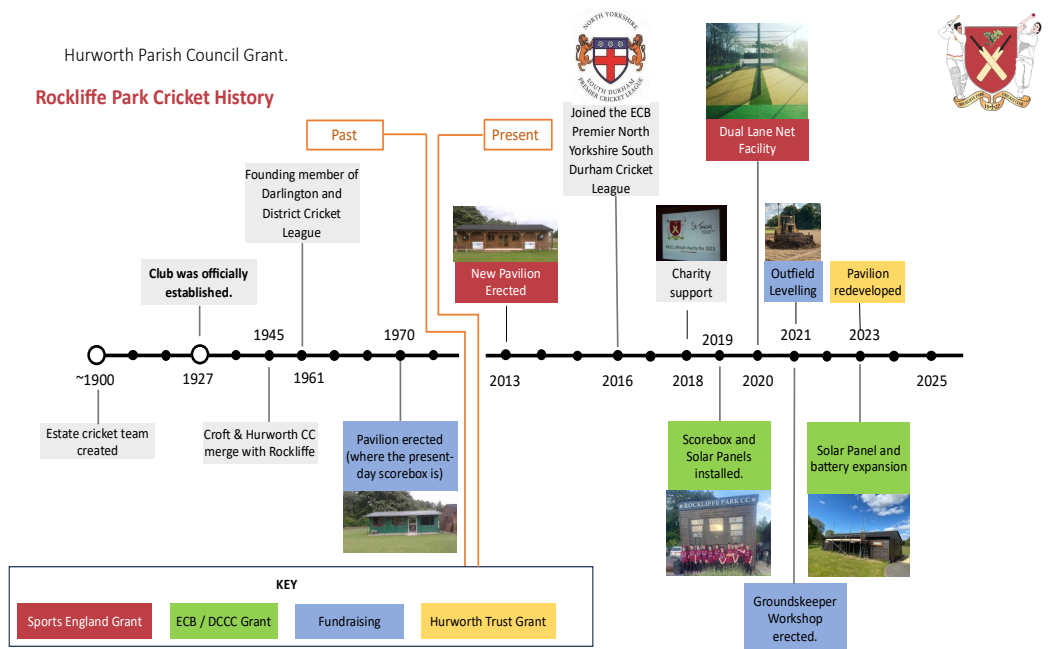
4. Presentation given by Rockliffe Cricket Club.

Richard Howell gave an excellent presentation, which enlightened his audience with the history of Rockliffe Cricket Club, as depicted in the following time line.

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Hurworth Parish Council Grant.

### Rockcliffe Park Cricket History



The club has progressive future plans, which will benefit our parish, outlined as follows:-

#### Future Plans

- **Introduction of Girls Cricket Team**

All junior age groups, funds training sessions by funding sports hall hire, coached sessions, and opportunities for people to develop coaching skills.

- **Increased junior cricket development**

Fund additional age group training, correct and safe equipment, and coaching sessions.

- **Development of Pavilion**

New changing room to accommodate the increase in women's and girls' cricket and ensure facilities are modernised for current regulations regarding women and girls cricket.

- **100 Year Anniversary celebration in 2027.**

We plan to host several events throughout the week for all involved in the club and the local community.

Rockcliffe will invest any grant money into the 3 key development areas of the club.

- **Pavilion Redevelopment**

This will allow the club to increase the usable space, allowing for the area to be used for more events, moving and redevelopment of the changing room to accommodate girls' cricket.

- **Girls Cricket Development**

Purchase of equipment specific for girls' cricket.

- **Women's Hardball Cricket Development**

Purchase of equipment for women's hardball cricket

#### Further Information on their plan

The primary reason for the new changing room is the expansion of our Club, particularly with the establishment of a girls' section, building on our existing Women's team. Additionally, modern

regulations necessitate updates to our facilities. Our plan is to construct the new changing room this season and, over the winter, modernize the existing home changing room and expand the function area. Although we initially hoped to build an entirely new changing room facility, the costs and SJOG requirements have made this option unfeasible.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Cllr Howard asked how much money the club currently has, and what is the breakdown of the £7,000 requested. The break down was summarised as £6,200 for the building extension, and they require a further £1,800 for new equipment; however, the request to the council is for £7,000.

Cllr Stamp raised the question of how much money is still unallocated in the Section 106 Fund. Nobody could answer this question, so it is now an Action Item for the **Clerk and Ward Councillors**.

**A proposal was tabled to provide the £7,000, Proposed by Cllr Leigh, and Seconded by Cllr Wylie, the vote was unanimous in favour.**

**It was agreed that Michael Bean, the club Secretary will send further details, including the plan of the extension, after which the Council will be able to conclude the agreement.**

**The Chairman thanked Richard Howell and Colin Ward for their excellent presentation.**

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#### **5. Minutes from Meeting Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

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The Draft Minutes for the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, were accepted, proposed by Cllr Forster seconded by Cllr Howard and passed unanimously.

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#### **6. Matters Arising –**

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##### **Hurworth Parish Chronicle**

Cllr Wylie reported that Chronicle has been completed and has been distributed during the last ten days. The Chair thanked Cllr Wylie for the hard work he has put into getting the details together and publishing the chronicle.

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#### **7. Hurworth Council Parish Plan 2025-2030**

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The Chair updated the meeting with the outline arrangements which in summary are

##### The process

1. **Reaching out** to all residents, and obtaining your comments and future wish list
2. **Analysing** the details collected, and summarising under various headings
3. **Evaluation** Consideration of the findings, introducing the factors of practicality.
  - Costs involved,
  - timescale, and
  - who and how many benefit from the suggestion.
  - Legal and DBC Planning requirements

##### **4. The short list**

##### **5. Construction of the 5-year Parish Plan**

##### **6. Distribution**

**The target timescale is: -**

- 1. Reaching out starts 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, finishes 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025**
- 2. Analysis, summarise and evaluation - finish by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**
- 3. Preparation of the Parish Plan for adoption by 30<sup>th</sup> June**

#### 4. Adoption by the Parish Council 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025

##### 8. Hurworth Annual Assembly

The Annual Assembly will take place at Hurworth Grange on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 7.00pm.

The format will be: -

First half - 6 speakers, and the theme throughout will be 'Hurworth in the Future'

Refreshments break

Open Forum for the public

Suggestion sheets will be offered to all attendees, who we hope will note and return their comments and suggestions.

There will be a free buffet and drinks.

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##### 9. Ward Councillors Update

###### Ward Councillors report 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

##### Hopetown -upcoming events

**Star Wars Day** Come to Hopetown for a galactic Star Wars themed day on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be walk out characters, space-themed activities, music and more and it's all free of charge.

##### **Hopetown VE 80 Celebration**

This will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May between 10am-5pm offering a special day of connection, commemoration and remembrance – just as communities did 80 years ago.

##### **Hopetown Rails and Tails**

This is an opportunity to take your 4-legged companions for a fantastic outdoor fun day; complete with have-a-go areas, photography spots and 7.5 acre park to explore. This event takes place on the 10<sup>th</sup> May and booking is essential.

##### Darlington Food Festival

This event opens on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May and runs to the 5<sup>th</sup> May and is in the Darlington Market Square. There is live entertainment every day, with bands, local performers and even a circus workshop. All the entertainment is free and there will be stalls selling street food, sweet treats, artisan beers and much more.

##### Local Plan Review- Statement of Community Involvement

This is a document which sets out how DBC will involve local communities, businesses and stakeholders when preparing the local plan and other planning documents. The draft statement of community involvement is subject to a 6 week consultation and is available now to be viewed on line at [www.darlington.gov/planningpolicy](http://www.darlington.gov/planningpolicy) or at local libraries or the contact Centre in the Town Hall.

##### Destruction of houses on new estate

It was shocking to learn of the willful destruction using a JCB of some of the new houses on the housing estate opposite the Stadium. This particular part of the housing development is within Eastbourne Ward albeit many of the adjacent houses are in Hurworth Ward. Darlington Borough Council is working closely with the Police to try and establish the circumstances surrounding the incident. This act has obviously set back the timescales for the completion and occupation of these new properties.

##### Hurworth Scouts

It was disappointing to learn that the Hurworth Scouts are intending to close down in July 2025 if some new volunteers don't come forward to help run the Scout meetings and events. We don't know at this stage whether there are any implications in terms of the ongoing extensive fund raising for a new Scout hut in Hurworth. If there is anyone interested in volunteering then please contact the Scouts directly. The contact details recently

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circulated are Darlington scouts using the e mail [Tristan.batten@darlingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:Tristan.batten@darlingtonscouts.org.uk) or scan the QR code found on the notices.

**Bus service 6/6a**

We are delighted to be able to report that Hurworth will finally have an extended bus service. Stagecoach will be running an improved daytime service and a new evening service. These additions are being funded by DBC using the 106 monies secured as part of the conditions for approval of the Bellway and Miller homes estates. The new service will commence on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The bus stop timetables will be updated but this may not happen before the service commences.

**Bellway /Miller Homes**

A meeting is being arranged to bring together both Bellway and DBC officers to try and seek a solution and subsequent agreement for the surfacing and subsequent adoption by DBC of the roads and footpaths on the estates. Matt Vickers MP is convening the meeting and I understand that both Bellway and DBC have agreed to attend. Ward Councillor and some residents will also be invited to attend.

Cllr Stamp requested an explanation about what topics the public or Parish Council can ‘comment on’/ Also how are the comments submitted. Cllr Tostevin said she will investigate and report back with clarification.  
**Action Cllr Tostevin.**

Cllr Tostevin stated that Matt Vickers MP has intervened to try to bring the Bellway – DBC handover to a conclusion.  
Cllr Howard expressed his deep concern that the new speed bump outside the school has surface areas at each side for blind people, but there are no traffic lights. Cllr Tostevin agreed, and stated she would raise this concern with DBC. **Action Cllr Tostevin**

**10. Public Participation**

\*A resident said that the rubbish bin near at the bus stop near the school is partly broken, and therefore the rubbish was falling out. It needs to be replaced. **Action Cllr Lennox and Clerk**

\*A resident said that the Annual Meeting should be a public meeting. This used to be the case, when the Assembly was held simultaneously. Now that the Annual Meeting is in 2 parts, with a separate Assembly, the regulations are slightly different. The Chairman and council can select whether to have a single ‘meeting; or two-part event.

\*A resident complained about dog dirt in the churchyard, and it would be better if the dogs were not allowed within.

The Clerk responded that the DBC Environmental Department made similar comments after they cut back the grounds in the churchyard last September. They threatened to cease providing the service as it was disgusting. This was reported to the church management and they put up new notices, and raised the issue in the church newsletter and on Facebook. The good news is that the parish council has received a message stating that they have just carried out their Spring cutback, and the grounds were very clean, and a great improvement. The Trustee of the Hurworth and Neasham usually inspects the eastern end every Sunday, and is satisfied that the grounds are clean.

The Chair suggested that a spring could be attached to the gate, which would keep any stray dogs out. He said he would inspect the gate. **Action Cllr Leigh.**

**11. Planning Application**

Cllr Willis submitted Planning Application report, for April 2025.

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## **HURWORTH PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS – April 2025**

### **Planning**

The has only been 1 planning application during March

- 1) Rockcliffe Spa Hotel

Listed building consent for steam cleaning of external stonework

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### **12. Tree Report**

No activity in April 2025.

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### **13. Open Spaces & Environment Report**

#### **Open Spaces and Environment – Fiona Lennox – 1st May 2025**

##### **Tees River Trust**

The Trust are continuing to spray our stretch of the riverbank this month for giant hogweed. They have scheduled in for May to do the Hurworth loop (around the Blind Lane/Rockcliffe section) and the river towards Neasham. Japanese Knotweed will be treated later in the summer.

A follow up on the request we had for HPC to sign a Landlords Agreement for Tees Invasive Species Project (which would give them formal permission to go onto our land to perform their work). This has not been signed yet as we questioned whether it's really for the parish council to sign, as we only own a small part of the land they treat, and we've had no response as yet. If they still need this, I am sure we will hear from them again.

##### **Waste Bins**

Update on bins. Will discuss with Ward Councillor on ones we are still waiting on a response for: -

- Glebe Lane, Dog waste bin has fallen off, replacement requested - REPLACED
- Church lane waste bin is looking a bit past its sell by date, replacement requested - CHASE
- Top of Manor Fields dog waste bin was never replaced after being destroyed by the workman doing the tree work, replacement requested - CHASE

##### **New Bench**

The new bench has been put in place at the village green and I'm sure it's proving to be a very welcome resting place during this lovely hot weather we are having.

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### **13. Highways & Traffic Report**

Cllr Allan gave the following report:-

#### **Traffic Report for March 2025**

The traffic report covers the five monitored areas within the village. The summary shows the average speed, fastest speed and total vehicles recorded in each of the five areas for the month.

#### **Traffic Report for April 2025**

The traffic report covers the five monitored areas within the village. The summary shows the average speed, fastest speed and total vehicles recorded in each of the five areas for the month.

| Location | Fastest Speed | Average Speed | Total Vehicles |
|----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|

|                |        |          |         |
|----------------|--------|----------|---------|
| The Green      | 57 mph | 27.4 mph | 34,676  |
| Hurworth Road  | 63 mph | 23.4 mph | 52,075  |
| Linden Court   | 60 mph | 27.6 mph | 140,097 |
| Metal Bridge   | 50 mph | 25.5 mph | 25,067  |
| Roundhill Road | 54 mph | 25.6 mph | 107,323 |

A more extensive analysis is shown on the HPC website.

We thank Mr John Hedley for extracting and compiling this valuable information.

#### 14. Youth Activities Report

Cllr Stamp reported that she had had a meeting with Hurworth House School, and that they were keen to become involved in Hurworth village events.

They intend to prepare scarecrows for the Festival, and also agreed to submit Suggestion forms for the Parish Plan.

The Aspris inspector for head office was visiting, and informed us that Hurworth Albion Football Club will not be able to obtain a long-term lease for the playing field. Apris are keeping it in reserve for their own use in the future.

A meeting has been held with members of the Village Hall, who have agreed to help with the organization of the Scarecrow Festival. Leaflets have been designed and will be distributed shortly, advertising the event, and encouraging scarecrow entries, within the area of the festival.

Cllr Stamp has been making enquiries about the amount of funds which are still available from the section 106 allowance, which is earmarked for 'Youth activities'. Cllr Tostevin agreed to follow up on this enquiry. **Action Cllr Tostevin.**

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#### 15. Crime & Security Report

Cllr Angela Allan gave the following report: -

##### Crime and Security Report

##### Crime and Security Report

Meeting 01.05.25

##### Incidents

Hurworth

Period 01.04.25 - 30.04.25

Incidents reported – 28

| Date     | Location        | Incident Details                                                                                                                                     |
|----------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|          |                 | <b>Anti-social behaviour</b>                                                                                                                         |
| 12.04.25 | Hurworth Grange | Report of youths at location - were not found to be causing issues                                                                                   |
| 12.04.25 | Hurworth Place  | Large number of youths behind the field near the location - possible fire mentioned – youths dispersed upon Police arrival but no sign of any fires. |
| 17.04.25 | Hurworth Moor   | <b>Suspicious Activity</b>                                                                                                                           |

24.04.25      Strait Lane      For awareness – there was a report of a male flagging down passing motorists, saying he has broken down and asking for money  
**Road Related**  
Tree on road causing an obstruction - Darlington Borough Council were made aware.

This incident was not part of the monthly police report but should be included given the criminal damage caused. The incident was reported in the Northern Echo on 29.04.25. The information is taken from the Northern Echo article.

27.04.25      Hurworth Moor      **Criminal Damage**  
Investigations are continuing after a man driving a JCB reportedly ploughed into a string of new-build homes in Darlington. The houses damaged are part of the new development off Neasham Road. All of the houses are unoccupied.

**16. Rights of Way & Parish Walks**

Cllr Forster gave the following report: -  
**Hurworth Parish council public footpath walk report April 2025**

**For path 15 - Walked 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

From snipe lane, the path walks through Blackwell golf cause, it is a straight road to the wood kissing gate and through the small wooded path, over the tarmac road (that leads to the sewage treatment plant). Pictures 1-3

The path walks along the field edge coming out onto the road to North Oxen-le-Fields, turn left onto the road for approx. 50 yards, then turn right onto the path along the field edge and left through the kissing gate and through the wood into the field. The path walks through 2 fields towards Oxneyfield farm down the farm road, and out through the kissing gate onto Croft Road. Pic

**Summery** Path 15 is an ease well walked path, no issues and all stiles/gates are easy to use and in good order. The walk takes approximately 1 hour.

Report by Janine Forster – Parish Councillor



17. Allotments Report

Cllr Crisp reported that all the allotments were now active, and potatoes are being planted. The main gate gatepost requires attention, and this will be repaired with the next two weeks. The Allotment Fun Day, to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August has been confirmed, and Cllr Crisp asked the Council if they will fund the event, as previously, with a £400 contribution. The Chairman put forward the motion, Seconded by Cllr Wylie, and the motion was passed unanimously.

18. Roads & Pathways Report

Cllr Forster reported that further work was carried out in front of the Grange during the Easter break. This has now been completed.

19. Hurworth Contingency Plan.

Cllr Howard reported - No report.

20. Correspondence & Matters of Interest

1. **Hurworth Scouts.** It appears from a Facebook statement, that the Grange scout group is going to disband, unless they can attract some scout leaders. A deadline of the end of July has been placed on the decision.  
Hurworth Parish Council has donated, through match funding, £3,000 towards the purchase and construction of a new scout hut within the grounds of Hurworth Grange.  
Cllr John Howard expressed his opinion that the £3,000 should be recovered from the Scouts. The Chair supported this suggestion and a motion was put before the council. The motion was carried in favour of recovering this money. **Action Clerk**
2. The Chair read out a section of a letter from the **Hurworth Campanologists**, who are asking for £800, to purchase a bell synchronization system, so that the group can hold bell practice, without actually swinging on the ropes. The group had experienced problems during the winter both from the severe cold in the church loft and with the notice so close to their hearing.  
After some discussion, the Chair put the request to a vote; the outcome was 8 in favour with 1 against. was taken. It was agreed that the Clerk will send the full retails to all the councilors, and a final decision will be made by email confirmation.  
The Clerk informed the council that he had approached the Rogers Trust to go 50/50 with the 'grant', they have sent the group a formal application.
3. Christmas fairy lights.  
For the last four years the council has received an invoice from nPower for the cost of the electricity used to power the fairy lights on the Christmas tree. The cost of the electricity has been around £40 on average calculated from the number of days and number of lights. However, in addition nPOWER has been making A Standing Charge of £300 each year. HPC has never agreed to this and never signed a contract, hence we have always refused to pay it. We have taken this matter to the Ombudsman, who is currently investigating the issue. This year nPOWER has the Standing Charge Standing Charge to almost £600, plus the usage.  
We have approached DBC to see whether we cab get the electricity directly from they, rather than dealing with nPOWER and their unmetered department. DBC have responded that it DBC electricity

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which we are using, and it should not be charged to us nPOWER but they can make no comment about the standing charge. This is ongoing.

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4. Statutory Motions

The Chair informed the meeting that the Internal Audit has been completed and the Council has a clear bill of health. A copy of the Internet Audit report has been sent to all councillors, prior to this meeting.

The Chair then tabled the following motions; -

- a. The council accepts Annual Governance Statement 2024-25, the vote in favour was unanimous.
- b. The council accepts Accounting Statements 2024-25, the vote in favour was unanimous.
- c. The council accepts Internal Auditors Report 2024-25, the vote in favour was unanimous.

21. Accounts for Payment

The schedule of payments made in the month of April 2025, having been distributed to all Councillors, were formally accepted by the meeting.

Accounts for Payment April 2025

| Name                        | Cheque No. | Details                              | Amount     |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Hurworth Grange CIO         | 104139     | Church newsletter                    | 60.00      |
| Laptop and software         | 104140     | Laptop and software                  | 588.95     |
| Hurworth Grange CIO         | 104141     | Parish Plan survey printing          | 140.00     |
| Cheque returned             | 104142     |                                      | 0.00       |
| Tree Boy Ltd                | 104143     | Tree work                            | 247.50     |
| Council screening equipment | 104144     | New meeting screening                | 4671.60    |
| Vantage Global              | 104145     | Print Chronicle                      | 679.00     |
| Hurworth Grange CIO         | 104146     | Photocopying                         | 15.00      |
| P. Robinson                 | 104140     | Salary                               | 598.99     |
| Inland Revenue              | DD         | PAYE                                 | 385.80     |
| P D Allan salary            | 104147     | Salary                               | 1208.60    |
| BU-CU Power                 | 104148     | Allotment strimmer                   | 169.99     |
| BT Comms                    | 104149     | Telecoms                             | 119.88     |
| CDALC                       | 104150     | Annual fees & Good Councillor Guides | 1125.00    |
| P D Allan exs               | 104151     | Stationery, software, etc            | 197.70     |
| Hurworth Village Hall       | 104152     | VE Day and Armed Forces Day events   | 1000.00    |
| Total for month             |            |                                      | £11,208.01 |
| Precept received            | £80,000    |                                      |            |

22. Financial Reports

The Financial Accounts as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025, having been distributed to all Councillors, were formally accepted by the meeting.

| Financial Report 30th April 2025 |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | Ringfenced funds £11,689 |                |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------|----------------|
|                                  | Apr-25  | May-25  | Jun-25  | Jul-25 | Aug-25 | Sep-25 | Oct-25 | Nov-25 | Dec-25 | Jan-26 | Feb-26 | Mar-26 | Total                    | Budget 2025-26 |
| <b>Revenue</b>                   |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                          |                |
| <b>Precept</b>                   | 80000   |         |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 80000                    | 80000          |
| Litter Picker ref & VAT          |         | 1288    |         |        | 4400   |        |        |        |        |        | 4600   |        | 10288                    | 10288          |
| Rent & Interest                  |         |         |         | 100    | 80     |        |        | 70     |        |        | 60     | 420    | 730                      | 790            |
| Grants                           |         |         |         |        |        | 2000   |        |        |        |        |        |        | 2000                     | 2000           |
| Allotment rent                   |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |        |        | 1740   |        |        | 1740                     | 1740           |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>             | 80000   | 1288    | 0       | 100    | 4480   | 2000   | 0      | 70     | 0      | 1740   | 4660   | 420    | 94758                    | 94818          |
| <b>Expenditure</b>               |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                          |                |
| Salaries & NHI                   | 2193    | 2450    | 2650    | 2450   | 2450   | 2650   | 2450   | 2450   | 2650   | 2450   | 2450   | 2650   | 29943                    | 30200          |
| Gen. Admin Expenses              | 1312    | 250     | 300     | 200    | 300    | 210    | 550    | 340    | 310    | 340    | 350    | 300    | 4762                     | 4800           |
| Trees                            | 247     | 265     | 550     | 510    | 540    | 1250   | 270    | 500    | 545    | 220    | 800    | 650    | 6347                     | 6500           |
| Open Spaces                      |         | 80      | 600     | 650    | 50     | 310    | 250    | 100    | 240    | 650    | 200    | 370    | 3500                     | 3500           |
| Section 137 Projects & Plan      | 1000    | 500     | 2400    | 2000   |        | 500    |        | 300    | 300    | 500    | 1000   | 1500   | 10000                    | 11000          |
| Repairs & Maint                  |         | 1000    |         | 600    | 1000   | 500    |        |        | 1500   | 400    |        |        | 5100                     | 7000           |
| Newsletters & Posters            | 799     | 230     | 80      | 80     |        | 80     | 850    | 230    |        | 80     | 80     | 850    | 3359                     | 3400           |
| Youth Activities                 |         | 500     |         |        |        | 1500   |        | 500    |        | 300    |        | 200    | 3000                     | 3000           |
| Paths/ RoW                       |         | 200     | 130     | 300    |        | 300    |        | 400    |        | 320    |        | 250    | 1900                     | 2000           |
| Allotments                       | 142     |         | 300     | 360    | 200    | 60     |        | 420    |        |        | 300    |        | 1782                     | 1700           |
| Highways                         |         |         | 500     |        |        |        |        | 850    | 500    |        | 400    |        | 2250                     | 2250           |
| Handyman                         |         | 100     | 100     | 200    |        | 100    | 100    | 100    | 200    | 100    | 100    | 100    | 1200                     | 1200           |
| Hurworth Grange support          |         |         | 5400    |        |        |        |        |        | 200    |        |        |        | 5600                     | 5000           |
| Capital & Legal exs              | 5356    |         | 500     |        | 258    |        |        |        | 2000   | 259    |        |        | 8373                     | 8517           |
| VAT                              | 59      |         |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                          |                |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>            | 11208   | 5575    | 13810   | 7590   | 4798   | 8110   | 4590   | 6190   | 8625   | 5619   | 5680   | 7170   | 88965                    | 88906          |
| <b>Funds in Hand less ringed</b> |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 5793                     | 5912           |
| <b>Revenue less expenses</b>     | 53915   | 122707  | 118420  | 10461  | 97120  | 96802  | 90692  | 86102  | 79982  | 71357  | 67478  | 66458  | 11689                    |                |
| <b>Funds in Hand</b>             | 122,707 | 118,420 | 104,610 | 97,120 | 96,802 | 90,692 | 86,102 | 79,982 | 71,357 | 67,478 | 66,458 | 59,708 | 11,689                   |                |

This report is also on the Parish Council web site, where it is easier to read.

### 23. Association Reports

#### 1. Village Hall No report.

#### 2. Hurworth Albion Football Club

Cllr Leigh reported that the current committee have resigned, and that a new committee is taking over, with the new Chairman being Francis Ward.

#### 3. Hurworth Grange

Cllr Wylie reported:

Hurworth Grange’s entrance and corridor have recently had a facelift, giving the space a much warmer and fresher feel.

The stable roof replacement is scheduled for June — the earliest date available from the roofer.

Don’t miss the ever-popular Classic Car Event on Sunday, 11th May.

The following week, on Saturday, 17th May, we'll be hosting the Spring Fair. With 40 stalls offering a wide variety of treats and treasures — including chocolate, alcohol, garden furniture, glassware, cheese, jam, books, and jigsaws — there's something for everyone.

And be sure to keep an eye out for the food vans, which visit every Friday and Saturday!

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#### **24. Any Other Business**

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There were no items of Any Other Business.

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**The chairman closed the meeting at 8.48pm.**