



# Hurworth Parish Council

## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday, 1st May 2025, starting at 6.30pm, at Hurworth Grange.**

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

Also in attendance Cllr Tostevin, Cllr Walters and the Parish Clerk.

The Chairman opened the meeting, and as he was the only nomination for Chairman for the year 2025-26, Andrew Leigh was automatically resumed as Chairman.

### **1. Election of Chairman 2025-26**

Andrew Leigh - Proposed by Cllr Howard, Seconded by Cllr Wylie, unanimous agreement.

### **2. Chairman's Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Leigh signed the Register, countersigned by the Clerk, and was hence installed as the new Chair.

### **3. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Willis, Cllr Crisp,

### **4. Declaration of interests**

Cllr Leigh – Hurworth Albion

### **5. Minutes of the Annual Meeting dated 2nd May 2024**

The Minutes were accepted, Proposed by Cllr Forster and Seconded by Cllr Lennox.

### **6. Election of Vice Chairperson 2025-26**

There was only one nomination, and Fiona Lennox. Proposed by Cllr Stamp, Seconded by Cllr Wylie was elected.

### **7. Election of Finance Committee (Working Party)**

The Chairman invited the entire council to form the Finance Working Party, and this was agreed and accepted unanimously

### **8. Election of Representative for Trees** Cllr Hartigan appointed.

### **9. Election of Representative for Police Liaison** Cllr Willis appointed.

### **10. Election of Representatives of the Allotments Working Party**

(Two) Cllrs Crisp and Stamp appointed.

### **11. Election of Representative for the Environment and Open Spaces**

Cllr Lennox appointed.

### **12. Election of Representatives for Highways & Traffic** Cllr Willis appointed.

### **13. Election of Representative for Planning Matters** Cllr Allan appointed. It was agreed that Cllr Mann would assist.

- 14.Election of Representatives for Parish Pathways, Parish Walks and RoW** Cllr Forster appointed.
- 15.Election of Press Officer, communications, web site and social media** Cllr Wylie appointed.
- 16.Election of Representative for Youth Activities** Cllr Stamp appointed.
- 17.Election of Representative for the Contingency Plan, defibrillators, and Road and Pathway Maintenance** Cllr Howard appointed. It was agreed that Cllr Angela Allan will assist.
- 18.Election of Vetting Committee (FoI and Data Protection) (3)** Cllr Leigh, Cllr Lennox and Cllr Wylie appointed.
- 19.Election of Independent Review Committee (3)** Cllr Willis, Cllr Angela Allan, and Cllr Stamp appointed.

### **Election of delegates to outside bodies**

- a. Durham Association Towns/Parish Councils (CDALC)** Cllr Angel Allan appointed
- b. Village Hall Committee** Cllr Crisp appointed.
- c. Hurworth Community Association Committee** Cllr Wylie appointed.
- d. Teesside Airport Consultative Committee** Cllr Willis appointed.
- e. Hurworth Meadows and Elder Brook Park estates representative** Cllr Mann appointed.

### **Date/Venue/Time of monthly meetings**

First Thursday of every month, excl. August, at Hurworth Grange starting at 7:00pm.  
Council Surgery, per rota, starts at 6:30pm. PACT Meetings are also at 6:30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.48pm.