



HURWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Hurworth Grange
Community Centre, 41
Hurworth Road.
Hurworth, Darlington. DL2
2BN

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Parish Council which will be held **at 7pm in Hurworth Grange Community Centre on Thursday 1st October 2026** for the purposes of determining the agenda items listed below.

Yours sincerely

Dianne Rickaby
Locum Clerk OF HURWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
23 September 2026

AGENDA

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 84. 26-27 | Chair's address (including housekeeping) |
| 85. 26-27 | Apologies of absence – Council to approve the apologies of absent councillors and reasons. |
| 86. 26-27 | To receive and declarations of interest and consider requests for dispensations |
| 87. 26-27 | Co-option process – Council to hear the address and ask questions from the prospective candidates for the remaining councillor vacancy on the council.

Council to then proceed to a vote on the prospective candidates. |
| 88. 26-27 | Declaration of office – The newly co-opted Councillor to sign their declarations of office in the presence of the Proper Officer. – The Chair to then invite the new councillors into the council meeting. |
| 89. 26-27 | Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2026 – <i>to approve the minutes (to follow)</i> |
| 90. 26-27 | Matters arising from the minutes -To consider updates on items not covered on the agenda (<i>information only</i>). |
| 91. 26-27 | Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 10th September 2026 – <i>to approve the minutes (to follow)</i> . |
| 92. 26-27 | Matters arising from the minutes – <i>To consider updates on items not covered on the agenda (information only)</i> |

- 93. 26- 27 Ward Councillors reports**
- 94. 26-27 Grants policy – council to review and agree the new grants policy (*draft circulated*)**
- 95. 26-27 Financial matters:**
- Monthly financial reports and other financial matters – Council to review and approve the following financial reports and matters.**
- a) **List of payments** – September 2026 – To consider and approve the list of payments for the period of September 2026 (*paper to follow*) – *Governance of two councillor signatories who have access to the bank account to check over the payments.*
 - b) **Budget comparison** – Council to review the 6 monthly budget comparison April – September 2026.
- 96.26-27 Clerk’s update & Staffing – Handyperson (update for council)**
- 97.26-27 Scheme of delegation – to review**
- 98.26- 27 Tree report – update regarding Fox Close and Hunters Close**
- 99. 26.27 Benches – report regarding the damage of benches around the village and costs to replace.**
- 100 .26-27 Allotments – Survey update**
- 101.26-27 Croft River sign– new sign**
- 102.26-27 Update on MUGA (Multi use games area)**
- 103. 26-27 Planning applications – to receive any planning applications for consideration**
- 104. 26-27 Councillor update reports:**
- a) Open spaces/Benches – Cllr Wylie (report circulated)
 - b) Highways/Traffic – Cllr Oughton
 - c) Crime & Security – Cllr Oughton
 - d) Rights of way and parish walks – Cllr Feeney
- 105. 26-27 Public participation – Council to receive questions or comments from members of the public**
- 106. 26-27 Correspondence (*for information only*)**
- 107. 26-27 Date of next meeting – 5th November 2026**

All Councillors and members of the public are asked to ensure that mobile phones are switched off before the start of the meeting.

Councillors must declare any interests on specific agenda items and these interests will be noted in the minutes. They must disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 13-18 of the Members’ Code of Conduct. They must also declare any other significant interests which they wish to declare in the public interest, in accordance with paragraphs 19-20 of the Members’ Code of Conduct.

Recording of this meeting is allowed to enable those not present to see or hear the proceedings either as they take place (or later) and to enable the reporting of those proceedings. A copy of the recording protocol and code of practice for the use of recordings by third parties is available from the Parish Clerk.