

Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes of Hurworth Parish Council, Extraordinary Meeting 19th June 2026, starting at 11am, held at Hurworth Grange Community Centre, 41 Hurworth Road, Hurworth, Darlington, DL2 2BN

Attendees

Parish Councillors Present:

Cllr Peter Williamson, Cllr Janine Foster (**Acting Chair**) Cllr Mick Feeney,

Official

Mrs Dianne Rickaby: **Locum Parish Clerk**

Before the meeting commenced the Locum Clerk asked members to vote for a Acting Chair due to the resignation of the previous Chair.

It was proposed by Cllr Michael Feeney and seconded by Cllr Peter Williamson that Cllr Janine Forster be elected at the Acting Chair.

22. 26-27 Apologies for absence – apologies were received from Cllrs K Mann, J Howard, D Oughton.

None received from Cllr P Willis.

It was resolved that the apologies be accepted along with the reasons for absence given.

23.26-27 Declarations of interest – To accept any declarations of interests.

Non received.

23. 26-27 Financial Matters

- a) To approve the annual governance statements 2025-26 -Councillors addressed and reviewed the annual governance statement for 2025- 26. There was a concern that the new assertion 10 may not be fully complied with however a letter to be sent to explain this.
- b) To approve the annual accounting statement 2025-26 – Councillors reviewed the financial accounts for 202-25 – no matters were raised.

It was resolved that the annual governance statements along with the annual accounts for 2025-26 be unanimously approved.

Year End Financial reports

To receive and approve the Year End Internal Audit – Councillors reviewed the internal audit. The Locum Clerk advised that an invoice of £250 had been submitted for this service.

It was also discussed that by the advice of the audit and accountability governance it is good practice to change internal auditors after a prolonged period of time. This is generally shown in financial regulations.

It was discussed and members decide that the Locum Clerk to look at alternative auditors for 2026-27 accounts.

It was resolved that the internal audit report be received and accepted. The payment of £250 be paid and that the Locum Clerk to investigate new auditors available for 2026-27 internal audit processes.

Monthly financial reports

The Locum Clerk requested that all the financial payments be approved at the next full council meeting on 2nd July 2026.

It was resolved that the payments lists be sent to the next full council for approval on 2nd July 2026.

25.26-27 No other matters were discussed and the meeting was closed.

Signed

Date

Acting Chair of Hurworth Parish Council

Cllr Janine Forster