

DENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2024 at Denwick Village Hall

Parish Council members were welcomed to the meeting.

Present:

Cllr R L Green (Chair)	Cllr R Wilson
Cllr A Robson (Clerk)	Cllr A J Robson
Cllr J Cuthbert	

Apologies for absence: Cllr C Newlands

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were circulated, and no issues raised.

Matters Arising:

1. Financial:

Year End Statement – No major issues to report, the year to 31st March generated a modest surplus of £24 following expenditure towards the cemetery contribution and NALC membership. The closing cash balance at Year End was £2194.24.

The Parish Precept was agreed at £600, to cover ongoing running costs.

It was noted that a sum of £1500 had been transferred to the Parish Council's separate investment account to reduce the cash balance sitting within the current account. It was agreed that the current cash reserves were at a sensible level to provide an adequate contingency for unknown expenditure.

The Year End financial statements and AGAR returns were unanimously accepted with no issues raised.

2. Website:

It was noted that the website is now fully up and running and hosted by NALC as part of our annual membership, with financial statements etc being published annually.

3. Cemetery:

Andrew Robson confirmed that he is in regular contact with Alnwick Town Council over the cemetery and its associated financial contribution. It was noted that Denwick Parish Council continues to receive a small annual rebate.

4. Denwick Bypass:

Andrew Robson noted that Northumberland Estate's are continuing to push forward with the application. They met with officers in January to discuss a holding objection from National Highways related to safety concerns. The scheme has now been amended to remove the proposed roundabout and allow a continued traffic flow through the village for buses and local traffic. Amended plans have been submitted to the planning authority for review, a response is awaited. Richard Green to follow up the matter with Glen Sanderson who has previously been very helpful in pushing this forward.

Jen Cuthbert suggested installing a chicane at the end of the village to slow down traffic should a bypass progress.

A 20 mph speed limit was also raised. This will be reviewed once a decision is given on the bypass.

5. A.O.B.

Cutting of roadside verges was raised as a health and safety concern. This matter is to be raised with NCC.

Date of next meeting:

The date of the next meeting to be arranged.