

**Capheaton Parish Council**

**Annual Parish Assembly**

**Meeting held on Monday 12 May 2025 at 6.15pm at Capheaton Village Hall**

- 1. Present:** Mr W Browne-Swinburne, Mr RD Patterson, Mr RW Irving
- 2. In attendance:** Mr P Ware (Clerk)
- 3. Apologies for absence:** Ms A Coe, Mrs E Moffat, County Councillor R Dodd
- 4. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13 May 2024** having been circulated, were agreed, and signed by Cllr W Browne-Swinburne (Chair of the Parish Council).
- 5. Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.
- 6. Report of the Parish Council Chairman:** Cllr W Browne-Swinburne provided a report to members on the Parish Council's activities over the past year. The report was read and accepted unanimously.

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

## **Capheaton Parish Council**

### **Annual Report of The Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

This time last year we were praying for some sunshine after the deluges in February and March. We are now enjoying an incredibly dry spring and whilst I don't want to tempt fate, a little rain would be appreciated.

This year has seen the council working hard for the parish, making representations to the County Council and other relevant bodies. We continue to constantly press the Highways Authority on the subject of potholes and have made some progress there.

The precept was increased by 5% to £3,045.00 and the new Kirkheaton noticeboard was successfully installed on schedule at little cost to the Council.

As in previous years we have made donations to small charities which we feel genuinely benefit residents of the parish. A total of £1,475.00 was shared with Northumberland Theatre Company, Great North Air Ambulance, Kirkwhelpington PCC (for upkeep of graveyards at Kirkwhelpington and Kirkheaton), Tynedale Hospice at Home and Community Action Northumberland.

The Council reviewed two planning applications and has recently begun a consultation to provide extra parking in Kirkheaton.

Our ward Councillor, Richard Dodd has retained his seat after the County Council Elections and so we will continue to work with him as we have done for a number of years now.

Our memberships of The Northumberland Association of Local Councils and Community Action Northumberland continues which allows us to look up and see wider issues in the region and act accordingly.

Our clerk, Peter Ware continues to be invaluable and we thank him wholeheartedly for his diligence and patience.

All councillors are very happy to discuss any issues that may arise so please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of us or Peter if there issues you would like to raise.

As councillors we are always happy to discuss issues with parishioners and any resident is most welcome to attend our meetings.

**William Browne-Swinburne, Chairman May 2025**