

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WIGHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE WHITE SWAN WIGHILL ON 18 JUNE 2025

Present:

Councillors: Mrs D Spry (acting Chairman), Mrs L Richardson, Mr S Harvey, Mr T Parker
Mr L T I Grant Clerk/RFO

County Councillor: Mr A Paraskos

3 Members of the Public attended

1. Apologies for Absence

None received

2. Public Questions and Statements

None received

3. Annual Reports

The Cllr Mrs D Spry had only experienced one meeting as acting Chairman and had been unable to prepare a meaningful report.

The RFO had circulated his annual report confirming that the PC was in a financially secure position following the increase in the precept.

4. Annual Election of Officers

4.1 The acting chairman confirmed that she would continue as Chairman in the absence of any other candidate for the role.

All Cllrs present without abstention agreed to confirm Cllr Mrs D Spry as Chairman for 2025-2026.

It was agreed that the role of vice chairman would not be filled at this time. If the situation arose where the Chairman was unable to attend a meeting, those Cllrs present would elect a Chairman for that meeting from those Cllrs present.

4.2 Chairman's Acceptance of Office

The Chairman agreed to sign the form accepting the position of Chairman of the Parish Council.

The monthly meeting followed the Annual General Meeting

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 April 2025

The minutes of the meeting as amended by the addition of item 8.6 were approved by all Cllrs present who had attended the meeting , without abstention.

5.1 Highways Matters

County Cllr Mr A Paraskos confirmed that existing lamps would be replaced by a like for like version until stocks ran out. There is currently no plan to replace all existing columns/light fittings in Wighill with LED versions

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6. Police Matters

6.1 Parking in Wighill

The Clerk had again invited PC Olesquie (now acting Sergeant) to attend and address the parking and speeding vehicle issues in Wighill. He was again unable to attend due to operational matters. He had suggested that images were taken of inappropriately parked vehicles which could be forwarded to him. He confirmed again that NY Police are unable to commit to regularly attending PC meetings to address Cllrs due to operation pressures and limited resources.

Highways will not agree to the installation of white or yellow lines to restrict parking. After further discussion, County Cllr Mr A Paraskos agreed to investigate alternative schemes to create a visual impact to speeding vehicle drivers that they are entering a Village area (White gates, speed bumps etc), although these would have to be funded by the PC if approved by Area 6.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 Funds Received

- £50.00 Newsletter advertisement
- £5000.00 NYC Parish Precept

7.2 Bank Balance

The NatWest bank account balance at 31 May 2025 was £8,745.22

There were no comments or queries about the Bank Account.

7.3 Internal auditor's report

The annual report prepared by the internal auditor had been circulated. No problems had been identified in the report.

7.4 Invoice received and to be paid

- J Gawthroe £40.00 Annual Internal Audit

All Cllrs present without abstention agreed that payment should be made.

8. Planning and Related Matters

8.1 Planning Applications received and to be determined.

- Ainsty Farm Wighill Village – Installation of additional roof lights (windows) and changed details to the proposed garage.

After discussion, Cllrs agreed that there did not appear anything to comment on about the current application. Neighbours to the proposed development would however be contacted to confirm that there were no objections to the proposed changes, prior to responding to the Application.

8.2 Planning Decisions Notified

- None received

8.3 Planning Enforcement.

- None received

9. PC Administration

9.1 Highway Grass Verge Cutting – Wighill

After discussion, it was agreed that local residents would volunteer on an irregular basis to carry out some maintenance work as a local working group.

9.2 Wighill Newsletter – update

There was nothing to report

9.3 Annual AGAR Audit accountability Statement.

After discussion, all Cllrs present without abstention authorised the Chairman and RFO to sign the accountability statement.

10 Councillors Business Items for the next Meeting

- Nothing noted

Next Meeting

8 October 2025 (Budget Meeting)

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