
Brinkburn and Hesleyhurst Parish Council

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting on: 17th May 2022
Meeting at: Longframlington Memorial Hall
Meeting Time: 7.30 p.m.
Present: Steve Bray (SB), Lesley Hall (LH), Vincent Milburn (VM), David Owen (DO), Jackie Scarpa (JS), Jamie Whicker (JW)
In attendance: Clerk: Garth Rhodes

The meeting opened at 7.32 p.m.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Mark Fenwick
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 18th May 2021-** were approved as a correct record and signed as such (Proposed LH, Seconded JW, All in Favour).
3. **Annual Review: Cllr Owen gave a summary of issues from the past year:** The storms over the winter had been the most monumental aspect of the year. The impact of the severe damage and lack of electricity for long periods highlighted the slow response and gaps in provision from some areas of local government (including the Parish Council) and from the utility companies. Parish councillors made a great contribution, and it was pleasing to note the impact this had on the community. With respect to Brinkburn compared to Hesleyhurst, the support from the County Councillor was extremely disappointing both in terms of active engagement and lack of information. Members agreed that the response from the Rothbury community had been amazing. It was good to note that emergency planning arrangements were now being established in Longframlington and incorporating Brinkburn. The community was still suffering from the damage caused and it would be some considerable time before woodland areas would fully recover. Footpaths and rights of way had also been badly affected and could take even longer to repair. People should be encouraged to report on areas needing attention. It was wonderful to see how people came together to support one another. Thanks to all in the community who responded and supported their fellow residents. In May 2021 the Parish Council Elections took place and we could now look forward to the next three years which had lots of issues to be addressed, especially concerning planning and the environment.
4. **Election of Officers**
 - a) **Election of Chairperson.** DO indicated that he was willing to stand as Chairperson for a further year. VM nominated DO and SB seconded. All in favour.
 - b) **Election of Vice Chairperson.** VM indicated that he was willing to stand as Vice-Chairperson for a further year. DO nominated VM and LH seconded. All in favour.
 - c) **Agree new Cheque Signatories and complete forms.** DO, VM and the Clerk to remain as bank signatories for the forthcoming year.
 - d) **Councillor responsibilities for the coming year were agreed:**
 - Chairperson: DO
 - Vice Chair: VM
 - Cluster Meetings: JS/ LH
 - Footpaths: JS
 - Rothbury Joint Burial Committee VM
 - Longframlington Cemetery MF
 - Millennium Field JW
 - National Park DO

Members thanked the Clerk for all his work during the year.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

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