

HEPSCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Special Meeting held at 5.30 pm
Friday 30 May 2025 in Hepscoth Parish Hall
To agree the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, (AGAR) for 2024/2025**

Present:

Andrea Ranyard (Chair), David Cowans, Fred Dye, James Ellis, Michaela Gilhespie, Grant Gilhespie, Mary Murphy, Sylvia Johnson (Parish Clerk)

Apologies:

Malcolm Paton

1. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2024/45

1.1 To consider and agree any actions from the report of the internal auditor

- No actions were reported by the Internal Auditor.

1.2 To approve the Annual Governance Statement

- The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Council.

1.3 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2024/2025

- The draft annual accounts were approved by the Council.

1.4 To approve the Accounting Statement, Explanation of Variances and Explanation for "High" Reserves

- The Accounting Statement, Explanation of Variances and Explanation for "High" Reserves were approved by the Council.

1.5 To confirm and approve the Certification of Exemption

- The Certification of Exemption was approved by the council.

1.6 To approve the Bank Reconciliation

- The Bank Reconciliation was approved by the Council.

The Exemption Certificate for the AGAR will now be forwarded to Mazars, the External Auditors. All documents will be displayed on our Website (www.Northumberlandparishes.uk/hepscott) and on Parish noticeboards for the statutory period, 17 June 2025 - 25 July 2025

Minutes taken and prepared by:

Sylvia Johnson, Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Dated: 9 June 2025

Signed as a true copy: