

BARDON MILL PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 23rd May 2025

Approved Minutes

Present: Cllr S Furlong, Cllr G Gill, Cllr M Robson, Cllr V Furlong, Cllr C Swinburne, Cllr A Sharp.
Clerk Susan Saunders. Joe Morris MP and one member of the public.

- 1 Chairman's welcome & report.
The chair welcomed the councillors and thanked them for standing again. He congratulated Cllr Sharp on being re-elected and thanked George Walton, who left the council this year after many years. He also welcomed Cllr Swinburne, a relatively new councillor.
Cllr Furlong reported that concern has been expressed about the National Trust Area and the fact that there is no-one on duty. It was agreed to write to The National Trust.
 - 2 Financial Report 2024-2025
 - The precept this year was £5180 and the agreed amount for 2025-2026 is £5336. This will actually have the effect of a decrease in a Band D house council tax of £0.47p
 - Grant donations of £1411.60:
£50 - British Legion for poppy wreath
£300 – Great Air Ambulance
£200 – Tynedale Hospice at Home.
£200 – Haltwhistle Swimming & Leisure Centre
 - Money was re-imbursed from Henshaw Parish Council of £133 as a contribution to the grass cutting at the Memorial.
 - Bardon Mill contributed £1828.66 to Redburn Park.
 - Bank charges were £106 over the year which is £8 per month plus £1 per cheque. The council now have access to online banking so the charges should be less.
 - The salary increase, as proposed by the National Joint Council, was not agreed by them until November 2024. This was paid in Feb 2025.
 - 3 Approval of minutes from 14th May 2024 – approved as a true record.
 - 4 Matters arising from the floor – no matters
 - 5 Attendance by Joe Morris MP – a general discussion was undertaken and a question and answer session held. Members asked that Joe addressed the following issues that are causing concern in the parish:
 - Rural tax on farmers
 - The Crow Hall Woodland Creation Proposal
 - Rural Broadband.
 - 6 Any Other Business – no matters.
- The meeting closed at 7.50pm.