

## NORTH LODGE PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Park View School, Lombard Drive, Chester-le-Street on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

PRESENT: Parish Council Cllr Dennis Hall.  
Chairman:  
Parish Councillors: Sue Brown, Margaret Caygill, Elsie Forrester,  
Jackie Gregory, Maureen May, Patrick Driscoll,  
Chris Veitch, John Waugh.  
  
Parish Council Clerk: David Murrell.

The meeting commenced at 6.15pm with Cllr Dennis Hall in the Chair and welcoming everyone.

### **1) Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Craig Martin.

### **2) Adoption of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the Meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

### **3) Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

### **4) Council Tax Precept**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had set a Council Tax Precept of £36,149.15 (Thirty-six thousand one hundred and forty-nine pounds 15p) for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The Band D equivalent charge for the last six years now had been set at £31.53p.

### **5) Parish Council Report**

The Clerk, on behalf of North Lodge Parish Council, had circulated a report of the work carried out by the Parish Council during the previous year. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the report which accurately reflected the activities of the Council.

### **6) Any Other Business**

The Chairman considered that the Coronation displays in the flower beds had been admired by many residents. Thanks were due to Cllr Veitch and his team. The Chairman then reflected on his two years as Parish Council Chairman which had seen continuing progress by the Parish Council in increasing community engagement. He thanked Councillors, the Vice -Chair and the Clerk for the support they had offered him during the two years.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.22pm.