

NORTH LODGE PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Park View School, Lombard Drive, Chester-le-Street on Tuesday 21st May 2024.

PRESENT: Parish Council Cllr Patrick Driscoll.
Chairman:
Parish Councillors: Sue Brown, Margaret Caygill, Jackie Gregory,
Maureen May, Dennis Hall, Craig Martin, Chris
Veitch.

Parish Council Clerk: David Murrell.

Three Residents

The meeting commenced at 6.15pm with Cllr Patrick Driscoll in the Chair and welcoming everyone, in particular the residents.

1) Apologies for Absence

There were no Apologies for Absence.

2) Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2023, 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 £37,009.91 (Thirty-seven thousand and nine pounds 91p) for the financial year to 31st March 2025. The Band D equivalent charge for the last seven 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

a) Councillor Hall provided an update on the complaint by residents to the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman against Durham County Council regarding the installation of media cabinets in Longdean Park. Councillors and the residents discussed this and several options were considered. Councillor Martin will investigate if other similar installations around the County might provide a solution to their appearance. Councillor Gregory suggested that the MP should be lobbied for a change in the laws relating to these installations. This matter will be included in the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

b) The Chairman thanked all Councillors and the Clerk for the support he had received during the past year. The Council had continued to carry out many functions successfully. Councillors thanked the Chairman for all his work during the past year.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.30pm.