

NORTH LODGE PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Park View School, Lombard Drive, Chester-le-Street on Tuesday 19th May 2026.

PRESENT: Parish Council Cllr Craig Martin.
Chairman:
Parish Councillors: Sue Brown, Margaret Caygill, Maureen May,
Patrick Driscoll, Dennis Hall, Darren Hawkes.

Parish Council David Murrell.
Clerk:

One Resident

The meeting commenced at 6.15pm with Cllr Craig Martin in the Chair and welcoming everyone, particularly the resident.

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Jackie Gregory and Chris Veitch.

2) Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2025, 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 £44262.20 (Forty-four thousand, two hundred and sixty-two pounds 20p) for the financial year to 31st March 2027. The Chairman advised that, although this was a rise of 16.8%, there was a financial plan in place until 2030/31 that would limit any further rises.

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 fully reflected the activities of the Council.

6) Any Other Business

There were no other matters raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.20pm.