

c/o The Village Hall Front Street Bishop Middleham County Durham DL17 9AJ

## Conserving our Past: Building Our Future

## **Chairman Cllr. Harvey Neve**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Bishop Middleham Parish Council held Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024, in Bishop Middleham Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. H. Neve (Chair), Cllr. J. Brownlee, Cllr. V. Cooke, Cllr. M. MacCallam,

Cllr. G. Jacobs, Cllr. G. Turner, Cllr. E. Sparks

Cllr. C. Lines (County Councillor)

Mrs. A. Hall (Parish Clerk)

ITEM NO.	MINUTES	ACTION
	Notice of Meeting - it was moved by Cllr. H. Neve to open the meeting	
	at 7.30pm.	
1.5/25	Apologies: None	
2.5/25	Declarations of Interest - None	
3.5/25	Election of Chair for the year of 2025-2026	
	Cllr. V. Cooke proposed that Cllr. H. Neve be elected. This was	
	seconded by Cllr. J. Brownlee (unanimous decision).	
4.5/25	Acceptance of Office - Cllr. H. Neve signed the Declaration of Office for	
	Chair in the presence of the Council and Parish Clerk.	
5.5/25	Election of Vice Chair for the year of 2024-2025	
	Cllr. V. Cooke proposed Cllr. G. Turner be elected. This was seconded	
	by Cllr. J. Brownlee (unanimous decision).	
6.5/25	<b>Acceptance of Office</b> - Cllr. G. Turner signed the Declaration of Office	
	for Vice Chair in the presence of the Council and Parish Clerk.	
7.5/25	Public Participation - No issues raised	
8.5/25	Review and adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations	
	<b>AGREED</b> : To adopt the current Standing Orders no amendments for	
	2025/2026. Proposed Cllr. Neve, seconded Cllr. Turner.	
	<b>AGREED</b> : To adopt the current Financial Regulations, no amendments	
	required for 2025/2026. Proposed Cllr. Neve, seconded Cllr. Brownlee.	
9.5/25	Review and adopt the Code of Conduct	
	<b>AGREED</b> : To adopt the current Code of Conduct, no amendments for	
	2025/2026. Proposed Cllr. Neve, seconded Cllr. Cooke.	
10.5/25	Appoint Internal Auditor for year 2025/2026	
	<b>AGREED</b> : It was proposed Cllr. Neve, seconded by Cllr. Brownlee	
	and carried to re-appoint Mr. G.Fletcher as Internal Auditor for the	
	2025/26 Financial Accounts.	
11.5/25	<b>Schedule of Assets</b> - the schedule of assets was shared with the Council	
	and discussed due to the drop in valuation. The change in valuation	
	related to the play area behind the village hall. As the play equipment	
	had been removed, this reduced by assets costs by £15,000. The	
	Schedule of Assets was approved by the Council. Proposed Cllr. Neve,	
	seconded Cllr. Turner.	

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12.5/25	Election of representative to outside bodies:  No one member was elected to attend the Smaller Councils Forum - Clerk to inform members of the dates of the meetings and check if anyone wishes to attend.	
13.5/25	Representatives for monitoring roles 2025/2026  Members were ask for representatives to support the Parish Clerk in areas of the work and to oversee and monitor the following areas: Financial Records/Accounts - Cllr. Brownlee & Cllr. Cook  Grounds Maintenance - Cllr. Brownlee & Cllr. Turner  Sports Facilities - Cllr. Cook  Publicity & promotion - Cllr. Neve  Clerk to send information out to clarify the roles and what may be required.	
14.5.24	Meeting Dates for 2025/2026 - all meetings are 7pm-9pm at the Village Hall  11th June 2025 9th July 2025 10th September 2025 8th October 2025 12th November 2025 10th December 2025 14th January 2026 11th February 2026 11th February 2025 11th March 2025 The above meetings dates were approved for Parish Council meetings up to March 2026.	
15.5/25	Next Meeting: Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7pm	

The meeting closed 7.45pm

Signed: - Chair.

Date: