



KILPIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes / Summary Notes of the Annual General Meeting for 2024 of Kilpin Parish Council

Date of Meeting	11th April 2024.
Location of Meeting	Scholfield Village Hall, Skelton.
In attendance:	Cllr Stephen Brett (Chair): Cllr Liz Sykes: Cllr Liz Vollans: Cllr Lynn Todhunter: Cllr Susan Hall.
Clerk	Andrew Crabbe.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

- 1. To provide the opportunity for the Parish Chair to confirm (or otherwise) their intention to continue in the role for another year.**

Clerk noted that no expressions of interest had been received from any Cllrs with regard to the office of Chair. Cllr Brett confirmed his intention to stay in office for another year.

- 2. To provide the opportunity for the Deputy Parish Chair to confirm (or otherwise) their intention to continue in the role for another year.**

Noting the recent resignation of Cllr Laura Kirkham meant there was a vacancy for the office of Deputy Chair, Cllrs were asked if anyone wished to put themselves forwards for the role. Cllr Vollans advised she would be happy to do this and was appointed uncontested.

- 3. To allow Cllrs to a) vote their agreement to the above or b) to invite Cllrs to put themselves forward for the roles (Chair / Deputy Chair) in the event of either person wishing to resign.**

No Cllrs contested for the roles of Chair and Deputy Chair

- 4. To allow Cllrs to review key policies and amend as required - in particular the Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Financial Regulations.**

No changes were requested to the above policies

- 5. To provide the Parish Chair an opportunity to present End of Year Report / statement.**

The Chair advised that he wished to thank everyone who got involved for their contribution, volunteering and commitment throughout the year.

- 6. To provide the Parish Clerk an opportunity to present a Financial End of Year report / statement.**

This is my first full year as Financial Officer, and although there are no major points to pick up on our spending in the financial year of 2023-24, the exception of the purchase of a commemorative bench for the Kings Coronation which is now a key feature of Scholfield Village Hall, hopefully shows the direction of my guidance to Cllrs in the future.

Aside from this the Parish Councils spending was as expected in accordance with the budget and revolved around the statutory house keeping costs associated with a Parish Council.

Throughout the last financial year, we remained financially solvent in our budgetary finances with a good variance forecast to enable us to deal with any unexpected spending - this remains the case for the forthcoming financial year. Therefore, with a stable budget spend, it is my belief as Financial Officer that the Parish Council can now start to look at projects which will benefit the Parish.

This therefore is the main headline of the final quarter of the current financial year, the decision to invest in a number of projects in the new financial year to improve and enhance the community and the associated decision to increase the precept by £6,000 in order to pay for these projects. The projects are already being rolled out and hopefully residents will soon see the benefits of the precept increase. As Financial Officer I strongly believe this spend and increase in the precept is entirely justified and appropriate and shows the Parish Council's wider ambitions to make improvements in the community. A Parish Council is not just in existence to perform statutory functions but also to enhance the environment and lives of its residents and I believe that Cllrs are to be applauded for undertaking the ambition to do this.

As Financial Officer for the Council, this is the headline of 2023-24

Looking forward to the new financial year of 2024-25 (and beyond), it is my intention to work with Cllrs to ensure the projects are all completed in a timely manner and within budget, but also point out that discussions will begin in September with regard to the precept for the next financial year and I would encourage Cllrs to again think ambitiously in terms of projects that will allow the Parish Council to continue to be proactive in making the Parish a better place to live in.