

**MEETING HELD THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2023 AT 17.40 HOURS TO
COMPLETE/APPROVE AND SIGN AUDIT PAPERWORK.**

**PRESENT:CHRIS TAIT (Chair) LOUISE KIRKWOOD NIGEL FISHER SUE
ROLLITT (Clerk)**

FINANCE

1.ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN WHICH IS
MADE UP OF CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED/SIGNED

A) ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT COMPLETED AND SIGNED 22nd
MAY 2023

B) SECTION 1- ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT COMPLETED,
APPROVED AND SIGNED

C) SECTION 2-ACCOUNTING STATEMENT APPROVED AND SIGNED

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION TO BE RETURNED BY JUNE 30TH 2023

PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS ON WEBSITE/NOTICE BOARD BY THE
1ST OF JULY 2023

- CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION
- ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT
- SECTION 1-ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT
- SECTION 2-ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2022/2023
- ANNUAL FINANCE STATEMENT APRIL 1ST 2022-MARCH 31ST
2023
- NOTICE OF PERIOD FOR EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS.

MEETING CLOSED AT 18.00 HOURS.

Minutes for AGM held on Thursday 25th May at 6pm

Present: Chris Tait (Chair) Louise Kirkwood Nigel Fisher Sue Rollitt (Clerk) Cath Tait and Jill Robson who have expressed a wish to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Apologies from Glen Sanderson

Minutes of meeting held February 7th 2023 approved and signed by Chris Tait (Chair)

Chairs report 2022/ 2023 forwarded prior to meeting.

Election of Chairperson Chris Tait nominated by Nigel Fisher, seconded by Louise Kirkwood

Election of Vice Chairman Nigel Fisher nominated by Chris Tait seconded by Louise Kirkwood.

Co option

Cath Tait has expressed a wish to join the Parish Council prior to the meeting. All in agreement she is a suitable candidate, all relevant forms signed .

Jill Robson attended the meeting when co-option had been discussed she also would like to be considered . Application for co-option form given to her and to proceed with relevant paperwork at a later date.

10 Minute slot for Parishioners Questions ,no parishioners present.

Declaration of Interest on agenda other than standard declaration of interests
NONE

Report from Glen Sanderson County Councillor

The Boundary commission has put out its plans for the NCC seats-they recommend two extra ones from 67 to 69 and a change to quite a few. The Longhorsley ward is recommended to lose Scots gap and Cambo areas but bring in Brinkburn and Felton.Two new Freeman of the County have been created-Winton Keenan and Tony Gates and a Freewoman Liz morgan NCC director of Public Health during the Covid times.Glen is continuing as Leader of the Council for another year so plenty ahead to be addressed along with a new team all of whom want to help deliver good things for the County.

11/7/23

Matters Arising

- 1.Potholes at Fiddlers Elbow have been filled.
- 2.Wards Hill signpost re requested 9/02/2023 (Previously requested September 2020)
- 3.Chris-Newsletter in process of compiling the next issue, Nigel asked for a notice to warn people of the risk of summer barbecues causing fires. Discussed possibility of having a facebook link on our website.
4. Nigel asked if we could organise a meeting with the new head of NALC to come and discuss his role and any questions we may have especially with 2 new Councillors joining us. Sue to contact NALC.
5. Chris asked if Councillors thought the Village signs leading to Wingates from the west and the north were too large and not in keeping with the area. These were erected after the speed awareness consultation. All Councillors are in agreement and would prefer signs that are aesthetically pleasing . Sue to contact Glen and Martin King to gather their thoughts on the matter.
6. Louise confirmed the damaged poles at Fontburn road end have been replaced and awaiting the barriers to be attached.

Plans.

- 1.Email sent regarding plans for Nunnykirk Hall alterations Councillors in agreement

Finance

- 1.In A/C £1.703.00
2. Precept received April £971.00
- 3.Clerks wages £508.40/expenses £37.95 printer ink paid.
- 4.BHIB Insurance £306.79 paid
5. NALC subs £ 63.12/Website £75.00 Total £138.12 paid.

Louise is ending her 10 year service as a Parish Councillor when Cath and Jill are accepted as Councillors and we would all like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for all the hard work, time and expertise /knowledge she has shared. Meeting closed at 6.45pm Next meeting Tuesday July 11th at 6pm

11/7/23

Chair's Report

The past year has been a busy one for many within the parish and those serving Nunnykirk on the council, with meetings being resumed in person at Wingates Village Hall.

The Parish Council has engaged with Northumbria Police and the areas Police Community Support Officer (PSCO) who attended a special event to inform both the Parish Council and parishioners of their role in the area. One important topic raised was the announcement of a new messaging system, replacing NP Alerts, 'Northumbria Connected' an alert service and reporting mechanism. Sign-up to the service is free and can be found at <https://northumbriacconnected.co.uk/>

Climate Change continues to be a headline both nationally and regionally, with the Parish Council attending a Community Resilience event at Newbiggin in the autumn of 2022, with Northern PowerGrid establishing a charitable foundation to administer £7.5 million of grant funding for its region with a particular focus on improving energy resilience during emergency events. Grants of £1.000 to £20.000 being made available to organisations through the Foundation. To date, £560,000 has been awarded to over 40 projects across Northumberland and County Durham.

Sadly, fly-tipping and littering is becoming an increasing problem in the Parish, up significantly from last year. This has been raised with the Waste Department within the County Council for a call to action and the identified rubbish being swiftly removed. Members of the community rallied together earlier in February 2023, with a 'litter pick', which collected a large amount of the roadside and verge litter. The Parish Council would like to record its thanks to all those who took part.

A degree of progress has been made with respect to Fiddlers Elbow, which routinely floods and poses a significant hazard for local parishioners and visitors. Persistent communication with Northumberland County Council to obtain commitment for the drains to be maintained and cleaned on a regular schedule to reduce the likelihood of flooding. The Parish council will continue to monitor the situation at Fiddlers Elbow and press the County Council for a plan.

Throughout the year the Parish Council has reviewed and provided feedback on several planning applications, carefully considering each in turn and continues to perform this duty. The council continues to engage with Northumberland Country Council to ensure adequate provision of road salt is available and deposited at appropriate locations throughout the Parish.

In May of this year we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III and as a parish we celebrated this wonderful event with a fabulous Coronation Tea Party at Wingate's Village Hall, with people attending from all across the parish, bringing the community together for a fun packed event for all.

As Chair I'd like to express on behalf of Nunnykirk Parish Council thanks to Louise Kirkwood for many years' service to the Parish Council, who is stepping back from the Council and we look forward to Louise's continued contribution as a Nunnykirk parishioner and valued member of the community.

In closing I'd like to thank all Parish Councillors for their time, effort, and support during a very busy year.