



Delivering Quality Services to
Coxhoe & Quarrington Hill

Coxhoe Parish Council

Meeting	Annual Parish Meeting
Date	Wednesday 6 th May 2015
Time	6.30 pm
Venue	Coxhoe Village Hall

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held at 6.30 pm in Coxhoe Village Hall, on Wednesday 6th May 2015.

Present: Councillor P Dodsworth (in the Chair), Councillors S Dunn, B Hepplewhite, K Pounder, T Rowe, C Thirlaway, W Lavelle, T Plews, C Hogarth and K Simpson.

Other: Mr G Price (Clerk to the Council), Durham County Councillor M Plews and 5 parishioners.

Apologies: None. **Absent:** Councillor T Gorman.

- 1. Welcome** – Councillor P Dodsworth, Chair of Coxhoe Parish Council, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
- 2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 7th May 2014** were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 3. Matters arising from that meeting.** None.
Comments of praise were given to the council from parishioners present, outlining their thanks and support to the community where the parish council had supported and worked in partnership across many projects. Praise was also given to the council from DCC Cllr M Plews.
- 4. The Chair's Annual report for 2014-2015.** The Chair's report was circulated in advance of the meeting to provide all attending the opportunity to peruse. The Chair advised that the council had continued to progress its Parish Plan (PP2) that had involved much partnership working and support from external bodies. The chair gave praise to the efforts and support from all members concerned and was pleased that the council had progressed many issues for its community.
- 5. Presentation of the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015.** In preparing the annual accounts the clerk had circulated copies for parishioners. The clerk advised that the council had ended the year with a balance of £39,307 but was holding £8,734 (external funding) earmarked for the Youth Strategy to be undertaken in the forthcoming financial year. Excluding this item from the council's balances illustrated that the council had increased its balances by a nominal £584. The clerk advised that the accounts would be audited internally soon and parishioners can exercise their right to inspect the accounts thereafter should they wish to do so.
- 6. Coxhoe Community Partnership report** – The annual report from the partnership had been circulated. This gave details of the work they had undertaken during the year that had address issues outlined in the Parish Plan. Thanks were given to the support received from the parish council as well as the many external bodies that provided good support. The partnership had continued to play a major role in the communications of the council with editorial content in the website and social media attracting a growing following. The partnership was targeting new members and finding ways to involve new people. The chair of the council commended the efforts of the partnership in their work in the community.
- 7. Quarrington Hill Village Partnership report** – No report was received as accounts were soon to be audited and the report should be published next month.
- 8. Quarrington Hill Community Association report** No report was received as accounts were soon to be audited and the report should be published next month.

9. Coxhoe Village Hall report – The annual report for the village hall had been circulated. The Chair gave thanks to the volunteer who had revised the website that was now drawing greater interest generating additional usage and business. The new management committee had made progress on improving the building and had financially broken even despite an inefficient heating system. The accounts illustrated where additional income was earned and where expenditure had doubled to provide improvements to the facility. Staff had retired and funding was now in place to provide a part-time manager to help run the building. Thanks were given to members of the committee for managing the finances, the donations received from DCC, AAP, Coxhoe Parish Council and Coxhoe Community Partnership. News of a recent grant award was received that would enable the village hall to invest in low energy lighting and insulation to reduce energy costs. The Vice Chair of the parish council commended the good work of the Coxhoe Village Hall management committee.

10.Future Leisure in Coxhoe – The annual report for FLiC had been circulated. This gave details of the work they had undertaken during the year and that they had achieved a financial break even position with the help of the parish council's financial support over the previous years. Grant funding had recently been received that would renew the lighting with low energy units and renew the sports hall flooring. The weights room was refurbished, gym space created and cycling moved to the activity room. These changes were well received by users. The centre was now well placed to continue delivering valued service for the community in the years ahead.

11.Issues raised by members of the public – None.

The meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

Signed on the 4th May 2016 as a true record of the meeting.

Cllr. S Dunn (Chair)

Cllr. C Hogarth (Vice-Chair)