



*Delivering Quality Services to  
Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill*

## **Coxhoe Parish Council**

**Meeting:** Annual Parish Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Venue:** Coxhoe Village Hall

### **Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting.**

1. **Present:** Six Parishioners were present. Parish Councillors: Stuart Dunn (Chairman), Keith Pounder, Colin Thirlaway, Wendy Lavelle, Barbara Hepplewhite, Kay Simpson (Deputy Chair) and Adrian Hedley. County Councillors: Maura Mckean. Parish Council Officers: Craig Rowbotham (Clerk) and Ian Thompson (Senior Youth Worker).
2. **Apologies:** Apologies received from Holly McCabe (PCSO (8012)) and Lisa Caine (Community Engagement Officer).
3. **Report of the Chairman:** The Chairman gave a verbal annual report from the 2016/17 financial year. In summary: "It has been a difficult 24 months for the Council. We lost our Parish Clerk and Youth Services Manager and restructured the organisation to bring on board a part-time Clerk and Community Engagement Officer. We also employed a Senior Youth Worker and three Auxiliary Workers and feel that we have a good team. The Council had to adopt Youth Services at the beginning of the year due to Durham County Council cuts to maintain these services in our Parish. We have succeeded in meeting the outcomes of Parish Plan 2 which was started in 2012 and has supported our community organisations such as; Coxhoe Village Hall, Quarrington Hill Community Centre, Coxhoe Village Partnership, Future Leisure in Coxhoe and the Banner Groups. We have raised the Precept by 5% to be able to continue our support for these community organisations while also maintaining Youth Services. I would like to thank our Members who are standing down today for their service to the Council and our community (Carole Hogarth, Eric Thompson, Ron Mayo, Tony Plews and Anne Murphy)". A Parishioner commented that the "work of the Council is very much appreciated".
4. **Police Report:** A written report was received and noted.
5. **Matters of Local Interest:** A Parishioner asked if there were plans to build bungalows in the village by Aged Miners Association? The Chairman responded stating "20 bungalows are planned as part of the third phase of the limes estate". It was also stated by another Parishioner that it is nice to be welcomed with a smile from our Clerk and Community Engagement Officer and the Council has achieved a lot. The Council was thanked by the Quarrington Hill Banner Group for their recent donation. The planned planting of shrubs along the tree-line behind the Quarrington Hill sculpture was raised because a number of bulbs has been planted in this

location and a Parishioner objected to this scheme going ahead. Also this Parishioner has saved the original foundation stones from the Chapel and suggested that the money was used to display these stones on the village green. It was RESOLVED to postpone the planting of the shrubs until Members can visit the site to determine if the scheme should go ahead. A Parishioner requested some litter picking equipment. The Council supplied Coxhoe Community Partnership with litter picking equipment and Tabards for Quarrington Hill were purchased but only 20 litter pickers were purchased to share between the villages. Any loaning of this equipment needs to be discussed with Ian Forster (Chair of the Partnership).

**6. Meeting was Closed.**