

**Wednesday 7th May 2025**

**At the Annual Meeting of the Stanhope Parish Council held at Eastgate Village Hall this day at 6.45pm**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr D Craig (Chairman)

And Councillors

Cllr E Buchanan, Cllr L Blackett, Cllr Mrs S Smart, Cllr Mrs C Burdis,  
Cllr R Lawrie, Cllr Mrs S Thompson, Cllr J Shuttleworth, Cllr Mrs D Wright, Cllr P Turton,  
Cllr M Brewin

Also Present: County Cllr Mrs A Savory

S Anderson (Clerk)

**Apologies –** Cllr Miss J Carrick

**6534. Appointment of Chairman.** It was proposed that Cllr D Craig be chairman, Cllr Miss J Carrick would like to stand again. Cllr Miss Carrick was proposed and seconded. A vote was taken, Cllr Mrs D Wright abstained from voting, Cllr Miss J Carrick will be chairman for the ensuing year. **Resolved:** It was agreed that Cllr Miss Carrick be Chairman

**6535. Appointment of Vice-Chairman.** It was proposed and seconded that Cllr D Craig be vice-chairman for the ensuing year. **Resolved:** It was agreed that Cllr D Craig be Vice-Chair

**6536. Retiring Chairman's Remarks.**

There were no retiring Chairmans remarks.

Cllr Craig welcomed Cllr Mrs Diane Wright as the new councillor for Stanhope Urban

**6537. Annual and Periodical Business:**

- (a) Upper Weardale Town Hall Committee. Resolved** that the Parish Council be represented by Councillor Miss J Carrick
- (b) Rookhope Village Hall Committee.** Cllr Shuttleworth is on this Committee already
- (c) Westgate Village Hall Committee. Resolved** that the Parish Council be represented by Councillor Dennis Craig.
- (d) Ireshopeburn Literary Institute Committee. Resolved** that the Parish Council be represented by Councillor Sandra Thompson
- (e) Liaison Group for Allotments. Resolved.** This would consist of Councillors Brewin, Craig, Lawrie and Wright

**6538. Chairman's Allowance.** It was resolved that the allowance this year would be £250

**6539. Financial Regulations – Review –** The signatories on the bank mandate are Cllr Miss Carrick, Cllr D Craig, Cllr Mrs Hawkes and S Anderson clerk/ responsible financial officer. **Resolved:** It was

agreed that Cllr Mrs S Thompson to go onto the bank mandate, dual authorisation for on-line banking

**6540. Information and Data Protection Policy- Review** – Policy was reviewed and agreed.

**6541. Standing Orders – Review** – Standing Orders reviewed and agreed

**6542. Dates and Times of Meetings. Resolved** that meetings would be held each month at 7.00pm on the first Wednesday. There is no meeting in January. It was mentioned that as DCC have recess in August would it be an idea for the council not to meet in that month. **Resolved:** It was decided just to leave things as they are at the time being.

**6543. Lighting.** Dawn till Dusk

**6544. Remuneration of Clerk. Resolved :** It was agreed a 3% pay rise

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