

**Subject to approval by the Parish Council**  
**OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Ovington Social Club on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr (Chair) Ben Woodcock, Cllr Elizabeth Marshall,  
Cllr Anne Hudson, Cllr Tudor Skelly, Lorraine Burns (Clerk).

2024/100 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Andy Maidwell and NCC Cllr Waddell.

2024/101 **Declarations of interest.** None

2024/102 **County Councillors Report.** None.

2024/103 **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024:**

having previously been circulated, the minutes were approved and signed.

2024/104 **Matters arising:**

**Gym Equipment Update:**

The Clerk has submitted an updated application to Northumberland County Council. The application is due to go before the Northumberland County Council Grants Committee on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024.

**Linear Native Tree Arboretum:**

Cllr Hudson summarised:

A total of 600 trees had been planted.

25 volunteers had assisted in the latest leg which concentrated on the Whittle Dene & Ovingham area.

Next stage includes the design of the website, social media and signage development with the guidance of Steven Pardue.

NCC have donated £5000 financial support.

Provisional launch – April/May 2024.

**The Green & Joiners Park + Affixing the bench on Green:**

**Joiners:**

Martin Goodfellow has carried out Joiners boundary fencing and gate posts are now secure.

**The Green:**

The bench originally positioned at the far end of the green is to be repositioned near the play area.

It is hoped subject to weather conditions that the bench will be secured and the plaque added this month.

**The Millennium Park:**

Despite the adverse weather conditions Martin has continued to tidy the park in anticipation of the spring.

Concern was raised as to the condition of the grassed area leading to the gate of the adjoining field. The unprecedented rainfall has contributed to this. The parish council have agreed to monitor the situation.

**Grassed area near Dene Terrace:**

The replacement of the bench funded by Ovington Community Group and the Parish Council will be actioned as soon as weather conditions allow.

2024/105	<b>Expenditure Authorisation:</b>		
22/1/24	Ovington Social Club	Room booking 11/1/24	£12.00
22/1/24	Ovington Social Club	Room booking 4/3/24	£12.00
22/1/24	Ovington Social Club	Room booking 13/5/24	£12.00
22/1/24	Sport Tynedale	Donation	£50.00
5/2/24	Elizabeth Marshall	Printing	£50.00
22/2/24	Wylam Parish Council	Burial Committee	£1191.00

2024/106 **Committee Reports:**

None.

2024/107 **Village Environment:**

Transport Issues & Pot holes: The Parish Council have been regularly reporting pot holes through the County Council portal. Some remedial action has taken place with more scheduled.

Details of how to report pot holes are included in the latest parish council newsletter.

Follow up Transport meeting to be held late April. Date to be arranged.

Flooding & sewage leaks: The land owner and the parish council continue to correspond with Northumbria Water.

2024/108 **Correspondence:**

None

2024/109 **Next Meeting:**

The dates of the next meetings were confirmed as Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7pm (AGM) & Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

2024/110 **Any other business as deemed urgent by the Chair.**

Meeting Concluded at 7.54pm