

Subject to approval by the Parish Council

OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Ovington Social Club on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr (Chair) Ben Woodcock, Cllr Anne Hudson, Cllr Tudor Skelly, Cllr Liz Marshall Cllr Fiona Maidwell, Cllr Holly Waddell & Lorraine Burns (Clerk).

Lisa Leggatt in attendance.

2024/028 **Apologies for absence:** None

2024/029 **Declarations of interest:** Fiona – Committee Member – Ovington Social Club

2024/030 **County Councillors Report:**

Cllr Waddell confirmed she would soon be attending meetings with both Planning and Highways and would take the opportunity to clarify our concerns to them regarding village traffic and the enforcement of planning issues to both in person.

Discussion took place regarding the potential of opening a Warm Hub in the village amalgamating the resources and expertise of both Ovington Community Group and Ovington Social Club. Cllr Waddell to send contact details of the organiser so that we can investigate funding opportunities.

2024/031 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024:**
Having previously been circulated, the minutes were approved and signed.

Welcome Cllr Fiona Maidwell to the Parish Council.

2024/032 **Matters arising:**

Local Transport Plan & Transport Issues:

Our Local Transport Plan priorities were submitted to Northumberland County Council in August 24.

Cllr Waddell to assist us in arranging a face to face, walk around with Neil Snowdon from NCC, to discuss issues raised at the roads/transport meeting earlier in the year

Mirror progress – subject to the most appropriate siting. A request for an additional mirror opposite Winships has been noted, taking the number to 4.

Cllr Hudson to attend The Parish Council Conference on 3rd October 2024 – where transport will be discussed.

Summer Newsletter:

The Summer Newsletter was successfully delivered throughout the village and surrounding areas.

Ovington Trees:

Cllr Hudson reported that the riverside path had been cleared so that the young trees may thrive.

That unfortunately the Community Art Day, would possibly be postponed until next year, due to the providers previous commitments

Tyne Rivers Trust – To tidy hedgerows, clear seedlings and replace saplings
18/9/24.

Ovington Trees to site a new noticeboard on the side wall of Ovington Social Club.

Notice Boards:

It was reported that the noticeboards were clogged with out-of-date notices. Councillors were asked to take an active role in removing notices of past events.

Barry Hindmarsh and Billy Thompson are working together on the new Overdene Noticeboard.

Paths & Beautifier:

Following parishioner concerns regarding over growing plants on footpaths it was agreed that we would contact NCC regarding regular cutting of The Beautifier. This would be monitored by Martin Goodfellow.

Cllr Hudson to monitor Jubilee Road.

Cllr Maidwell to source a new insert for The Beautifier bin.

Parks and grassed areas – Annual Risk Assessment:

The annual risk assessment will be taking place in September on The Green. As the gym equipment has now been removed from Joiners there will be no external assessment.

It was reported that the gravel path in Joiners had been compressed to aid access for wheelchair and pushchair users.

Cllr Hudson to confirm the status of the Village Herb raised bed with the Ovington Community Group.

PC Election Update:

Cllr Skelly informed the Councillor of his intention to resign his membership from the Parish Council. Cllr Woodcock thanked Cllr Skelly for all his work and

endeavours over his term of office and wished him every success for the future.

Upon receipt of his written resignation the post will be advertised for no less than 14 working days. At the end of this period there will be an election or a new Councillor will be co-opted.

Parish Council Precept 2025:

L Burns reported that the second half of the current years' precept would be paid to the Council in September 24.

Overdene Issues Arising:

As reported in 2024/030. Cllr Waddell would be discussing several concerns regarding planning at Overdene with the County Council Planning Department.

Defibrillator Management Update: Following local news regarding community defibrillators, Cllr Hudson has contacted the national body and database to ensure our defibrillator monitoring is compliant with their recommendations.

We are pleased to report that our defibrillator testing and checking of power and pads, twice monthly exceeds their expectations. Every test is registered and documented. Additionally, 3 yearly training is provided for parishioners.

Thanks to Barbara Goodfellow and Cllr Hudson for all their efforts.

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Expenditure Authorisation: .

2/7/24	Martin Goodfellow – 15/11 to 31/3/24.	£300.00
7/7/24	Wylam PC – OJBC.	£1191.00
1/8/24	Sport Tynedale – Annual Donation	£50.00
7/8/24	Overdene Community - Notice Board	£385.00
7/8/24	Gatepost Replacement – A Rodham	£153.00
21/8/24	Newsletter Printing	£51.00

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Committee Reports:

Ovingham Joint Burial Committee – Cllr Ben Woodcock update – No update as next scheduled meeting is in September 2024.

Cllr Woodcock and Cllr Hudson to compile a written response to the OJBC regarding The Lodge.

Ovington Community Group – Cllr Elizabeth Marshall update – To attend the meeting dated Tuesday 10th September 2024.

East Tynedale Parish & Town Councils Forum – Cllr Anne Hudson update – Cllr Hudson reported that Ovington and other small Parish Councils, who are members of the Forum, are looking into possible economies of scale of joint commissioning for regular mutual work around the Parishes.

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Village Environment:

Cllr F Maidwell to take over from ex Cllr A Maidwell in monitoring the 'dog poo' situation. Including bin emptying, poo bags and violation of the dog poo rules.

Following several complaints regarding commercial dog walkers using Joiners Park for multiple dog exercising. Where the dogs are off lead whilst not being observed and their poo is not being picked up, the Parish Council has decided to forbid commercial dog walking users from using the park. A sign to this effect will be erected as soon as practicable.

It has been reported that both The Green and Joiners may have a significant Mole problem. L Burns to investigate the practicality of utilising the skills of a professional Mole catcher.

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Correspondence:

The Parish Council received a thank you email from Cliff Thornton on behalf of Sport Tynedale thanking us for our annual donation of £50.

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Next Meeting:

The dates of the next meetings were confirmed Monday 11th November 2024 & Monday 13th January 2025.

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Any other business as deemed urgent by the Chair:

L Burns to purchase 2 Holly Wreaths for the Remembrance Day service on the Sunday 10th November 2024.

Meeting Concluded at 20.25