

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, Great Ayton Parish Council
Held in the Discovery Centre on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.00pm**

Present

Cllr F Greenwell, Cllr J Healy-Dufosse Belton, Cllr R Kirk (Chair), Angela Livingstone (Clerk), Cllr Moorhouse. 3 residents.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Baylin and Cllr Greer had sent their apologies. The reasons for apology were accepted. Cllr Blackmore had informed that she would be late.

2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 7th May 2024 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chair's report

- 4.1 The Chair advised that the main item discussed over the past year had been the allotments. There had been the bid for a grant which was achieved and awarded subject to a number of issues. The development plans for the second piece of land up for sale were currently awaited, the owner did not wish to sell the allotments until they secured the sale of the second field. The Chair had been informed that an email was expected shortly regarding the development. He stated thanks to the Allotment groups for the fundraising and their continued efforts.
- 4.2 The Chair informed that the Parish Council staff had in this year taken on the management of green spaces. This had been challenging in the early days but had moved on that he gave his thanks to staff for their work.
- 4.3 Events had been organised such as the bi-annual Charity fete and the Carols on the Green, both had been successful and well attended.
- 4.4 The Parish Council were responsible for many things in the community, with issues often arising including seats, trees, toilets, planning issues, leases etc. All areas were managed on an ongoing basis and were recorded within the minutes.
- 4.5 The Chair gave his sincere thanks to his fellow Councillors for the work they have done in the last year. He commented that this was almost a new Parish Council with the large number of new members, with new insights and thoughts brought forward.

5. Public Questions

- 5.1 Cllr Moorhouse stated that she wanted to give her thanks to the Parish Council and say well done, especially to the Chair and the Clerk. She found that the Parish Council were very organised in what they do, they are active and ensured action was taken and worked together where possible to ensure a successful outcome.

- 5.2 A resident introduced herself and another resident as members of the Brighten Up Great Ayton group and the Climate Action group. She observed a lack of mention in the report on climate and nature. She stated that the Parish Council had agreed a few years previous to look further at this area. She acknowledged that there was work ongoing in the village especially with the churches and primary schools. The new resident had sent a complaint to the Parish Council regarding the use of weedkiller in the village. The Chair reminded that the Parish Council were in their first year of managing the land. They were very supportive of the 20mph speed limit and cycling routes. Cllr Mason stated that to enable better communications the Parish Council were looking at having a social media presence and improving the website.
- 5.3 Cllr Moorhouse stated her thanks to Mr Marley for all the work he does within the village.