

**THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ELECTORS FOR
THE PARISH OF MONK HESLEDEN HELD ON
MONDAY 22nd MAY 2023**

Present: Councillor G Crute (Chairman)
Councillors' S Childs, O Deinali, S Deinali, G Duddin, A Mason, A Marley Lawson, G Morris, A Paterson, N Thompson

aa23-2401 **TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ELECTORS HELD ON 23rd MAY 2022**

Copies of the minutes were circulated to each Member before the meeting.

RESOLVED the minutes of the Annual Assembly of Electors, held on the 23rd of May 2022, be received.

aa23-2402 **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

"It has been another busy year for the Parish Council. It was nice to be able to host some events, including the family fund day to celebrate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The annual Remembrance events were held in both Blackhall and Hesleden and both continue to grow in numbers, thanks to all concerned with both events. The Christmas Tree lighting in both villages was again very popular with a lot of positive feedback on the trees and lights.

The Parish Council continued to support many organisations in our communities with funding granted to:

Blackhall ATC - contribution towards uniform £400.00
Blackhall Banner Group - transport to the Durham Big Meeting £500.00
Blackhall Community Association - Winter Wonderland event £500.00
Friends of Blackhall Library- summer programme £500.00
Hesleden Primary School - Platinum Jubilee event
Hesleden Residents Association - Family Fun Day £200.0
Neighborhood Outreach Group – Tea n Chat £250.00

A consultation took place with pupils from Hesleden Primary School on the refurbishment of the play area in Hesleden and work is due to commence in the coming weeks. Another successful project has been the digitisation of the Parish Council's cemetery records, this has been a big undertaking but will be a huge benefit to staff and residents.

Councillors continued to be active in Parish Council life and undertook training and attended numerous additional meetings with some difficult decisions made. Members have continued to show their commitment to improving the Parish for the benefit of all.

Changes have taken place within the grounds staff team with Paul Harmer leaving us in the summer and the parks and facilities manager retiring in spring 2023. The Parish Council thanks both Paul and John for their hard work and dedication over many years' service. The Parish Council were pleased to appoint Antony Peace as our new estates manager, who I am sure will continue to be an asset to the council. We also welcomed Kyle Smith back to the team and a warm welcome was given to a new apprentice Brandon Wood.

As always, I would like to express my personal thanks to fellow councillors for their continued support over the past twelve months. Thanks as ever go to our clerk, Lynda Wardle who works extremely hard for the Parish Council. My thanks go to the remaining members of our team Katherine Alderson, Jeff Dixon, Keith Bell, Kyle Smith & Brandon Wood.”

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TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST March 2023

The Clerk had forwarded copies of the Parish Council's Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2023.

RESOLVED the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 be accepted and approved.

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TO CONSIDER ANY RESOLUTION OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE AS BEEN GIVEN TO THE CHAIRMAN OR CLERK

The Clerk confirmed that no resolutions had been received.

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TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS OR MATTER RAISED BY THE ELECTORATE

The Clerk confirmed that no matters had been received or raised by the electorate.

The Annual Assembly was drawn to a close.

Certified as a True Record

Chairman

Dated