

**THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ELECTORS FOR
THE PARISH OF MONK HESLEDEN HELD ON
MONDAY 18th^h MAY 2026**

Present: Councillor G Crute (Chairman)
Councillors' R Bowes, S Childs, G M Crute, O Deinali, S Deinali, G Duddin,
A Mason, N Thompson

aa26-2701 **TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF
ELECTORS HELD ON 19th MAY 2025**

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

RESOLVED the minutes of the Annual Assembly of Electors, held on the 19th
May 2025, be received.

aa26-2702 **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

"It gives me great pleasure to present the Chairman's Annual Report for Monk
Hesleden Parish Council for the past municipal year.

Over the last twelve months, the Council has continued to work hard to deliver
for our communities, maintaining strong governance, careful financial
management, and a clear focus on improving the parish for our residents.

One of the highlights of the year has been our continued investment in Blackhall
Welfare Park.

We have delivered a refurbished play area, providing modern, safe equipment
for families, alongside the installation of a new Multi-Use Games Area, or MUGA.

This facility is already proving to be a valuable asset, offering young people and
residents a safe, accessible place to take part in sport and recreation. It
represents a long-term investment in both health and community wellbeing.

Alongside this, we have continued to maintain our parks, open spaces and wider
environment to a high standard.

Particular attention has been given to our cemeteries at Blackhall and Hesleden,
ensuring they remain respectful, well-kept spaces for remembrance, which are
so important to our community.

The Council has also continued to organise and support a number of well-
attended community events.

Our annual fireworks display once again brought residents together, and our
Remembrance Services were delivered with the dignity and respect they rightly
deserve.

However, the year has not been without its challenges.

Anti-social behaviour, particularly at Blackhall Welfare Park, has required the Council to take firm and responsible action, including working closely with the police and, at times, making difficult decisions to protect both facilities and the public.

Partnership working continues to be essential.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to County Councillor Rob Crute for his ongoing support and collaboration, including financial contributions towards a number of local initiatives which have made a real difference within the parish.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who make the day-to-day work of the Council possible:

- Our Ground staff, for their hard work in maintaining our environment
- Anthony Peace, our Estates Manager, for his professionalism and commitment
- Lynda Wardle, our Parish Clerk, for ensuring the smooth running of Council business
- And Katherine Alderson, for her valued role in the office as a key point of contact for residents

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their continued dedication and service to the community.

In conclusion, despite the challenges we have faced, this has been a positive and productive year.

We have continued to invest in our facilities, support our community, and lay strong foundations for the future.”

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TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST March 2026

The Clerk had forwarded copies of the Parish Council's Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2026.

RESOLVED the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026 be accepted and approved.

aa26-2704

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.

**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