

Draft One Subject to ratification at the next Parish Meeting

**Beadnell – Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 10 May 2017
6.00 pm The WI Hall, Beadnell**

Present:

Parish Councillors RJ Batten, JM Hall and AMH Nation
13 Parishioners or Members of the Public
SE Rickitt – NALC Chief Officer

1: Chair of the Meeting

The former Parish Council Chairman being absent, all present agreed that Cllr Hall would chair the meeting.

2: Introductions

Cllr Hall explained that the clerk to the Parish Council had resigned. An interim clerk had been identified but she was unable to attend this meeting. Mr Rickitt from the Northumberland Association of Local Councils was present as adviser and minute-taker.

3: Discussion on Parish Issues

3.1 Parishioners indicated concern at the resignation of the clerk and that three Councillors had resigned from the new Council. Mr Williamson read a prepared question which he requested be added to the minutes (see annex).

3.2 Mr Rickitt advised that there should be no discussion of matters relating to the employment of the former clerk. These were matters which the Parish Council, as employer, should consider (if necessary) in private.

3.3 Cllr Hall confirmed that two Councillors had specifically stated they would not be signing their declarations of acceptance of office. A third had failed to respond to any attempts at communication. The clerk had submitted a written resignation. Cllr Hall informed the meeting that it was for the individuals to say why they had decided on the course of action.

3.4 Cllr Hall did not have the written statements with her and agreed to forward copies to Mr Williamson if that were possible.

There being no other issues raised, the meeting closed at 6.18 pm

Confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.....

Date.....

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