

I am James Williamson and have lived in Beadnell Parish for nearly 40 years.

Over the last 20 years I have regularly attended the Parish Council meetings and been active in supporting the decisions made by the Parish Council.

Up until this year there has been harmony and respect in the functioning of the Parish Council.

But it now appears that something has gone very wrong with the Parish Council.

I would like to know:

Why in the month of April were there 4 resignations from the Parish council and all within 24 hours?

2 resignations from long serving Councillors, one of whom was the Chair

Both these Councillors have done a lot of good work in the Parish over the years and they will be sadly missed

Also 1 resignation from a recently co-opted Councillor

All these 3 Councillors had registered to stand again in the May elections so what has happened to make them choose to suddenly resign?

And regrettably the Clerk has also resigned. In the 3 years Laurie has been Clerk she has earned the respect and the confidence of the residents of Beadnell. She was helpful, pleasant and extremely competent in her job and will be very much missed. Why has she resigned?

As a resident of Beadnell Parish I am very disturbed by these developments and have concerns about the future of the Parish Council.

Freedom of information act request copy of the letters of resignation

I request that my questions are recorded in the minutes.