

Beadnell Parish Council
Parish Meeting - May 2022 - Chair's Address

1. May 2021 heralded the 4 year cycle for Parish Council elections, the first candidate election since 1999.
There were 9 candidates for 7 positions.
The elected candidates are Adrian Baker, Michael Dawson, Jen Hall, Geoff Martindale, Alison Nation, John Rhind and Christine Williamson.
Subsequently, I was elected Chair with Jen Hall Vice Chair for the year May 2021 to May 2022.
2. Relaxation of Covid restrictions signalled an end to remote meetings and a return to face to face, bi-monthly meetings in WI Hall.
3. The level of Precept has been held at £12K.
The amount of donations from holiday lets registered for business rates is excess of £2900, for the current year.
Thanks to our Clerk and Adrian Baker for their dedication to the PC's financial affairs.
And, thank you to Colin Brunt for his work on the in house audit.
4. An information panel was installed at the cemetery. There have been 2 burial and 1 ashes plots purchased and 3 interments.
5. Playground inspections continue. Many thanks to Andy Brown for continuing to carry out repairs and maintenance on a voluntary basis. Fencing damage, following storm Arwen, was repaired, debris from fallen trees was cleared and hedging planted.
6. A 3 year grass cutting contract for the cemetery, playground and Public Footpath 205/033 was let for 2022-2024.
7. Public transport routes through the village have been problematic, however the Aviva bus service re-routing trial is to be routed back through village, again, on a trial basis. Thanks to John Rhind for his persistence in chasing Arriva.
The Travelsure 418 bus service continues to use the through the village route.
8. The Parish continues to lead in the number of planning application submissions in the northern area.
The Parish Council has consulted on over 20 planning applications.
3 applications were 'called in' and the opportunity to present the Parish Council's view was presented to the County Council's Planning Committee.
Parish Council supported Northumberland County Council's's planning application to trial 'overnight motorhome parking', subsequently the **application was approved by the Northern Area Committee.**
9. I am pleased to report that the County Council has installed 8 overnight motorhome spaces in the overflow carpark. This provision is on a trial basis for this year.
Also, 4 Electric Vehicle charging points have been installed in the main carpark.
Recently the carpark bin store was damaged by fire, however the County Council has carried out repairs to the fencing and replaced the damaged bins.
10. The Parish council continues to be represented on the Neighbourhood Plan Group by Jen Hall and Alison Nation. Thank you for your continued work.
11. The County Council have agreed a contract with a local businessman for the boat launch facility. The venture has a new, purpose built launch vehicle, I wish them every success.

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12. BCV and BIB continue their valuable work throughout the parish. Their work is clear to see and a pleasure to residents and visitor alike.
Whether it's planting, seating, xmas lights (improved this year), car boot sales, the 'stall on the wall', the volunteer groups continue their dedicated work with enthusiasm, which deserves our heart felt thanks.
13. I'm sure we are all looking forward to the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June - again the BCV, together with the WI, Church and local business's are working hard to make this a memorable, community event.
14. Finally, again thanks to Isabell for her patience, dedication and experience, and her assistance during my year in office.. Thanks to my fellow Councillors who have provided assistance and advice, on occasions too numerous and varied to mention, but nevertheless invaluable.

Geoff Martindale

Chair, Beadnell Parish Council