**Bowsden Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bowsden Parish Council 0n Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.25pm at Bowsden Village Hall**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Graeme Reavley (Chair), Dominic Elsworth, Ian Jackson, Chris Betts and Shaun Young**.**

County Councillor Colin Hardy

**Parish Clerk:** Sue Sim

**Parishioners:** 3

1. **Election of Officers:**

* + CouncillorElsworth proposed Councillor Reavley as Chair, Councillor Jackson seconded the proposal. Councillor Reavley elected Chair.
  + Councillor Reavely proposed Councillor Elsworth as Vice Chair, Councillor Jackson seconded the proposal, Councillor Elsworth elected Vice Chair.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor Jayne Watson

Councillor Emma Anderson.

1. **Declarations of Interest:** None
2. **Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2023**

Monday 22nd May 2023

1. **Matters Arising –** None
2. **Councillor Colin Hardy**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Hardy and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Northumberland County Council has entered an election year.

The County Council has just received £100 million for the South of the County.

The NCC is changing to summer services, grass cutting etc. It has been a bad start to the work due to the dreadful weather postponing activity.

Permanent pothole repairs should be taking place.

There were no questions from the Parish Councillors

An issue was raised from a parishioner about the bumpy roads following the filling of instances where the roads have been dug up for work to be undertaken. Councillor Hardy pointed out that the responsibility for filling the roads belonged to the contractors but that they had to comply with the necessary regulations.

1. **End of the Year Financial Position 2023-2024**

**Income**

**Bank Balance B/F** £3,477.41

NCC Precept £1,300.00

**Totals £4,777.41**

**Expenditure**

NALC £69.59

Zurich Insurance £194.44

Bowsden Village Hall £1,000.00

**Bank Balance C/F £**3,513.38

**Totals £4,777.41**

1. **Adoption of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2023-2024:**
   * **Annual Internal Audit:** 
     1. Accepted by all Parish Councillors present**.**
   * **The Annual Governance Statement:** 
     1. (Item 7) There were no matters brought forward by the previous internal and external audits.
   * **The Accounting Statement for 2023 – 2024** was approved and signed by the Chair and the Parish Clerk
   * **The Certificate of Exemption –** was approved and signed by the Chair and the Parish Clerk.

The Annual Internal Audit document, Annual Governance Statement, Annual Accounting Statement and the Certificate of exemption will be published on or before 1st July 2024 in the Parish Council section of the Bowsden Village Hall website, [www.bowsdennvillagehallnet.net](http://www.bowsdennvillagehallnet.net) The document will remain available for at least 10 days. Anyone without access to the website can inspect the documents by contacting the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council thanked the Internal Auditor Mrs Deborah Hudson for her continuing support.

7 ,**Any Other Business –**

None

1. **Date of Next Meeting -** May 2025