

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held on Thursday 14th May, 2026 in Burnhope Community Centre at the conclusion of the Parish Meeting.

Present

Councillor D Coates (Chair)

Councillors L. Clarke, S. McCormick, I. McKeag, C. Metcalf, D. Metcalf, L. Million, J. Stewart, H. Wilson, County Councillor A. Gray and Alderman O. Johnson.

Apologies for Absence

Councillors T. Barras, G. Smith and PCSO P. Hart.

Appointment of Chair

It was unanimously **agreed that** Cllr Derek Coates be appointed Chair for the ensuing year.

Appointment of Vice Chair

It was unanimously **agreed that** Cllr Sarah McCormick be appointed Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

Parish Precept

The Clerk reported that the Parish Precept for the year 2026-27 of £12,000 had been received.

A financial statement of the Parish Council accounts was circulated, along with the proposed fees for burials in the Parish Cemetery. It was **agreed that** the proposed increases in burial fees be approved and that a special meeting be held to discuss the Parish Council's budget for 2027-28.

Signatories

It was **agreed that** Cllrs D. Coates, S. McCormick, C. Metcalf, D Metcalf and G. Smith remain as cheque signatories.

Dates of Meetings

It was **agreed that** wherever possible meetings be held at 6.00 p.m. on the first Thursday in the month except for the recess months of August and January.

Appointment to Outside Bodies

Organisation	Representative
Burnhope Partnership	Cllr Sarah McCormick
Burnhope Community Centre	Alan Gibson
Smaller Councils Network	Cllr Ian McKeag
Friends of Burnhope War Memorial	All Councillors

Adoption of Policies and Regulation

It was **agreed that** the existing policies and regulations be re-adopted by the Parish Council for the Municipal Year 2026-27.

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