
Beadnell Parish Council Parish Meeting - May 2024
Chair's Address

1. At the meeting of Beadnell Parish Council in May 2023, I was re-elected as Chair with Jen Hall Vice Chair for the year May 2023 to May 2024.

2. In September John Rhind resigned his position and we welcomed Jane Darcy to the Parish Council.

3. There Is a Parish Councillor vacancy to bring the total to 7.
The future of Beadnell Parish Council depends on us attracting volunteers who are willing to give some time to representing the views of all parishioners.

4. The level of precept for 2024/25 will increase to £13k an increase of 8%.

Thanks to our Clerk and Councillor Adrian Baker for their dedication to the PC's financial affairs.

My sincere thanks go to Colin Brunt who again has prepared our Internal Audit.

5. Day to day issues involving the cemetery are coordinated by Councillor Jen Hall and our Clerk

In line with the increase in precept, cemetery charges are to increase by 8% from 1 July 2024

During the past 12 months there have been 4 burials.

Investigation into standing water in low area to the west is ongoing, as it is evidently proving to be more problematic than first thought.

6. Safety inspections of the Kennedy Green and Long Beach Drive play areas continue on a weekly basis.

The ROSPA annual inspection was approved for 2024.

A survey for the replacement of playground equipment is being undertaken, this to canvass the views of families and residents.

Tree removal, hedge trimming and planting has clearly tidied the area.

Improved access from Kennedy Green has been installed.

Thanks to those involved especially Andy Brown for carrying out minor repairs and maintenance on a voluntary basis.

7. The PC is a consultee on planning applications. This year we have discussed in excess of 24 applications and spoken at the County Council Local Planning Committee.
8. The PC continues to be represented on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group by Councillors Jen Hall, Alison Nation and Jane Darcy.
Thank you for continuing this work.
9. BCV and BIB continue their valuable work throughout the parish. Their work is clear to see and a pleasure to residents and visitors alike.
Whether it's planting, seating, Xmas lights, car boot sales, the 'stall on the wall', the volunteer groups continue their dedicated work with enthusiasm, which deserves our heartfelt thanks.
'The Chatterry' meeting area in Longstone Close was formally opened in May 2023.
10. On going issues with NWL persist. There are series questions of identifying and monitoring foul water outfalls and discharges. The tankering program has been temporally suspended after a 3 day operation of pumping out the surface water balancing ponds.
11. Finally, again thanks to Isabell for her patience, dedication and experience, and her assistance during my time 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

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