



Skelsmergh and Scalthwaiterigg Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual
General Meeting
28 May 2026 At Skelsmergh Community Hall

Present John Chapman, Chair, (JC)
Councillors Tim Maggs, (TM), Angela Brand-Barker, (ABB). Chris Loynes, (CL)
Clerk Ron Anderson

Minute no:

- 01/26 **Welcome and apologies.** Cllr Chapman opened the meeting at 7pm. Mick Crozier sent his apologies which were accepted.
- 02/26 **Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting**
The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the chair. Proposed ABB, seconded TM
- 03/26 **Matters arising.** The state of the parish notice boards are still a concern. Councillors will investigate possible solutions.
- 04/26 As no parishioners attended the meeting closed at 7.15 and moved on to the

Annual General Meeting

- 05/26 **Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026-2027** Councillor John Chapman agreed to stand again as chair. Proposed TM, seconded ABB. Carried unanimously Cllr Chapman signed the Acceptance of Office.
Councillor Chris Loynes agreed to stand as Vice Chair again. Proposed ABB, seconded TM. Carried unanimously
- 06/26 **Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting** The minutes of the last AGM were approved and signed by the chair. Proposed ABB seconded TM
- 07/26 **Chair's Annual Report** . Cllr Chapman noted there are still vacancies on the council but praised the diligence of the existing councillors in fulfilling the council's duties. The council have responded to several possibly contentious planning applications; in all cases putting the views of parishioners and preservation of the environment and character of the parish at the forefront of their deliberations.
Through the generosity of the Robert Stephenson Charities the council have taken over development of land at Gurnal Bridge which, under the guidance of Cllr Loynes, has been developed into a woodland area for the benefit of parishioners and the wider community. The full report can be found on the parish council website.
- 08/26 **Representatives** The following representative positions were proposed and accepted;
Skelsmergh Community Hall Liaison; JC, ABB
CALC representatives; Cllrs would attend as needed and available
Community Plan; CL
First Aid; ABB
Woodland; JC
- 09/26 Cllr Chapman closed the meeting at 7.45pm

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Signed Chair.....

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