

Headland Parish Council

Minutes of the Headland Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday, 18th May 2026

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair: S. Gaiety

Councillors: S. Lee, D. Davies-Luke, A. Hay, A. Jackson, M. Jorgeson, A. Muller-Nicholson, G. Murphy, C. Templeman and A. Turner.

Clerk to the Council: M. Ellett

apm25-2601 **To accept Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

apm25-2602 **Welcome and introductions**

Members introduced themselves due to new members being appointed in recent months.

apm25-2603 **A Report from the Chair on the work of Hartlepool Headland Parish Council**

“I have been the Chair of the Parish Council for a year now and we have worked hard to improve how we work and deliver to the community. We are starting to get some stability and this will only make things better for the residents of the Headland.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has been involved in the Parish Council this year and this includes our Clerk, Michelle, all my fellow councillors old and new and a big thank you to the residents that take the time to come along to the meetings and engage with our meetings because this is the reason that we are still here; we all want the best for the Headland.

This year, we have tried to reconnect with different groups on the Headland including St. Helen's and St. Bega's Schools, the Carnival and Wintertide Committees and the newly formed Folk Festival Committee.

Something else I'm trying to achieve, is closer communications with the Borough Council so the Headland isn't left behind like it has been in the past. I'm sure everyone has been as frustrated as I have been and disappointed how the Headland seems to be forgotten and neglected, but hopefully, this is something we can change.

Our former Chair and Headland and Harbour Councillor, Shane Moore, stood down this year and I would like to thank him for all the hard work he has done for the Headland over the years and, even though he is no longer a Councillor, he is still trying to help with advice and sharing contacts he has made over the years. This is a big help with moving forwards and improving our community.

Finally, I would like to thank Councillor Matthew Dodds and Councillor John Nelson. It is a thankless job but I want them to know that the Parish Council appreciates all

the hard work they put in and I'm looking forward to working with them this year to improve our amazing community."

The Vice-Chair, Councillor Lee, thanked the Chair for attending many meetings over the year and trying to achieve things for the Headland.

apm25-2604 **Finance Overview**

A Finance Overview for 2025-26 was given by the Clerk/RFO.

apm25-2605 **Update on Regent Square Gardens (Councillor H. White)**

There was no update on Regent Square Gardens due to Councillor White not being in attendance. An update will be given at a future Parish Council meeting.

apm25-2606 **Questions**

There was 1 member of the public present.

Councillor Gaiety thanked the member of the public for attending the meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting was drawn to a close.

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Chair:

Date: