

**MINUTES OF HUDSWELL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD IN HUDSWELL VILLAGE HALL ON: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

**Present:** Cllr A Barker (AB)  
 Cllr P Chapman (PC)  
 Cllr J Dixon (JD)  
 County Cllr Y Peacock (NYC) (YP)  
 Cllr B Phillips (BP)  
 Cllr R Phillips (RP)  
 Mrs C Swainston (Parish Clerk) (CS)  
 Cllr H Swettenham (HS)

Mr Hunter-Smith  
 Dr Graeme Paterson

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Election of Chairman</b>	
	Cllr John Dixon was elected as Chairman, and Cllr Richard Phillips as Vice Chairman. Cllr Dixon thanked those in attendance.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>To approve the Minutes for 2025</b>	
	The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 were approved and signed.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026 for Audit</b>	
	The Risk Register, Asset Register and Standing Orders for 2026 were considered, together with the additional Playing Field Risk Register and Privacy Statement. Councillors ratified these documents and approved the Annual Governance Statement.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Approval of Accounting Statements 2025/2026 for Audit</b>	
	The Parish Clerk presented the final accounts for the period 2025/26 and confirmed that the "Exemption Certificate" would be returned to the external Auditor.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>To agree Parish Clerks Stipend 2026/2027</b>	
	The Parish Council agreed an annual stipend of £2,332.00 for the Parish Clerk. This is an increase of 4.1% in line with Government pay awards.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Parish Council Chairman's Report</b>	
	The Chairman reported that the year had been quiet, fast efficient meetings and all matters arising actioned.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>County Councillor's Report</b>	
	Business as usual!	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Hudswell Community Charity Report</b>	
	Mr Martin Booth sent his apologies, Cllr Swettenham was available to answer any questions.	

**9. Hudswell Village Hall Report**

Cllr Paul Chapman presented the Village Hall report.