

Featherstone Parish Council – Minutes for the Meeting on Wednesday 26th of November 2025 at 7:30pm at Featherstone Village Hall

Present: Cllr. E. Wigham – (Chair), Cllr. A. Sharp, Cllr. A. Whitehead, Cllr. G. Patterson
Also Present: Jan Birks (Clerk)

63/25 Apologies for Absence - Cllr. T. Teasdale

Public Questions 64/25 - None received.

Declarations of Interest 65/25 - None received.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings -66/25

66/25.01 The minutes of the meeting held on 26th August 2025 were approved

Proposed: Cllr. A Sharp, Seconded: Cllr. G. Patterson - Approved

66/25.02 The minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2025 were approved

Proposed: Cllr. A Whitehead Seconded: Cllr. G. Patterson - Approved

Matters Arising from the Minutes -67/25 – None declared.

Administration and Governance -68/25

68/25.01 The Council noted the resignation of Councillor D Graham, effective 11 September 2025. The Clerk will notify NCC and issue the statutory notice of vacancy.

68/25.02 Proposed adoption of the HugoFox website and .gov.uk email addresses

Proposed: Cllr. A Whitehead Seconded: Cllr. G Patterson - Approved

Reports on Financial Matters -69/25

Reports received, Payments, receipts, bank reconciliation, and cash balances noted and accepted.

Proposed: Cllr A Sharp Seconded: Cllr G Patterson - Approved

Budget and Precept 70/25

70.25.01 It was agreed to approve the levy increase from the Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee for the 2026/27 budget

Proposed: Cllr. G Patterson Seconded: Cllr. A Whitehead - Approved

70.25.02 -It was agreed that the budget for 2026/27 be approved

Proposed: Cllr. A Sharp Seconded: Cllr. A Whitehead - Approved

70.25.03 It was agreed to increase the precept for 2026/27 by 10.3448% to £3,200

This was discussed at length, and the rise is attributed to the increase of the Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee levy increase of 20%.

Proposed: Cllr. G Patterson Seconded: Cllr. A Whitehead - Approved

Community Governance Review 71/25 Form completed and mailed

Report and any resolutions arising 72/25 None noted

Correspondence 73/25 Received and noted

Any Other Business (AOB) 74/25 Joint Burial Committee – Cllr. A Whitehead – verbal report

Dates of Next Meetings 75/25

- Parish Council Meeting –Wednesday 25 February 2026, Featherstone Village Hall 7:30 PM

Finished 20:30