

**Featherstone Parish Council – Minutes for the Meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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)

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

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**Public Questions 64/25** - None received.

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**Declarations of Interest 65/25** - None received.

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**Minutes of the Previous Meetings -66/25**

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

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

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

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

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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**Community Governance Review 71/25** Form completed and mailed

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**Report and any resolutions arising 72/25** None noted

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**Correspondence 73/25** Received and noted

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

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**Dates of Next Meetings 75/25**

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

**Finished 20:30**