

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 2nd June 2025 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Police Report

Incidents and crimes –

(1) There are no crimes of note that we are able to report on during the last 28 days. The number of crimes that have been recorded, however, is extremely low. The number of incidents reported is also extremely low since your previous meeting.

Community Issues –

*ASB: There has been no disorder by youths reported since your previous meeting.
No disorder reported by any local pubs*

Community Engagement –

High visibility patrols have been conducted in the area.

Northumbria Police would like as many people as possible to sign up to the website as it is an easy way to send and receive messages with Northumbria Police. Police are able to send information on matters you wish to receive effecting the community. People can also create their own groups and can help send feedback to Police in relation to problems in the local area. Please could you have a look at www.northumbriaconnected.com .

The advice from police is if member of the public sees a crime being committed – a 999 call should be made to report it. If the crime has already happened and the perpetrators have left, then this should be reported either on the website or 101.

016/2025 PRESENT

Cllr Maureen Bramley (Chair)

Cllr Sylvia Hillan (vice Chair)

Cllr Jane Scott

Cllr David Shiel

Cllr Ailsa Shiel

Cllr Louise Dawson

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson, 2 x MOP's

017/2025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr David Fordy - None

Cllr Alan Trotter – illness - accepted

018/2025 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

019/2025 PUBLIC COMMENTS: - Petition regarding traders at the back of Cubbys – a petition was handed in regarding the traders set up behind the old Cubbys shop. Cllr Renner-Thompson is to give an update on the Pc and his progress with enforcement.

020/2025 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 2nd June 2025 – Proposed Cllr Ailsa Shiel, Seconded Cllr Jane Scott - all agreed

021/2025 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 12th May 2025 – Proposed Cllr Dawson, seconded Cllr Scott, all agreed

022/2025 MATTERS ARISING

1. Update on meeting with Miller Homes
The Chair gave a report on the meeting with Miller Homes
*"No planning application submitted yet
They have a commitment "to respect the community
They have confirmed their commitment to keeping the Parish Council informed with developments
They aim to mitigate the disruption to residents to a minimum and will carry out consultations with every step of the development
The number of social housing properties is higher than the number required
Once built the ownership will be up for tender among the providers of social housing
They were made aware of our concerns regarding the amenities/essential services – water, sewerage, electricity, and the impact on doctor's, schools, traffic.
They will be talking to NCC Highways about the Broad Road and the impact"*
2. Request from Lifeboat Local Management Group (LMG) for Councillor Alan Trotter to attend meetings as a community rep – it was agreed that Cllr Trotter to be the rep this year and will be included next year at the Annual Meeting to be elected
3. Request from NCC to consider adoption of play areas – discussion followed regarding the cost to update and maintain the play areas Cllr Hillan proposed not to adopt the playareas, Cllr Scott seconded – all agreed
4. Request from Northumberland Coast National Landscape to be Parish Council Rep of the 8 councils in the North – the position was discussed but no Councillor prepared to stand.

023/2025 PLANNING

To make comments on the following applications:

1. **25/01694/FUL** Extension to front, side and rear of existing dwelling **1A Southfield Avenue, Seahouses, NE68 7YT**
Concerns were raised over the size of the development but the meeting felt that the development needed to be in keeping with existing surrounding and the attached property has no objections.
2. **25/01499/FUL** Excavation, installation and backfill of below ground LPG storage vessel with associated pipework **12 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SR** – no objections
3. **25/01767/FUL** Extension to existing garage and new drive Southfield House, **143 Main Steet, Seahouses, NE68 7TT** – no objections

Out of Area Applications – No comment required, for information only – None

Permission Granted:

1. Alterations to The Strand to part demolish front boundary wall, alter external steps to front door, extend existing balcony to full width of the front elevation, and alter window openings. Extension to increase height and extension to the rear of Strand Cottage **The Strand, Strand Cottage 24A & 24B St Aidans, NE68 7SS**

Permission Withdrawn: None

Permission Refused: - None

024/2025 CEMETERY – Update on buyback of plots, fallen headstone

It was confirmed that the admin fee had been accepted and the refund was to be processed with this months' payments.

No next of kin had been sourced for the fallen headstones, one is resting on a neighbouring headstone and will need to be laid down.

It was noted that complaints about "clutter" on graves had been received and the Chair noted that the rules of the cemetery allowed for the removal of excessive items that were interfering with grass cutting. These will be placed by the shed for collection. The meeting agreed that if goods need to be removed then a letter is to be sent to the relatives.

025/2025 FINANCE

1. New cashflow format against budget, for monthly review – The Clerk to circulate after the meeting
2. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £0.00

3. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.92	5.49
NCC – Clerks salary May '25		895.08
NCC Admin costs	1.83	11.00
D Girdwood – internal audit 2023/2024 & 2024/2025		200.00
Total	2.75	1111.57

4. Monies paid into Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £1080.00

5. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance May		900.00
Sub Total		900.00
TOTAL		900.00

- All payments agreed

026/2025 CORRESPONDENCE – A request had been received from the Seahouses Development Trust to send a supporting letter to aid their fundraising to provide flood lights for the MUGA Cllr Hillan proposed the letter be sent, Cllr Scott seconded – all agreed

027/2025 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson gave an update on the developments so far with the “retail units” behind the old Cubbys shop. He noted that he had never received so many complaints about a situation! NCC highways are to write to all properties that have made openings onto the car park to inform them that these should be closed, if ignored then NCC will erect a barrier.

The Parking Warden is ticketing illegal parking everyday those vehicles which are parked in the coach parking bays.

Planning enforcement had visited the “units” and the owner claims they are temporary units. However, planning enforcement are now looking at the Conservation area rules, the AONB rules and also whether given they are selling food, that a change of use planning application is required. The planning enforcement officer is also keeping the Parish Council informed of her findings.

Cllr Renner-Thompson also informed the meeting that Northumbrian Water do not own the land where caravans are being parked, this matter continues under investigation.

Verge cutting is re-starting and it was also noted that the Lord Crewe are keen to proceed with the sale of the old school site.

028/2025 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – Cllr Ailsa Shiel raised the issue of vehicles parking on the narrow section making access difficult. Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that all residents would need to agree in order that residents parking permits could be issued.

The Chair noted that parking was a major issue on all the streets and lack of enforcement was causing residents serious problems.

Cllr Dawson asked if there had been progress on the double yellow lines – Cllr Renner-Thompson noted no reply had been received yet. The overgrown verge was discussed on the road opposite the skips and it was noted that with pedestrians also using this road, the situation is becoming dangerous. Cllr Dawson also brought a request from the Festive Lights Committee regarding purchase of new lights. The Chair asked that figures would need to be provided as to how much they will need and the PC can then discuss.

029/2025 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

PLEASE NOTE IF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISH TO ADDRESS THE PARISH COUNCIL, REQUESTS SHOULD BE PUT IN WRITING TO THE CLERK AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA.

030/2025 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 7th July 2025 at 7.00pm at Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Signed.....

Chairman