

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 12th May 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: On Saturday 26th April 2025 youth ASB was reported by means of youths causing shouting and causing a disturbance outside of Seahouses Café at approx. 21:45hrs. Upon Police attendance there were no trace of the youths, and no further reports made.

On Monday 14th April 2025 youth ASB was reported by means of a football being kicked into a person's garden by young children. All parties concerned were advised accordingly.

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.northumbriacconnected.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.

001/2025 PRESENT

Cllr Maureen Bramley (Chair)	Cllr David Fordy
Cllr Sylvia Hillan (vice Chair)	Cllr Ailsa Shiel
Cllr Jane Scott	Cllr Louise Dawson
Cllr David Shiel	Cllr Alan Trotter

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson,

002/2025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

003/2025 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

004/2025 PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

005/2025 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 12th May 2025 – all agreed

006/2025 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7th April 2025 – Proposed Cllr Dawson, seconded Cllr Scott, all agreed

007/2025 MATTERS ARISING

1. Agreement for request to meeting with Miller Homes & Cliff Top Caravan Site
The meeting was informed that both Miller Homes and the Cliff Top Caravan Site were still wanting to meet with the C and a date needed to be agreed – it was agreed to offer the 21st or the 23rd May – Clerk to contact both parties.
2. VE Day donation – amount to be agreed
Cllr Hillan proposed offering the same donation as previously given for a similar event - £100, Cllr David Shiel agreed – all agreed
3. Seahouses volunteer Group disbanded – agreement to hold funds if required
The Chair noted that it had been stated the volunteer group was to disband, Cllr Trotter refuted this and confirmed that only one member of the group did not want to continue, therefore the group would be meeting in order to continue. The Chair confirmed the PC's support for the group and its willingness to hold funds on behalf of the group if required.
4. To agree Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025
The Clerk had circulated a copy of the above to all councillors – statements had been read and all agreed – The Chair and Clerk signed the Statement
5. To agree annual Accounting Statements 2024/2025
The Clerk had circulated the above and supporting documents – all agreed and the Chair signed the Statement

008/2025 PLANNING

1. **25/01227/FUL** Proposed replacement balcony **7 Sunnieside Dquare, Seahouses, NE68 7RR**
The meeting considered the plans and noted that the replacement balcony was considerably larger than the existing balcony. It was agreed that the PC would support a replacement of similar size but would object to a much larger balcony in its place.

Out of Area Applications – No comment required, for information only

1. **25/01299/FUL** Construction of single storey stables building at Hillcrest Cottage **Land North of Hillcrest Cottage, Hillcrest Track, West Fleetham, NE67 5JX**
2. **25/01025/FUL** Development of 3no. residential dwellings including associated access, car parking, landscaping and all other ancillary works **Land South of 30 Swinhoe Road, Swinhoe Road, Beadnell**
3. **25/01371/FUL** Proposed redevelopment of existing building including extension and alterations. Demolition of single storey garage block and erection of new build carport and unit. Scheme to increase holiday lets from 4no. units to 6no. units **Alexandra House, Meadow Lane, Beadnell, NE67 5AQ**
4. **25/01162/FUL** Single storey front, side and rear extensions. Solar panels to rear extension. Alteration of front dormer windows from flat roof to pitch roof. Insertion of rear dormer window and first floor balcony to front. Reduction in bedrooms from 4 to 3 **6 Harbour Road, Beadnell, NE67 5BB**
5. **25/01402/FUL** Replacement of 4 single glazed timber sash windows with double glazed timber sash windows **Flat 5, Beadnell Hall, The Haven, Beadnell**

Permission Granted:

1. Construction of ground floor front extension/porch **16 North Street, Seahouses, NE68 7SB**

Permission Withdrawn: None

Permission Refused: - None

009/2025 CEMETERY – To consider buy back of funeral plots 781 & 782 originally sold in 2020, fallen headstone

The Chair noted a request to purchase back the above plots, Cllr Hillan proposed agreeing to purchase back but impose an admin fee of £25 per plot due to the extra work involved in amending records. Cllr Trotter seconded – all agreed

The Chair noted that the Clerk had reported several headstones had either fallen over completely or were resting on other headstones. It was agreed that the photos of these should be circulated to all councillors to see if anyone knew relatives that could be contacted.

010/2025 FINANCE

1. New cashflow format against budget, for monthly review – nothing to circulate as yet.

The Chair noted that an additional invoice had been sent by NCC to claim back the underspend on the MLIS money received for the installation of the whale bones and the information board. This invoice totalled £603.06 and it was agreed that it should be repaid as the costs had been less than expected.

2. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £1042 (precept and NCC refund of cemetery charge)

3. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.92	5.49
NCC – Clerks salary Apr '25		895.08
NCC Admin costs	1.67	10.00
Clerk exps – postage for funeral invoice/GoR		1.70
NALC subs/website		558.47
Total	2.59	1470.74

4. Monies paid into Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £0

5. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance Apr		900.00
2 hours extra work picking up glass due to vandalism		50.00
Wave – water invoice		147.32
Sub Total		1097.32
TOTAL		1097.32

- All payments agreed

011/2025 CORRESPONDENCE – None

012/2025 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson reported on the Northumbrian Water event that some of the councillors had attended. The low water pressure had been raised and it had been confirmed that funds were to be sent on the sewerage system. Cllr Renner-Thompson had also raised concerns about cars and camper vans parking on Northumbrian waters land next to the golf club and this was to be investigated.

As previously agreed, the PC is to have a meeting with Northumbrian Water in June to raise its concerns, particularly in relation to the planned new housing estate. The chair asked that any questions/complaints the Councillors wanted to raise should be sent via the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Trotter noted that when he had raised the issue of low pressure, an engineer had been sent to his property the next day and he was informed that the problem was the old pipe work was too narrow, but that it would cost £000's to replace at property owners' cost.

Currently no-one is in charge at NCC until the meeting is held on the 21st May where decisions regarding who will be leader etc will be made.

013/2025 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – Cllr Dawson noted that the traffic warden is now including North Sunderland and surrounding streets.

Councillors raised concerns over what is happening with the land behind "Cubbys" as the fence appears to have been taken down and access via the car-park as has happened with another property. Discussion followed regarding the advertisement boards and that this was in direct contravention of the lease with the Lord Crewe. Cllr Renner-Thompson agreed that this needed to be dealt with via the NCC legal team and the Lord Crewe Trust and a list of concerns is to be compiled and sent to all Councillors prior to sending to Cllr Renner Thompson to address.

Cllr Hillan noted that grass cuttings probably from a neighbouring property to the cemetery, had been thrown over the hedge into the cemetery "quiet area" and it was noted that this causes issues for our caretaker when mowing our grass.

Cllr David Shiel noted that the coping stones had been removed from the wall at the Old School – Cllr Renner-Thompson to report to relevant department. He further noted that the Shoreston Road sign had rotted through and had fallen down. The hedge near to the Cemetery is again overgrown and it was requested that NCC write to the property owner to address.

Cllr Scott asked if a request could be put to the Police to include the South Lane Cemetery when they are patrolling the village to ensure no further acts of vandalism are experienced.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel raised the issue of excessive numbers of posters on lampposts – the meeting was informed this was illegal and if seen, these posters should be removed. Cllr Shiel also had received complaints again about the motorbikes parking on the path - discussion followed

Cllr Fordy noted that the drains could not be cleared on the Main Street due to cars parking and in some instances, it was reported, refused to move.

The Chair requested that the yellow lines be repainted and Cllr Renner-Thompson is to request NCC Highways dept walk the village to see what works need done.

Cllr Dawson congratulated Cllr Renner-Thompson on his re-election – all Cllrs agreed.

014/2025 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.

015/2025 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 2nd June 2025 at 7.00pm at Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Signed.....

Chairman