

# Featherstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at  
Featherstone Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr G Patterson, Cllr T Teasdale (Vice chair), Cllr A Sharp, Cllr D Graham Cllr E Wigham (Chair), Cllr A Whitehead, Cllr Mathison.

**In Attendance** Clerk Neil Griffin.

**Apologies** None.

**27/25 Election of chair.** Cllr Wigham accepted. Prop Cllr Teasdale, Sec: Cllr Graham.

**28/25 Election of vice chair.** Cllr Teasdale accepted. Prop Cllr Sharp, Sec: Cllr Patterson.

**29/25 Election of H&DJBC Representative.** Cllr Whitehead accepted Prop: Cllr Sharp Sec: Cllr Whigham.

**30/25 Minutes of meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to be approved. Agreed**

Prop: Cllr Sharp Sec: Cllr Patterson.

**31/25 Declarations of Interest** In accordance with section 31 of the localism act 2011, members to declare any interests pecuniary interest in items on this agenda. None declared

**32/25 Insurance renewal. Agreed.** Prop: Cllr Teasdale Sec: Cllr Patterson

**33/25 Correspondence.**

**33/25.01 Email** Sustrans are not responsible for the maintenance of the South Tyne Trail from Feathertstone car park to Lambley car park. Noted

**33/25.02 Email.** NCC are responsible for the maintenance of the South Tyne Trail from Feathertstone car park to Lambley car park and agreed to survey the trail for tree cutting back. Noted

**33/25.03** Deborah Smith agreed to purchase and replace the bench at Park Village. Noted

**33/25.04** Paul Armstrong, NCC agreed to meet parishioners 06.05.25 to discuss speed signs at Park Village. Noted

**33/25.05** Parish council agreed that the clerk contact NCC highways for update regarding visit to Park Village to address Parishioners concerns. Clerk agreed to copy Cllr Mathison into email response.

**34/25 Finance.**

**35/25.01 To confirm and approve the Certificate of exemption.** Approved. Prop: Cllr Patterson, Sec: Cllr Teasdale

**36/25.02 Draft annual accounts 2024-25 for approval.** Approved. Prop: Cllr Sharp, Sec: Cllr Wigham.

**37/25.03 Accounting statement and explanation of variances for approval.** Approved. Prop: Cllr Graham, Sec: Cllr Patterson.

**38/25.04 Action arising from internal auditor's report for approval for approval.**

Approved. Prop: Cllr Wigham, Sec: Cllr Graham.

**39/25.05 Annual Governance statement for approval.** Approved. Prop: Cllr

Whitehead, Sec: Cllr Graham.

**40/25.06 Accounts for approval.** Approved. Prop: Cllr Sharp, Sec: Cllr Whitehead

**41/25.07 Budget 2025-26.** Noted. To be reviewed at next meeting.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE		
	As at	31.03.25
		C/A
<b>BALANCES B/F</b>	£	1,968.05
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Precept		£2,900.00
Cemetery Double Chg Refund		£0.00
HMRC VAT		£0.00
		£0.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£2,900.00</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Clerk Salary/Expenses		£848.64
Insurance		£214.00
S137/Donations		£100.00
IT		£75.00
Bank Charges		£76.00
H&DJBC		£1,043.50
HMRC		£212.16
Maintenance		£0.00
Office Admin		£0.00
Subs		£61.38
		£0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£2,630.68</b>
<b>VAT</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>BALANCES C/F</b>		<b>£2,237.37</b>

<b>Bank Reconciliation as at</b>		<b>31.03.25</b>	
<b>Bank Statement</b>		<b>2211.37</b>	
Plus	o/s Lodgements	0.00	
Less	o/s Payments	0.00	
<b>Balance as at</b>		<b>31.03.25</b>	<b>2211.37</b>
<b>Cash Book</b>			
<b>Bal b/f 31st March 2024</b>		<b>1968.05</b>	
	Receipts in the year	<b>2900.00</b>	
	Payments in the year	<b>2656.68</b>	
<b>Balance as at</b>		<b>31.03.25</b>	<b>2211.37</b>
<b>Diff</b>			<b>0.00</b>

PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE	DATE
NALC	£64.58	Subscription	100477	27.05.25
NALC	£75.00	Website	100477	27.05.25
H&DJBC	£628.38	Precept	100478	27.05.25
Zurich Municipal	£214.00	Insurance	100479	27.05.25
Tynereade	£60.00	Payroll advice	100480	27.05.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1041.96</b>			

**42/25 Financial Risk Assessments 2025-2026.** Adopted. Prop: Cllr Whigham, Sec: Cllr Graham.

**43/25 Standing orders 2025-2026.** Adopted. Prop: Cllr Graham, Sec: Cllr Whitehead.

**44/25 H&DJBC Report.** Noted.

**45/25 Haltwhistle Partnership.** Noted. Cllr Sharp confirmed that the Haltwhistle Community Book Shop generated £40,000 to be donated to various local charities including Haltwhistle Swimming Pool, Haltwhistle Film Project and Bardon Mill Village Hall.

**44/25** Cllr Teasdale raised an issue regarding the condition of the Hope-Wallace War Memorial. Cllr Sharp agreed to address issues with the status of the repair.

**45/25** Featherstone Parish Council would like welcome Cllr Rachel Mathison and look forward to a collaborative working relationship.

**45/25 Date & Time of next meeting.** 7.30pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Signed Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Y Teasdale'.

Date Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025