

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 2nd February 2026 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Police Report

There are no crimes of note that we can report on during the last 28 days. The number of crimes that have been recorded is extremely low. The number of incidents reported is also extremely low since your previous meeting.

Community Issues –

ASB: There has no further reports of youth ASB.

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.

137/2025 PRESENT

Cllr Maureen Bramley (Chair), Cllr Sylvia Hillan (vice Chair), Cllr Alan Trotter, Cllr, Cllr Ailsa Shiel,

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, David Bryson

138/2025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Louise Dawson, Cllr David Fordy, Cllr Jane Scott, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson

139/2025 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

140/2025 PUBLIC COMMENTS: - Mr D Bryson concerns over School

Mr Bryson spoke to the meeting regarding his concerns over the dwindling numbers of pupils attending Seahouses Primary School. Currently only 60 pupils and children are not all coming through from Busy Bees nursery. Further concerns over the cost of repairs to the heating system which may be delaying acceptance into the Peel Trust. Discussions followed and The Chair agreed proposed sending a letter of concern to the Leader of NCC & copying in Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson, highlighting that the school is the heart of the village and the parish council is keen to see the school survive whilst recognising the choice of parents as to which school they choose – all agreed

141/2025 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 5th January 2026– agreed

142/2025 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 12th January 2026 – Proposed Cllr David Hillan, Seconded Cllr Alan Trotter - all agreed

143/2025 MATTERS ARISING

1. Replacement/new bus shelters – potential grant of £15k won – no further update
2. Cemetery Contract – Discussion took place regarding existing contract and proposed amendments. Meeting agreed Clerk to circulate amended draft and all councillors to make any comments by Thursday 5th. To be published on facebook requesting tenders to be received by 2nd March 6pm at the latest – all agreed.
3. Driver awareness Talk by Police – The police has sent various dates and the meeting agreed that the 13th March will allow time for the event to be organised.
4. Bringing Seahouses volunteer group under the Parish Council for Insurance purposes – The meeting were informed that the current insurance policy of the Parish Council covers any volunteer working on behalf of the Parish Council. The meeting agreed that Cllr Bramley would take this information back to the Volunteer Group and update the PC at the next meeting.

144/2025 PLANNING

To make comments on the following applications:

1. **25/04691/FUL** Air source heat pump and external solar battery cabinet **St Pauls Church, Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TT** – fully support
2. **25/04582/COU** Change of use from Dwelling (Use Class C3) to Holiday Let (Use Class C1) **25 Kingsfield, Seahouses, NE68 7PA**– Discussion followed regarding removing another property from the permanent residence stock into a holiday let – objection

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

1. **26/00085/LBC** Listed building consent for proposed alteration and extension of dwelling house and replacement windows **Village House, 11 Front Street, Bamburgh, NE69 7BW**

Permission Granted:

1. Proposed single storey entrance porch **3 Osborne Terrace, North Lane, Seahouses, NE68 7UH**
2. Single storey kitchen extension to rear and first floor dormer windows to bedrooms **Dunedin, 8 Broad Road, Seahouses, NE68 7SU**
3. Construction of new club house **Club House, Seafield Sports Park, Broad Road, North Sunderland, NE68 7UP**

Permission Withdrawn: None

Permission Refused: None

145/2025 CEMETERY – Headstone testing – no further information

Potential for allowing grazing by sheep – Cllr Hillan has investigated and the local farmer is happy to meet with the Cemetery Committee to talk through possible grants and how we can work together.

The Clerk noted that a request to purchase an additional casket plot next to existing plot 42C – there is space to allow this request – all agreed.

The Clerk noted that a branch had fallen thankfully missing all headstones, the Clerk to arrange removal.

146/2025 FINANCE

1. New cashflow format against budget, for monthly review - circulated, no questions
2. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £341.75 (interest 0)
3. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	1.08	6.49
NCC – Clerks salary Jan 2026		925.71
NCC Admin costs	1.75	10.75
Forvis Mazars – external audit		252.00
Insurance		581.16
Total	2.83	1,776.11

4. Monies paid into Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £573.70 (Funeral & Interest)

5. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance December		500.00
Sub Total		500.00
TOTAL		500.00

- All payments agreed

147/2025 CORRESPONDENCE – Request from Beadnell PC re NHP Meeting – all councillors
The meeting was informed that a request had been received to consider updating NHP – suggestion that 6pm before next PC meeting should be offered – all agreed

148/2025 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – N/a

149/2025 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – Cllr Trotter raised the issue that the cost of having a garden waste bin had risen to £59 and this seemed to be a burden on those that could not physically manage to take their own garden waste to the tip. The meeting agreed that a letter of complaint should be sent to NCC

150/2025 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Cemetery contract tenders, Mr Bryson – signage, Driver Awareness Training

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.

151/2025 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 2nd March 2026 at 7.00pm at Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Signed.....

Chairman