

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 12th January 2026 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Police Report

Incidents and crimes –

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 been reports of youth ASB occurring at the Clifftop Caravan Park, Seahouses on 14th December 2025. Youth causing issues entering the park banging on doors and throwing items at caravans. Identity of youths unknown currently. Patrols made in area. There have been no further reports of ASB occurring at the caravan park. No ASB reported elsewhere in Seahouses area.

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.

122/2025 PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

123/2025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Louise Dawson, The Chair noted that with regret, Cllr Craig Pringle had resigned due to work/family commitments

124/2025 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

125/2025 PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

126/2025 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 5th January 2026– agreed

127/2025 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 1st December 2025 – Proposed Cllr David Fordy, Seconded Cllr Alan Trotter - all agreed

128/2025 MATTERS ARISING

1. Replacement/new bus shelters – potential grant of £15k won – no further update
2. Precept/Budget for 2026/2027 – The Chair noted that over the last 4 years the cemetery had consistently run at a loss, and the reserves are now dwindling quickly. Currently have a 25% loss ytd and the precept has not previously included any budget for the cemetery. It was proposed that the costs of running the cemetery should now be budgeted for in the precept calculations. Further discussions took place regarding possible raising of additional funds from the cemetery. It was noted that on a Band D property it would be less than a £1 a month increase. Cllr Hillan proposed increasing the precept to £34,000, Cllr Trotter seconded – majority agreed (Cllr Fordy abstained)
3. Cemetery Contract – It was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting.
4. Joint Town & Parish Council spring Conference, March 5th – The chair noted the Spring conference and the PC has 2 invitations. Any Cllrs wishing to attend should advise the Clerk.
5. Driver awareness Talk by Police – The Clerk noted that no further contact has been received from the police – the Clerk to chase again.

129/2025 PLANNING

To make comments on the following applications:

1. **25/04338/FUL** Single-storey rear extension to hipped roof and extend front and rear dormers **4 Farne Crescent, Seahouses, NE68 7ST** – The Chair noted that there is a public right of way next to the property and it is important this is not affected. The meeting also agreed that the design & building materials should be in keeping with existing – no objection
2. **25/004270/FUL** Proposed single-storey entrance porch **3 Osborne Terrace, North Lane, Seahouses, NE68 7UH** – The meeting has no objection to this application
3. **25/04246/FUL** Single storey kitchen extension to rear and first floor dormer windows to bedrooms **Dunedin, 8 Broad Road, Seahouses, NE68 7SU** The meeting agreed that there was no objection to this application as long as it is in keeping with the surrounding area.

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

1. **25/04252/FUL** Replacement of conservatory roof from polycarbonate to warm roof **25 Armstrong Cottages, Bamburgh, NE69 7BA**

Permission Granted:

1. Replacement of dormers to front and rear, replacement of single storey extension. Internal alterations **26 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS**
2. Removal of existing conservatory to rear of dwelling, and replace with single storey extension to form garden room **129 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TS**

Permission Withdrawn: None

Permission Refused: None

130/2025 CEMETERY – Headstone testing – Cllr Renner-Thompson has no further information as yet Potential for allowing grazing by sheep – no further update, however, Cllr Fordy noted that there may be grants available to farmers to fence the land – The Chair asked him to look into this option and report back.

Update on soil – The Chair noted the PC's thanks to Slate Hall Riding Centre for the donation of the top soil and to David Smith Builders for kindly collecting the soil and removing the clay. It was noted that the top sheet is split and a new cover may be needed – it was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting.

131/2025 FINANCE

1. New cashflow format against budget, for monthly review - circulated, no questions

2. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £0

3. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	1.08	6.49
NCC – Clerks salary Nov 25		925.71
NCC Admin costs	1.75	10.75
SLCC- contribution for clerks membership		129.03
Total	2.83	1,071.73

4. Monies paid into Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £850

5. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance December		500.00
Extra works to sunken graves – as agreed		100.00
Sub Total		600.00
TOTAL		600.00

- All payments agreed

132/2025 CORRESPONDENCE – none

133/2025 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson reported that the graffiti that was on the roundabout had been reported to the police, and the person suspected had been given a caution. The mini roundabout had now been repaired, and the pole has been removed as agreed.

It was also noted that NCC are facing a challenge financially as the additional money from the central Gov is only £12m over the next 3 years.

The additional survey for the football club has now been completed and it is hoped that planning permission will now follow. It was also noted that a generous benefactor had offered to pay for the new clubhouse. Cllr Renner-Thompson is also currently helping the church with their application for a new heating system.

Cllr Shiel asked if the section 137 money promised from the Shoreston Hall development had been received? Cllr Renner-Thompson thought nothing had been finalised yet as new planning had to

be sought. Cllr Fordy also raised the issue of the window which was to be reinstalled – Cllr Renner-Thompson to contact the site manager.

The meeting was also informed that issues with the first school heating system had meant generators need to be used but it is hoped the problem will be rectified by Spring.

134/2025 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – none

135/2025 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.

136/2025 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

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

Signed.....

Chairman