

**MINUTES OF THE BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 6pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall**

Present: Chair- G Martindale, Vice-Chair J Hall
Parish Councillors: A Baker J Darcy & A Nation.
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson
Clerk: I Hunter
12 Members of the public

Public Question Time: A member of the public asked if there were any updates on when the refurbishment of the Beadnell public toilets will be renovated.
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied that the refurbishment is scheduled to be undertaken in 2025/26, however there is currently no date as other current refurbishments are delayed due to costs involved.

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillor C Williamson.

Declaration of Interest: The Vice-Chair declared a personal & prejudicial interest in one of the donation requests at Agenda Item No 21- A donation for Citizens Advice as she worked for Citizens Advice Berwick in the past.

Request for Dispensation- None.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025- Parish Councillors agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd January 2025 were a true record of the meeting. The Chair signed a hard copy.

Any urgent matters arising from the minutes if not already on the agenda-

Min 20/2025- Min 1/2025- Cycle Stands- Parish Councillor A Nation asked again if the Parish Council should consider finding an alternative business/volunteer to install the cycle stands, stating if there is to be a further delay on the installation of the cycle stands could Parish Councillors agree an alternative storage location for the cycle stands. The Vice-Chair agreed to store the cycle stands until they are installed.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 26th February 2025- Parish Councillors agreed that the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 26th February 2025 were a true record of the meeting. The Chair signed a hard copy.

Min 21/2025-Community Police- The Clerk read out the following report:

Incidents and crimes –

1. There are no crimes of note that we are able, to report on during the last eight weeks. The number of crimes that have been recorded is extremely low.
2. On 29/01/25 A report was made of suspicious persons, around Longstone Close area knocking on doors at approximately 19:30hrs. An extensive search was made in the area and persons were found. It was confirmed they were legitimate door to door salespeople.

Community Issues –

ASB: There has been no youth ASB reported to Police. There has been no disorder reported by local pubs.

Community Engagement –

High visibility patrols are made in the area.

Min 22/2025- County Councillor report- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson provided the following updates:

- The 2025/26 Local Transport Plan includes the following
 - 1- £400K Swinhoe crossroads, the roundabout is the preferred option, however, this means land will need to be purchased and utilities will need to be relocated. Additional funding will be required in 2026/27.
 - 2- £275K for resurfacing of the B1340 up to Tughall which is at the boundary of the parish.
 - 3- £140K resurfacing of the B1340 from Swinhoe to Beadnell.
- The signage to be installed on Harbour Road Re “No overnight parking” is currently being made and will be installed before Easter.
- There are no updates from NWL in relation to the flap on the pipe at the Seawall on Harbour Road.
- I have allocated £9K from my small grant funding which is for the purchase of 1 piece of play equipment as part of the Meadow Lane play area refurbishment.
- I currently have no updates on the proposals for jet skis using Beadnell Bay.

County Councillor G Renner-Thompson left the meeting at that point.

Min 23/2025- Play Areas.

- Parish Councillors considered the revised Terms of Reference for the Steering Group following advice received from NALC. Parish Councillor A Baker proposed & the Vice-Chair seconded the adoption of the revised Terms of Reference for the Steering Group. This was agreed.
- The Chairman of the Sub-Committee provided the following update:
 - 1- It will cost £150K to refurbish the Meadow Lane play area.
 - 2- The Crowdfunding and official fundraising will commence on 1st April.
 - 3- All items of play equipment are priced and so far, 2 items have already been sponsored.
 - 4- Crowdfunding is limited to 12 weeks per application therefore a target of £15K has been set for the 1st 12 weeks.
 - 5- The funding received can be used towards match funding on funding applications.
 - 6- The Awards for All funding application had not been successful, on the grounds of not enough consultation with children.
 - 7- The 1st board for the totaliser is complete and ready to be installed.
 - 8- A QR code will be displayed on the noticeboard which will be installed in the play area to allow visitors using the play area to be able to donate.
 - 9- Parish Councillors agreed to ask Shiel & Morrison to print 200 single sided posters/flyers. The cost will be £38.
 - 10- The timeline shows it is hoped that the play equipment will be installed by Easter 2026.
- Parish Councillors ratified the purchase of timber & paint for fundraising signs to be placed

in Meadow Lane play area.

- Parish Councillors agreed the payment of £36.79 to the Vice-Chair for the timber & paint.
- Parish Councillors agreed all expenditure towards the play area refurbishment will be paid from the Parish Council main account.
- Parish Councillors received the following, copies of which are on the Parish Council website:
 - 1- The minutes from the Sub-Committee minutes.
 - 2- A copy of the timeline.
- Parish Councillors ratified the issue of a press release.
- Parish Councillor A Nation proposed & Parish Councillor A Baker seconded that Parish Council transfer £2.5K which is 50% of the £5K which was included within the 2025/26 budget, from the Parish Council main account to the Playground Refurbishment Account in April after the 1st ½ of the precept is received. This was agreed.
- Parish Councillor A Nation proposed the Parish Council organise a DBS for the volunteer working in the play areas. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk investigate the requirements ahead of the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Min 24/2025- Planning Application

25/00648/FUL- Construction of one detached dwelling with detached single garage and landscaping- Land North Of 27 Longbeach Drive Beadnell NE67 5EG

Members of the public raised their concerns and objections in relation to the above planning application.

Parish Councillors debated the planning application and agreed to object to the planning application on the following grounds:

- The proposed design for this development is not appropriate for this site.
- This is an overdevelopment for this site.

If Northumberland County Council are minded to approve this planning application one of the conditions should be that the property must be for principal residence.

3 members of the public left the meeting at that point.

Min 25/2025- Planning Approval

24/03566/FUL- Proposed Garden Shed store with attached open Gazebo- 13 Coble Way The Kilns Beadnell Northumberland NE67 5EP

Min 26/2025- Planning Withdrawal

24/04175/LBC- Listed building consent for works to east extension including stripping defective render, repairing brickwork, re-rendering, replacing flat roof, re-setting two rooflights and improving rainwater run-off. Works to main section include lead re-roofing, a central slated pend in roof, replace cement skews with lead; stripping and lining unlined inner faces of rear walls with insulated plaster- Beadnell Hall The Haven Beadnell NE67 5AT

Min 27/2025- Cemetery-

- Parish Councillors ratified the payment of £192.00 to Unstumpable Tree Services for works to the cherry tree.

- Parish Councillors considered add edging around cremation plots, and agreed at the present time to monitor the situation due to possible maintenance issues.

Min 28/2025- Northumberland Coast National Landscape-

- The Vice-Chair reported that she was unable to attend the recent Partnership meeting and had resigned her position as Parish Council representative for the northern Parish Councils.
- Parish Councillor A Nation reported that she had attended the recent Partnership meeting and Northumberland Coast National Landscapes agreed to write to the Elected Mayor in support of the campaign for more trains to stop at Chathill Station.
Northumberland Coast National Landscapes are updating their website which will include information on water sports etc and links to check water quality (Northumbrian Water interactive map and Safer Seas and Rivers)
The X18 & 418 will not be an hourly service; however, they will continue as a 2-hourly service during the summer.

Min 29/2025- North Northumberland Coast Neighbourhood Plan

- Parish Councillors noted that there had been no Steering Group meetings recently.
- The Vice-Chair thanked Parish Councillor A Nation for organising a CAN affordable housing briefing session which was very useful and proposed the Parish Council should pay for the room hire. This was agreed.
Parish Councillor A Nation added CAN has offered a further briefing session on Community Led Housing which she is organising.

Min 30/2025- Financial Statement

Current Account	£ 14555.91
Savings Account	£ 4866.18
Playground Refurbishment	£ 15684.40

Min 31/2025- Finance: Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk circulated an updated ring-fenced spreadsheet.

Receipts

• Resident	£ 540.00	Purchase Plot 337
• K Slater	£ 160.00	2 nd Interment Plot 629
• Coastal Custodian	£ 500.00	Sponsorship- play equipment
• Barclays Bank	£ 26.37	Savings A/c- Interest
• Barclays Bank	£ 44.40	Playground Refurbishment A/c - Interest

Payments made

• Unstumpable	£ 192.00	Cemetery- works to cherry tree
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Payments due

• I Hunter	£ 473.95	Salary 41.25 hours @ £ 14.36 per hour
• HMRC	£ 118.40	PAYE
• Beadnell WI	£ 42.00	Room hire
• I Hunter	£ 7.65	Expenses
• J Hall	£ 36.79	Playground Refurbishment- timber & paint
• Citizens Advice	£ 50.00	Donation

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| • HospiceCare | £ 50.00 | Donation |
| • Wag & Co | £ 50.00 | Donation |
| • St Ebba's PCC | £ 250.00 | Donation to repair of lost fishermen memorial |

Min 32/2025- Memorial Benches.

- Parish Councillors agreed that the Parish Council would only allow 2 additional recycled benches to be installed on Northumberland County Council land at the end of Swinhoe Road.
- Parish Councillors confirmed that Northumberland County Council had granted permission for 2 recycled benches to be placed on their land at the end of Swinhoe Road.
- Parish Councillors agreed the preferred benches would be from Glasdon at a cost of £1232.41 + VAT + installation costs.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact families who have expressed an interest for a bench in the date order the request had been received.
- Parish Councillor A Baker to contact O Kavanagh for a cost to install a recycled bench.
- Parish Councillors agreed to review the Memorial Policy to ensure it is inline with the above decisions.

Min 33/2025- Annual Audit

- Parish Councillors to agree to appoint Mr C Brunt as the Internal Auditor for the 2024/25 Parish Council annual accounts.

Min 34/2025- Annual Holiday let donation request letter

- Parish Councillors ratified placing the order for the Holiday let donation letter for 2025.
- Parish Councillors agreed the payment of £78 to Shiel & Morrison on receipt of invoice for printing of the letters.

Min 35/2025- Email & Domain

- Parish Councillors agreed annual payment of £48 to B Armstrong for the Parish Councillors email account & domain on receipt of invoice, as this will allow time for the email addresses to be migrated to gov.uk email addresses.
- Parish Councillors agreed the previously circulated revised email policy which was amended to meet the requirements of the gov.uk email addresses.
- Parish Councillors agreed Town & Parish Council Websites will be the 2nd administrator for the gov.uk email addresses for Parish Councillors from 1st May 2025, however, they will only be required if the Clerk is not available. Also, the 2nd administrator will be paid on an ad-hoc basis.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Parish Council website domain name will be Beadnellparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Min 36/2025- Request for a donation

- Parish Councillors considered the following requests for donations received in 2024/25
 1. **Citizens Advice-** Parish Councillor A Nation proposed & the Chair seconded a £50 donation. This was agreed. (The Vice-Chair did not take part in this consideration for a donation)

2. **HospiceCare-** Parish Councillor A Nation proposed & the Chair seconded a £50 donation. This was agreed.
3. **SENUG-** Parish Councillor A Nation proposed not donating. This was agreed.
4. **Wag & Co-** Parish Councillor A Nation proposed & the Chair seconded a £50 donation. This was agreed.

The Vice-Chair advised the meeting that St Ebba's PCC are currently raising £1720 to repair the Listed Memorial in the Churchyard in memory of the lost fishermen, which was originally installed following funds raised by public subscription asking Parish Councillors to consider donating. This item had been raised in previous Parish Council meetings. Parish Councillor A Nation proposed & the Chair seconded a £250 donation. This was agreed by a majority vote. Parish Councillor A Baker objected on the level of the donation proposed.

Min 37/2025- Correspondence

- **Ellingham PC-** Email – reply to Parish Council email Re NWL spills
- **Resident & NCC-** Emails- Swinhoe crossroads.
- **Northumbria Royal British Legion-** Email- Invite to contribute to North East of England Field of Remembrance – Gateshead
- **St Ebba's PCC-** Email- Request for relics for an exhibition to mark the end of WW2 80th Anniversary.
- **CRAG-** Email- Newsletter 3
- **NCC-**Email- Information on BT digital switchover roadshows
- **NCC-**Email- Mobile phone coverage survey- 30th April.
- **National Trust-** Spring newsletter
- **NWL-**Email- Update on over pumping of pond at Bernicia Way. The works will be undertaken week commencing 24th March.

Min 38/2025-Updates

Parish Councillors received updates on the following items and considered any actions:

- a) Outflow at seawall on Harbour Road- This was covered at Min 22/2025.
- b) Coastal erosion & flooding- Works are scheduled to be undertaken in 2026.
- c) Possible relocation of school bus pick-up point to Beadnell car park during winter months. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact County Councillor G Renner-Thompson to see if he could investigate this option and copy Northumberland Coast National Landscape into the email.
- d) NWL sewage spills- Parish Councillor A Nation reported that there is an inconsistency in the reporting which NWL are investigating and are yet to report back, and referred to the national information relating to designated bathing area changes.
- e) Parking report- Parish Councillors agreed there were no actions that were within the remit of the Parish Council

Min 39/2025- Local Issues

- The Vice-Chair reported there is an issue of dog fouling on Village Green 49. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council Animal Welfare Officer again and ask for No dog fouling notices to be erected.
- The Vice-Chair advised the meeting that tree next to the bus shelter needs to be cut back,

asking for permission to speak to the occupants of the property. The Chair agreed to contact the occupants of the property about the overhanging tree branches.

- Parish Councillor A Nation asked if the double yellow lines on The Wynding will be installed when the white lines are being re-painted after the resurfacing. Parish Councillors agreed this was a possibility.
- Parish Councillor A Nation asked if there were any updates on the removal of the gate on the footpath heading towards Beadnell Links Caravan Park. The Vice-Chair replied the gate will be removed and a post placed in the middle of the footpath, stating that Beadnell Links Caravan Park had been in dialogue with Northumberland County Council Footpath Officer.
- Parish Councillor A Nation asked if the extension of the footpath from Beadnell to Swinhoe could be included with the works for a roundabout at Swinhoe crossroads which is within the LTP 2025/26 programme. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk ask the question.

Any Other Urgent Business- None

The date of the Annual Parish & Annual Parish Council meetings- 28th May 2025 at 6pm

Chair_____Date_____