

MINUTES OF THE BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 23rd July 2025 at 6pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall

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

Public Question Time: None

Apologies for Absence: None

Declaration of Interest: None.

Request for Dispensation- None.

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

Min 68/2025 (Min 51/2025)- Annual Insurance premium- Parish Councillor A Nation asked Parish Councillors if they are happy with the cover for the clock within the Insurance Policy. Parish Councillors responded yes.

Min 69/2025 (Min 49/2025)- Parish Council Policies- Parish Councillor A Nation advised the meeting that the explanation at the start of the Standing Orders had been omitted from the version on the Parish Council website. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk update the Standing Orders on the Parish Council website.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting: Parish Councillors agreed the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 16th July 2025 were a true record of the meetings. The Chair signed the hard copy.

Min 70/2025-Community Police- The Clerk read out the following report:
There have been a low number of crimes reported for the Beadnell Parish since the last meeting on 28th May. Most of the crime is such that it will only affect those persons directly involved and are not relevant to the meeting. There has been a small number of acquisitive crimes, (theft), that has been reported. I would ask that residents keep their property secure and remain vigilant. Please report any suspicious incidents via the appropriate means. This is particularly important now, when Beadnell as a community is experiencing a vast number of visitors.

There have been no issues of anti-social behaviour to report to the council and no further issues from surrounding areas relevant to the parish.

Min 71/2025- County Councillor report- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson provided the following updates:

1- The roundabout at Swinhoe crossroads- Northumberland County Council may decide to submit a Pre Planning Application ahead of a Planning Application.

Parish Councillors asked the following questions

a) Any updates on repairs to the seawall, and will you keep an eye on the situation in the hope that work progresses without delay in 2026.

County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied that the Environment Agency is the lead organisation, and provide the funding for any works they wish to be undertaken. However, discussions are ongoing.

b) The repainting of the road markings at the Swinhoe crossroads was reported on fix my street 5 months ago and there is still no progress.

County Councillor G Renner-Thompson agreed to investigate the issue.

c) The road near The Haven had been resurfaced, however the section next to St Ebba's Church had not been repaired.

Min 72/2025- Northumberland Coast National Landscape

Parish Councillors suspended Standing Orders.

- Parish Councillors ratified the submission of Parish Councillor A Nation's name as the Beadnell Parish Council's nomination for the position of Area representative for Northern Parish Councils.

Parish Councillors reinstated Standing Orders.

- Parish Councillors received the following update from the latest Partnership meeting.
 - 1- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson is Vice-Chair.
- Parish Councillors ratified the Parish Council's support in principle for the Benthall Round Cairn project.
- Parish Councillors noted that Jane Scott is the new Area representative for Northern Parish Councils.
- Parish Councillor A Nation provided an update from the Northumberland Coast National Landscape Travel and Access Drop-in session held on 8th July.

There were 5 attendees at the event, various issues were discussed

The following points were raised:

 - 1- Access to the beach at The Haven was raised.
 - 2- A-boards- signage at the Bullring
 - 3- Support for CRAG & improved rail services at Chathill Station.
 - 4- The need for an hourly bus service in the coastal area
 - 5- Lack of information signage to the water quality at Beadnell Bay

Min 73/2025- Parish Council Policies-

- Parish Councillors agreed to adopt the previously circulated Health & Safety Policy.
- Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated Financial Regulations.

Parish Councillor A Baker proposed & the Vice-Chair seconded the adoption of the previously circulated Financial Regulations. This was agreed. Parish Councillor A Nation abstained.

- Parish Councillors considered and agreed to adopt the previously circulated amended Risk Assessment.
The Chair to sign a hard copy.
- Parish Councillors considered adopting a Social Media Policy. The Vice-Chair proposed & Parish Councillor J Darcy seconded not to adopt a Social Media Policy. This was agreed. However, Parish Councillors agreed to consider a Communications/Press Release Policy at a future Parish Council meeting. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk undertake research for examples of Communications/Press Release Policies.

Min 74/2025- Planning Approvals

- 25/00911/FUL- A new single-storey rear extension. New rear dormer window. Proposed maintenance and repair works- 4 Church Cottages Beadnell NE67 5AS
- 25/01341/LBC- Listed building consent to strip defective render, carrying out brickwork and lintel repairs/replacements, re-coating with a monocouche render (sand earth colour proposed), stripping the "cold" flat roof and installing a "warm" flat roof, at the same time resetting two rooflights and adding scuppers to improve rainwater run-off. Beadnell Hall The Haven Beadnell Northumberland NE67 5AT
- 25/01292/FUL- Erection of 1.5 storey gabled porch to replace existing porch; erection of front extension; erection of new garden room to replace existing conservatory; single storey side extensions to replace existing garages; replacement of existing windows and existing dormers- 33 Swinhoe Road Beadnell Northumberland NE67 5AG
- 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
- 23/02956/OUT- Outline permission (all matters reserved) for 1 no principal occupancy dwelling - self build (amended description 25.07.2024)- Land South East of Elford Farm Cottages Seahouses Northumberland

Min 75/2025- Planning Refusal

- 25/01299/FUL- Construction of a single storey stables building at Hillcrest Cottage- Land North of Hillcrest Cottage Hillcrest Track West Fleetham Northumberland NE67 5JX

- Min 76/2025- Planning S106 Agreements-** Parish Councillors considered the Non-compliance to S106 Occupancy restrictions at The Kilns. Parish Councillors questioned in the opinion of Northumberland County Council Planning & Legal Departments what is the criteria of this S106 Agreement.
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson advised the meeting that he has a meeting with Northumberland County Council Planning Officer, so will ask the question, and provide an update at the September Parish Council meeting.

Min 77/2025- Play Areas.

- Parish Councillors agreed that the Clerk check with the volunteer if he had completed a DBS application.
- Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated annual ROSPA reports
- Parish Councillors noted that the Chair in conjunction with the volunteer instantly removed the item which was identified as needing urgent action within the ROSPA reports.
Parish Councillors gave a vote of thanks to the volunteer for his help.
Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk circulate the ROSPA reports to the volunteer, noting that there is general maintenance required, and that the Meadow Lane play area is to have some equipment removed and new equipment installed
- Parish Councillors agreed the payment of £211.20 to Playsafety for the Annual ROSPA inspection.

1 member of the public left the meeting at that point.

- The Chairman of the Sub-Committee provided the following update, including a fundraising update:
 - 1- David Smith MP met with the members of the Sub-Committee on 27th June, and was very supportive of the project.
 - 2- The fundraising so far has reached £53,500, which includes £21,000 sponsorship & £2,200 from crowdfunding which has 100 supporters so far.
 - 3- The project has been offered a £100,000 grant from Rural Asset Multiplier Project, which will be paid in arrears.
 - 4- The Parish Council will need to apply for an overdraft to cover the funding gap, which is part of the grant agreement.
- Parish Councillors agreed to accept the grant of £100,000 from Rural Asset Multiplier Project towards refurbishment of Beadnell playground
Parish Councillors formally agreed the grant funding conditions.
Parish Councillor A Baker proposed & the Vice-Chair seconded that the Clerk sign the grant agreement on behalf of Beadnell Parish Council. This was agreed.
- The Vice-Chair proposed & Parish Councillor T Jayes seconded that the Clerk place the order with Kompan Scotland Ltd for the purchase of the new equipment complete with installation at the Meadow Lane Play Area. This was agreed.

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- Parish Councillors appointed the members of current fundraising committee to a project delivery committee to manage and deliver the project
- Parish Councillors agreed the following 3 payments:
 - a) Payment 1 = £60,176.64 (including VAT)- on placing the order
 - b) Payment 2 = £60,005.94 (including VAT)- on start of groundworks
 - c) Payment 3 = £59,752.28 (including VAT)- Once completion is satisfied.
- Parish Councillors considered and agreed the previously circulated Cashflow forecast.
- Parish Councillors agreed to apply for an overdraft facility for £20k to cover the funding gap.
- Parish Councillor A Baker proposed & the Vice-Chair seconded that the Clerk make application to Barclays Bank for a £20k Overdraft facility for 6 months. This was agreed.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Parish Council continue fundraising until the end of 2025 with a stretch target of an extra £25k above the original target of £150k. The extra funds to be used

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for additional work to safety surface as highlighted by the Annual ROSPA report and possible works to the Longbeach Drive Play Area.

- Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Baker draft a press release for Parish Councillors to consider.

Min 78/2025- Cemetery- The Vice-Chair reported that there were no updates. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson advised that meeting that North Sunderland Parish Council are looking into training for Memorial Inspections etc, and agreed to provide further updates when they are available.

Min 79/2025- Financial Statement

Community Account	£ 16379.42
Savings Account	£ 4882.34
Playground Refurbishment A/C	£ 53681.57

Min 80/2025- Finance:

Receipts

• Donations	£ 230.00	2 nd Home owners
• Barclays Bank	£ 16.16	Savings A/c – Interest
• HMRC	£ 457.84	VAT Refund
• Residents	£ 131.00	Donations

Transfer

- Community A/c to Refurbishment A/c £2,770.00
- Community A/c to Refurbishment A/c £ 131.00

Playground Refurbishment Account

• Barclays Bank	£ 101.12	Interest
• Residents-		
Local Businesses	£ 6028.00	Sponsorship.
• Crowdfunder	£ 2093.25	Fundraising- donations

Payments due

• I Hunter	£ 369.77	Salary 51.5 hours @ £ 14.36 per hour
• HMRC	£ 369.77	PAYE
• I Hunter	£ 14.30	Expenses
• Beadnell WI	£ 24.00	Room hire
• S Ternent	£ 630.00	Grass cutting
• Playsafety Ltd	£ 211.20	Play Areas- Annual ROSPA Inspection
• Glasdon Uk Ltd	£1478.89	Memorial bench
• O Kavanagh	£ 400.00	Install Memorial bench

Min 81/2025- Correspondence- Parish Councillors noted the following correspondence.

- **Resident-** Emails- Request to install a flower boat in Beadnell. Parish Councillors confirmed Northumberland County Council did not support the proposed location.
- **CRAG-** Email- Latest Newsletter

- **NCC- Email- Replies** Re the possibility of the footpath from Beadnell to Swinhoe to be included within the design for the Swinhoe crossroads.
- **NCC- Email- Replies** Re the possibility of the extension for the Saturday 1-hourly bus service to a daily service.
- **Resident-** Thank you for memorial
- **NCC-Email-** Corporate Performance Report + letter from Leader
- **National Trust-** Email- Summer Newsletter
- **NCC- Email-**Introduction of Portfolio Holder for Highways & contact information
- **NCC- Email-**Information on QTS Data Centre Cambois – Public Consultation sessions.
- **North Sunderland PC-** Email- Request for questions ahead of their meeting with NWL.
- **NCC- Email-** Northumberland Local Plan 'Call for Sites' Consultation 30/9.

Min 82/2025- Benches

- Parish Councillors noted the memorial bench had been ordered from Glasdon at a cost of £1478.89.
- Parish Councillors agreed O Kavanagh install the memorial bench.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk order a plaque for the memorial bench from Fantasy Prints at a cost of £6.19. The style of plaque had been agreed with the donator.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk raise an invoice to the donator of the memorial bench once all invoices are received.
- Parish Councillors agreed the payment of £1478.89 to Glasdon Uk Ltd for the memorial bench.
- Parish Councillors agreed the payment of £400 to O Kavanagh for installing the memorial bench.
- The Vice-Chair advised the Parish Council that BCV are willing to fund a bench to be installed near the cemetery gates.
- Parish Councillors agreed BCV consider the type of bench they would prefer to purchase. The Clerk to ask Northumberland County Council if there are any issues with installing a bench on the grass area near the cemetery.

Min 83/2025- Bus Service

- Parish Councillors asked County Councillor G Renner-Thompson if he had any updates to the possibility to changing the collection and drop off point for school children in the winter months.
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied he had no updates; however, he would chase the officer at Northumberland County Council for an update.
- Parish Councillors noted the response to the request for the extension of the Saturday 1-hourly service to a 1-hourly daily service in 2026.
- Parish Councillors considered the request from Northumberland County Council Bus Ambassador for a Parish Councillor to undertake the updating of the bus timetables in the holders at the bus stops within the parish.
Parish Councillor A Baker proposed & the Vice-Chair seconded that the Parish Council would not take on this responsibility as it comes under the remit of Northumberland County Council, however, if any Parish Councillor wishes to take on the responsibility it would be in a personal capacity and not as a Parish Councillor. This was agreed.
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson stated that Northumberland Coast National

Landscape are looking into live updates via funding from the Elected Mayor. He agreed to chase NECA for an update.

- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk notify the Bus Companies that the bus stop at Harbour Road had been removed.

Min 84/2025- Local Issues-

- Parish Councillor A Nation raised concerns the increasing number of advertising signage boards in the Bullring.
Parish Councillors debated the situation.
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson advised the meeting that the business owners will need a pavement licence to allow them to have an advertising signage board.
Parish Councillors agreed to review the advertising signage boards when undertaking the annual review of the Parish Council Assets, later in the year, to ensure all advertisers are businesses within Beadnell village.
Parish Councillors agreed to consider a village sign at the November meeting, which could be part of the 2026/27 budget.
- Parish Councillor T Jayes reported that the cork in the West Fleetham noticeboard is damaged.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk provide Parish Councillor T Jayes with a Parish Councillors contact details poster for the noticeboards.

Min 85/2025- Updates- Parish Councillors to receive updates on the following items and consider any actions:

- a) Parish Councillor A Nation provided a brief update from the recent CAN session on housing, stating that she had yet to speak to County Councillor G Renner-Thompson about possible ideas which includes funding ideas, an update will be circulated in the future.
- b) Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Bernicia about the possible option of housing via-HUSK garage conversions & infill sites within Beadnell.
- c) Parish Councillor A Nation provided the following update from CRAG:
 - 1- It is hoped to have more trains stopping at Chathill from 2027 included within the Elected Mayor's Transport Plan.
 - 2- Would like more fast trains to stop at Chathill.
 - 3- There is a need for a temporary shelter at Chathill Station, options are being considered.
 - 4- There will be a 1-hour meeting at Chathill Station on 4th September at 10.30am, David Smith MP & the Elected Deputy Mayor will be in attendance and Village Voices will be performing, any support would be appreciated.
- d) The Chair provided a verbal update from the recent site meeting with Northumberland County Council Neighbourhood Service Officers.
 - 1- Parish Councillors met with County Councillor G Renner-Thompson & Northumberland County Council officers on 26th June at Beadnell public toilets, to consider the condition of the toilets, the programme for refurbishment & future provision.
 - 2- Northumberland County Council agreed to undertake necessary remedial works & sanitary repairs at the present time.
 - 3- There will be an update on the timeline for refurbishment, later in the year, however, the works should be undertaken within the 2025/26 financial year.
 - 4- Parish Councillors suggested bench top tables, lights & a grab rail to be included within the refurbishment programme.
 - 5- Parish Councillors raised concerns about the state of the wooden access points as they need

attention.

Min 86/2025- Local Transport Plan 2026/27- Parish Councillors agreed to defer this agenda item until the September meeting, as no updates had been received from Northumberland County Council in relation to the Parish Council's 2025/26 3 priorities.

Min 87/2025- Beadnell Beaches- Northumbrian Water Ltd

- Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated report prepared by Parish Councillor A Nation.
- The Vice-Chair gave a vote of thanks to Parish Councillor A Nation for her hard work stating she could only support points 1, 2 & 3.
The Chair suggested this work should be progressed via a pressure group, questioning if there were health risks.
Parish Councillors suggested the report etc could be forwarded onto North Sunderland Parish Council for consideration at the forthcoming meeting with Northumbrian Water Ltd as Beadnell Parish Council had been invited to submit questions. Parish Councillor A Nation did not support this approach as the Parish Council could attend the meeting as an observer. The report includes very specific Beadnell issues which had already been shared with North Sunderland Parish Council.
The Chair proposed & Parish Councillor A Baker seconded that the Clerk chase Northumbrian Water Ltd for a progress update on the Bernicia Way Surface Water Management was promised at the virtual meeting which Northumbrian Water Ltd attended with the Parish Council. This was agreed.

Parish Councillors agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the remaining business on the agenda to be considered as the 2-hour meeting limit had been reached.

Min 88/2025- Parish Councillor training- Parish Councillors agreed that Beadnell Parish Council fund 2 NALC online training sessions for Parish Councillor A Nation. The Clerk to book the places.

Any Other Urgent Business- None

The date of the next meeting 24th September 2025 at 6pm

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Parish Councillors passed the following resolution:

The Council may be recommended to pass a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the media and public from the discussion of the following business on the basis that public discussion may prejudice the Council's position and/or staffing issues may be discussed.

Min 89/2025- The Minutes of the Confidential Planning Meeting – Parish Councillors approved the minutes of the Confidential Planning Meeting held on 16th July 2025. The Chair to sign a hard copy.

Chair _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____