

MINUTES OF THE BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 at 6pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall

Present: Chair- J Hall, Vice-Chair A Baker
Parish Councillors: C Harrison, T Jayes, G Martindale & A Nation.
Clerk: I Hunter
5 Members of the public

Public Question Time: None

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillor J Darcy & County Councillor G Renner-Thompson

Declaration of Interest: None.

Request for Dispensation- None.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 27th May 2026- Parish Councillors agreed that the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 27th May 2026 were a true record of the meeting. The Chair signed a hard copy.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th May 2026 – Parish Councillor T Jayes asked for the word “Unprofessional” to be removed from the National Landscape Meeting minutes.
Parish Councillor A Nation referred to Min 55/2025- Play Areas, where it was reported to the meeting that the weekly inspection took place on the same day as the incident, whereas the weekly inspection took place on the day after the incident.
Parish Councillors agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 27th May 2026 as a true record of the meeting with the amendments. The Chair signed a hard copy.

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

Min 69/2026- (Min 56/2026)- Cemetery- The Chair reported that to date a notice had not been prepared and placed on the cemetery gate advising visitors to the cemetery that some memorials had been laid flat on safety grounds.

Min 70/2026 (Min 54/2026)- Annual Insurance premium- Parish Councillor A Nation asked if there were any updates on the insurance value for the village clock. The Clerk replied that she had contacted Smiths of Derby 2-3 times asking for an insurance value which she could share with the Insurance provider, however, to date no response had been received. She agreed to contact Smiths of Derby again.

Min 71/2026 (Min 58/2026)- Litter bin stickers

- Parish Councillor A Nation asked for an update on the placing of the official “No dog fouling” provided by Northumberland County Council on the Northumberland County Council litter bins.
- Parish Councillors agreed to place a “No dog fouling” sticker on all Northumberland

County Council & Parish Council litter bins.

Parish Councillor C Harrison agreed to collect the stickers from the Chair and place a sticker on every litter bin.

Min 72/2026-Community Police- Parish Councillors received the following report

The number of crimes recorded since the previous Parish Council meeting is extremely low and only effect the persons directly involved.

On 1st June 2026 a complaint was made regarding to general motorbikes on the road the B1340 which is a 40mph road. Complaint was potential speeding and loud exhaust noise. The complaint was made via an online web submission and not at the time of occurrence. Complaint sent to Op Modero, Road Safety Support who are attempting to extend speed camera deployment across the region.

On 10th June 2026 Parish Councillor Alison Nation reported issues with arranging a meeting to discuss water quality and sewerage in the local area. There appeared to be a counter demonstration from a local resident who believes the issues raised are affecting tourism to the area.

ASB:

There has been no youth ASB reported to Police.

No disorder issues reported by any local pubs.

Community Engagement –

High visibility patrols are made in the area.

The Vice-Chair questioned Parish Councillor A Nation about reporting an issue as a Parish Councillor, as the perception could be that she was referring to a Parish Council meeting, when the meeting was actually organised in her personal capacity.

Parish Councillor A Nation stated she had reported the issue in her personal capacity; however, the Police did ask for details where she explained that she was a Parish Councillor.

Min 73/2026- County Councillor report- The Clerk read out the following update from County Councillor G Renner-Thompson:

1. Enforcement of Section 106 at Beadnell Kilns

Officers have been checking Council Tax records, school registrations and liaising with other local authorities where appropriate. The Council is concentrating on the strongest cases where it believes compliance can be secured. As matters are likely to progress through the courts, officers are unable to comment on individual cases.

2. Progress on road resurfacing

At The Haven, civil engineering works are scheduled to take place between 7 and 18 September, with resurfacing works planned for 22 to 24 October. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses wherever possible, with works carried out in sections to minimise disruption. The resurfacing of the Chathill to Preston Road is now done, awaiting edge filling and road marking.

3. Status of the fish and chip vendor at The Bullring

The Council has investigated concerns regarding the mobile fish and chip vendor at The Bullring. From a licensing perspective, the vehicle holds a valid Street Trading Consent and licensing officers tell me that no breaches of the consent have been identified. Separate concerns relating to littering have been referred to the Environmental Enforcement Team.

Parish Councillors noted that the fish and chip vendor does provide two litter bins for waste, for the time he is trading, which he takes away with him when he closes up at the end of his shift.

4. Longstone Crescent garage site

I have been chasing Bernicia and still not had an answer, so no update.

Min 74/2026- Beadnell Public Toilets:

- Parish Councillors noted all emails received from Northumberland County Council.
- Parish Councillors noted that the outside of the toilet block had been painted, the ladies' toilets were in the process of being painted and the gents' toilets were to be painted the following week.
- Parish Councillors agreed to receive a further update at the September meeting.

Min 75/2026- National Landscape: Parish Councillors noted that there were no updates.

Min 76/2026- Parish Council Policies-

- Parish Councillors adopted the previously circulated revised Parish Council's Standing Orders. The Clerk to place a copy of the revised Standing Orders on the website.
- Parish Councillors undertook the annual review of the previously circulated Parish Council's Health & Safety Policy. The Clerk to place a copy of the Parish Council's Health & Safety Policy on the website.

Min 77/2025- Play Areas.

- Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated annual ROSPA report complete with action grid.
- Parish Councillor A Nation raised the following points from the ROSPA report:
 - 1- Bird mess on equipment etc.
 - 2- Should the litter bin be replaced.
 - 3- The fencing needs to be repaired.
 - 4- The gate at the Kennedy Green entrance/exit needs attention.
 - 5- The state of the surface under items of play equipment needs attention.
- Parish Councillor C Harrison Proposed & Parish Councillor G Martindale seconded the following:
 - 1- To monitor the condition of the litter bin as Northumberland County Council had not raised any issues.
 - 2- Works to the fencing is scheduled to be undertaken in September.
 - 3- The Vice-Chair agreed to investigate options for the gate at the Kennedy Green entrance/exit.
 - 4- Not to take any action to the surfacing at the multiplay equipment at the present time.
 - 5- The Chair & Vice-Chair draft the wording for the replacement information sign.Parish Councillors agreed the above. Parish Councillor A Nation abstained.
- The Vice-Chair proposed that he undertakes research into options for future inspections in time for the January meeting where the Parish Council will be setting the 27/28 budget. He informed Parish Councillors that Kompan are offering 3 inspections + a ROSPA inspection for £1300 to cover both play areas, however, I need to check what is included within the offer.

Parish Councillor C Harrison seconded the proposal. This was agreed.

- Parish Councillors agreed the payment of £171.60 to Playsafety for the Annual ROSPA inspection.
- The Chair of the Sub-Committee referred to his previously circulated update.
 - 1- The loose green panel & bolts had been sorted.
 - 2- The Parish Council consider the condition of the safety surfacing at the September meeting.
 - 3- I will investigate the issues with the adult & child swing, which were raised in the ROSPA report.
 - 4- The Longbeach Drive play area re-opened on 3rd July
 - 5- All issues raised at the handover inspection had been addressed.
 - 6- The Parish Council needs to purchase a sign to allow the sponsors to be recognised.
 - 7- The £303.77 shortfall of funding to complete the project to be funded from Parish Council funds.
- The Vice-Chair proposed that Parish Council agrees to close the Playground Bank A/c, now that the 2 play areas have been revamped, and that the Sub-Committee is dissolved. This was agreed.

Parish Councillor C Harrison gave a vote of thanks to the Sub-Committee for their hard work with Kompan to deliver the 2 refurbished play areas.
- Parish Councillors considered the latest weekly inspection reports.
- Parish Councillors agreed to monitor the weekly inspection reports.

Min 78/2026- Cemetery

- Parish Councillors considered all the quotes received to lay 7-8 memorials flat.
- Parish Councillors agreed to award the contract for £375 + VAT to Wm Purves to lay 7-8 memorials flat. To be paid for out of funds set aside for the cemetery
- Parish Councillors agreed that the Chair & Clerk to organise a notice to be placed on the cemetery gate to explain what actions the Parish Council are taking.
- Parish Councillors considered the quotes received for works to trees within the Cemetery
- Parish Councillors agreed to award the contract for £120 + VAT to Unstumpable to undertake the agreed tree works. To be paid for out of the current maintenance budget.

Min 79/2026- Planning Applications

26/02269/LBC- Listed Building Consent for replacement of 4no. unauthorised double glazed timber windows on ground floor East elevation with single glazed timber windows Flats 2 and 3 Beadnell Hall, The Haven Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5AT

Parish Councillors considered the above planning application and agreed to submit no comments.

26/02395/FUL- Construction of one detached dwelling with associated access and landscaping Land North Of 27 Longbeach Drive Beadnell Northumberland NE67 5EG.

Members of the public addressed the meeting.

Parish Councillors noted all correspondence received in relation to the planning application. Parish Councillors debated the planning application and

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unanimously agreed to object to the planning application on the following grounds which were also, the reasons why Northumberland County Council refused Planning Application No 25/00648/FUL as Parish Councillors felt the following reasons are still valid reasons for refusal:

- 1- **Scale, design, character:** By virtue of its scale and design the proposed development would have a negative impact upon the character of the site and the surrounding street scene. As such it would be contrary to Policies QOP 1, QOP 2, ENV 3 and HOU 9 of the Northumberland Local Plan and Policies 5 and 8 of the North Northumberland Coast Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2- **Neighbouring amenity:** By virtue of its siting, design and scale, the proposed development would have a negative impact upon neighbouring amenity, specifically in terms of overlooking, loss of privacy, overbearing and loss of outlook. The proposals are therefore contrary to Policies QOP 2 and STP 3.

If Northumberland County Council are minded to approve this planning application the following requirements etc must be put in place:

- 1- A planning obligation is required to secure principal occupancy for the development, to ensure the development is in line with to policies HOU 10 and INF 6 of the Northumberland Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 2- All the coastal mitigation requirements must be met.

Min 80/2026- Planning Withdrawal

25/01025/FUL- Development of 3no. residential dwellings including associated access, car parking, landscaping and all other ancillary works- Land South Of 30 Swinhoe Road Swinhoe Road Beadnell Northumberland.

Min 81/2026- Finance

Reserves

- Parish Councillors considered and agreed the previously circulated draft Earmarked Reserves spreadsheet.

Bank Balances

Community Account	£ 18,555.83
Savings Account	£ 4,939.30
Playground Refurbishment A/C	£ 9,537.25

Receipts

• Barclays Bank	£ 14.03	Savings A/c – Interest
• HMRC	£ 3,001.19	VAT Refund
• Residents	£ 40.00	Donations
• Northern Powergrid	£ 10.24	Wayleave

Transfers

- Community A/c to Refurbishment A/c £ 3,202.50
- Community A/c to Refurbishment A/c £ 2,000.00

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- Community A/c to Refurbishment A/c £ 39.80
- Refurbishment A/c to Community A/c £12,190.34
- Community A/c to Refurbishment A/c £ 2,031.72
- Community A/c to Refurbishment A/c £ 14.63

Playground Refurbishment Account

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| • Barclays Bank | £ 34.68 | Interest |
| • Crowdfunder | £ 244.52 | Fundraising- Donations. |

Payments

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| • Crowdfunder | £ 18.17 | Play Areas- donations fee |
| • Shiel & Morrison | £ 93.00 | Printing- Annual holiday-let letters & Play Area refurbishment flyers. |
| • I Hunter | £ 505.74 | Salary 68.25 hours @ £ 14.82 per hour |
| • HMRC | £ 505.73 | PAYE |
| • I Hunter | £ 31.23 | Expenses |
| • Beadnell WI | £ 60.00 | Room hire |
| • Stableyards Landscapes | £ 790.00 | Grass cutting |
| • Playsafety Ltd | £ 171.60 | Play Areas- Annual ROSPA Inspection |
| • Kompan Scotland Ltd | £11,809.22 | Longbeach Drive refurbishment
2 nd 50% payment. |

The Vice-Chair reminded Parish Councillors to think before sending emails as every email requires an answer, which increases the Clerk's hours and this comes at a cost to the Parish Council, concluding that in the last 4 months the Clerk had worked 171 hours, yes, this did include the emails relating to the dog ban on the beach, however the budgeted hours for the entirety of 26/27 is 360 hours.

The Vice-Chair suggested that the Parish Council place the majority of the Parish Council funds into a Savings A/c as this will make a small amount of interest. The Clerk suggested the Parish Council could keep £1k in the Community A/c and transfer the residue of the bank balance into a Savings A/c as transfers can be undertaken instantly if the funds are required and does not need 2 signatories as it is internal transfers.

Parish Councillors agreed the following:

- The Clerk manage the level of bank balance in the Community A/c ensuring that the bank balance in the Community A/c does not fall below £1k.
- The Clerk to check which of the 2 Parish Council Savings A/c's has the best interest rate and closes the one with the lower interest rate.

Min 82/2026- Travel board

- Parish Councillor A Nation gave a verbal update to her previously circulated report on the proposal for a travel board to be placed on the bus shelter to provide residents and visitors with travel information and updates.
- Parish Councillors debated the proposal.
- Parish Councillor A Nation proposed the purchase of a travel board to be placed on the bus shelter and she would manage the content. The Chair seconded the proposal stating the budget would be a maximum of £300.

A vote was undertaken 2 for the proposal and 4 against. Therefore, the proposal failed.

Min 83/2026- North Northumberland Coast Neighbourhood Plan

- Parish Councillors noted the previously circulated notes from the recent steering group meetings.
- The Chair reported that she had been tasked to ask Parish Councils within the NCNL area if they would support a joint letter being sent to Northumberland County Council about a new section in the revised Local Plan containing policies to address unique combination of issues in the AONB area. She concluded by asking if Beadnell Parish Council supported the letter.
- Parish Councillors agreed to support the submission of a letter and the Chair making contact with the other PCs in the NCNL area.
- The Chair reported that at the last steering group meeting Bamburgh PC were unable to attend. It was agreed at the meeting to hold consultation meetings in each of the 3 villages, however, to date there are no further details.

Min 84/2026- Correspondence- Parish Councillors noted the following correspondence.

- **NCC-** Email- Information reports from Town & Parish Council Liaison Working Group.
- **NCC-** Email- Update from Cabinet Member for Highways.
- **NCC-** Email- Feedback for the Parish Council's 3 priorities for the Local Transport Plan.
- **Resident-** Emails- Swinhoe crossroads consultation. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk respond to the resident stating Parish Councillors responded to the consultation in a personal capacity.
- **NCC-** Email- Neighbourhood Planning – Support Update for Parish Councils.
- **North Northumberland Voluntary Community Forum-** Email- Request for nominations for Voluntary & Community Awards 2026- by 31st July
- **NCC-** Email- Reply from Planning Enforcement Department to Parish Council's email.
- **NCC-** Email- Reply to Parish Council's request for a drop kerb.
- **Beadnell Bay Camping and Caravanning Club Site-** Email- Confirmation that information sign had been erected at the request of the Parish Council.
- **NCC-** Email- Digital switchover information.
- **NCNL-** Email- Coastline Conversations- Summer News

Any other urgent business

Min 85/2026- Parish Council emails- Parish Councillor C Harrison raised concerns on the level of emails, especially Parish Councillors replying to all when just acknowledging the email, and suggested that not every Parish Councillor needed to receive every email.

Min 86/2026- Bus shelter- Parish Councillor C Harrison advised the meeting that the inside of the bus shelter needed to be cleaned due to the level of bird mess as the swallows were nesting in the bus shelter.
Parish Councillor C Harrison agreed to clean out the bus shelter and remove the swallows' nest if the swallows have fledged. This was agreed.

The date of the next meeting 23rd September 2026 at 6pm

Chair _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____