

**Featherstone Parish Council - Agenda for the Meeting**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 at 7:30pm**  
**Venue: Featherstone Village Hall**

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**13/26 Co-option of Councillor** To consider the applications received for the vacant office of Parish Councillor and to agree the co-option of a candidate to fill the vacancy

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**14/26 Election of Officers**

**14/26.01** Election of Chair

**14/26.02** Election of Vice-Chair

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**15/26 Apologies for Absence** To receive any apologies.

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**16/26 Appointment to Outside Bodies and Committees**

**16/26.01** Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee – 1 member

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**17/26 Public Questions** - To note any questions submitted by the public. Questions must be received by the Clerk by the Wednesday before the meeting. Public participation beyond this item requires Council authorisation.

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**18/26 Declarations of Interest**

To receive: Any disclosable pecuniary interests (Section 31, Localism Act 2011; Code of Conduct paras 13–18) Any other significant interests in the public interest (Code of Conduct paras 19–20) Members are reminded to observe the Nolan principles of public life.

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**19/26 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2026.

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**20/26 Matters Arising from the Minutes** Items not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

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**21/26 Insurance renewal – to be agreed**

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**22/26 Ratification of Internal Auditor Appointment 2025/26** To ratify the appointment of David Newman as Internal Auditor for 2025/26. Provision for the Internal Audit and associated fee was approved within the Council's budget and precept (Minute Ref. 70/25.02, 26 November 2025).

**Recommended Resolution** - Resolved that the appointment of David Newman as Internal Auditor for 2025/26 be ratified and the terms of engagement approved.

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**23/26 Reports on Financial Matters**

23/26.01 Bank Reconciliation & Payments for Approval (Appendix 1)

23/26.02 Profit and Loss Report (Appendix 2)

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**24/26 Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee** Report and any resolutions arising.

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**25/26 Policy & Risk Assessment Review**

25/26.01 Standing Orders

25/26.02 Freedom of Information Policy

25/26.03 Social Media & Press Policy

25/26.04 Co-option Policy

25/26.05 Financial Regulations

25/26.06 IT Email Policy

25/26.07 Risk Assessments

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**26/26 Correspondence** To note correspondence received since the last meeting.

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**27/27 Any Other Business (AOB)** To raise any items not on the agenda.

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**28/26 Dates of Next Meetings**

**Extraordinary Meeting of the Council** - Members are asked to note that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council will be held in **June 2026 (date to be confirmed)** to consider and approve the 2025/26 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

**Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 26th August 2026 at 7.30pm – Featherstone Village Hall**

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