

Featherstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 27th May 2025 at
Featherstone Village Hall

Present: Cllr G Patterson, Cllr T Teasdale (Vice chair), Cllr A Sharp, Cllr D Graham Cllr E Wigham (Chair), Cllr A Whitehead, Cllr Mathison.

In Attendance Clerk Neil Griffin.

Apologies None.

27/25 Election of chair. Cllr Wigham accepted. Prop Cllr Teasdale, Sec: Cllr Graham.

28/25 Election of vice chair. Cllr Teasdale accepted. Prop Cllr Sharp, Sec: Cllr Patterson.

29/25 Election of H&DJBC Representative. Cllr Whitehead accepted Prop: Cllr Sharp Sec: Cllr Wigham.

30/25 Minutes of meeting held 25th February 2025 to be approved. Agreed

Prop: Cllr Sharp Sec: Cllr Patterson.

31/25 Declarations of Interest In accordance with section 31 of the localism act 2011, members to declare any interests pecuniary interest in items on this agenda. None declared

32/25 Insurance renewal. Agreed. Prop: Cllr Teasdale Sec: Cllr Patterson

33/25 Correspondence.

33/25.01 Email Sustrans are not responsible for the maintenance of the South Tyne Trail from Feathertstone car park to Lambley car park. Noted

33/25.02 Email. NCC are responsible for the maintenance of the South Tyne Trail from Feathertstone car park to Lambley car park and agreed to survey the trail for tree cutting back. Noted

33/25.03 Deborah Smith agreed to purchase and replace the bench at Park Village. Noted

33/25.04 Paul Armstrong, NCC agreed to meet parishioners 06.05.25 to discuss speed signs at Park Village. Noted

33/25.05 Parish council agreed that the clerk contact NCC highways for update regarding visit to Park Village to address Parishioners concerns. Clerk agreed to copy Cllr Mathison into email response.

34/25 Finance.

35/25.01 To confirm and approve the Certificate of exemption. Approved. Prop: Cllr Patterson, Sec: Cllr Teasdale

36/25.02 Draft annual accounts 2024-25 for approval. Approved. Prop: Cllr Sharp, Sec: Cllr Wigham.

37/25.03 Accounting statement and explanation of variances for approval. Approved. Prop: Cllr Graham, Sec: Cllr Patterson.

38/25.04 Action arising from internal auditor's report for approval for approval.
 Approved. Prop: Cllr Wigham, Sec: Cllr Graham.

39/25.05 Annual Governance statement for approval. Approved. Prop: Cllr
 Whitehead, Sec: Cllr Graham.

40/25.06 Accounts for approval. Approved. Prop: Cllr Sharp, Sec: Cllr Whitehead

41/25.07 Budget 2025-26. Noted. To be reviewed at next meeting.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE	
	As at 31.03.25
	C/A
BALANCES B/F	£ 1,968.05
<u>Income</u>	
Precept	£2,900.00
Cemetery Double Chg Refund	£0.00
HMRC VAT	£0.00
	£0.00
Total Income	£2,900.00
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Clerk Salary/Expenses	£848.64
Insurance	£214.00
S137/Donations	£100.00
IT	£75.00
Bank Charges	£76.00
H&DJBC	£1,043.50
HMRC	£212.16
Maintenance	£0.00
Office Admin	£0.00
Subs	£61.38
	£0.00
Total Expenditure	£2,630.68
VAT	0
BALANCES C/F	£2,237.37

Bank Reconciliation as at		31.03.25	
Bank Statement		2211.37	
Plus	o/s Lodgements	0.00	
Less	o/s Payments	0.00	
	Balance as at	31.03.25	2211.37
Cash Book			
	Bal b/f 31st March 2024		1968.05
	Receipts in the year		2900.00
	Payments in the year		2656.68
	Balance as at	31.03.25	2211.37
			Diff 0.00

PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE	DATE
NALC	£64.58	Subscription	100477	27.05.25
NALC	£75.00	Website	100477	27.05.25
H&DJBC	£628.38	Precept	100478	27.05.25
Zurich Municipal	£214.00	Insurance	100479	27.05.25
Tynereade	£60.00	Payroll advice	100480	27.05.25
TOTAL	£1041.96			

42/25 Financial Risk Assessments 2025-2026. Adopted. Prop: Cllr Whigham, Sec: Cllr Graham.

43/25 Standing orders 2025-2026. Adopted. Prop: Cllr Graham, Sec: Cllr Whitehead.

44/25 H&DJBC Report. Noted.

45/25 Haltwhistle Partnership. Noted. Cllr Sharp confirmed that the Haltwhistle Community Book Shop generated £40,000 to be donated to various local charities including Haltwhistle Swimming Pool, Haltwhistle Film Project and Bardon Mill Village Hall.

44/25 Cllr Teasdale raised an issue regarding the condition of the Hope-Wallace War Memorial. Cllr Sharp agreed to address issues with the status of the repair.

45/25 Featherstone Parish Council would like welcome Cllr Rachel Mathison and look forward to a collaborative working relationship.

45/25 Date & Time of next meeting. 7.30pm Tuesday 28th August 2025.

Signed Chair



Date Tuesday 28th August 2025