

Featherstone Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council

Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 7:30pm

Featherstone Village Hall

Present: Cllr. E Wigham (Chair), Cllr. T Teasdale (Vice-Chair), Cllr. A Sharp, Cllr. A Whitehead, Cllr. Wil W.C. Raey, Cllr. G Patterson

Also Present: Jan Birks (Clerk)

36/26 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr R Mathieson.

37/26 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 – None

38/26 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. - None

39/26 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on 27th of May 2026 were approved

Proposed: A Sharp

Seconded: A Whitehead

Approved

The minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on 15th June 2026 were approved

Proposed: E Wigham

Seconded: T Teasdale

Approved

40/26 Matters Arising from the Minutes Items not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

41/26 Grounds – Reports and Resolutions Arising.

Grounds meeting - 11 June with David Dover, Cllr R Mathieson, Clerk J Birks.

All drainage issues: Wallace Arms/nearby residence - addressed

Craigsbank - road sliding away - per D Dover via Cllr Teasdale, on the list to be fixed

Area by Peat Gate Bank ditch dug away, concrete drain installed by NCC.... not tapped in - David Dover advised Cllr. Teasdale that it's on the list to be fixed, road will need to be closed to facilitate the repair.

Lane head to Crystal Wells - still flooding (even during dry spells) - possibly from a water pipe /

Request trees to cut back all roads - both to be reported to Fix my street

Featherstone signage - a posed question regarding Featherstone signage. No issues with signage

Waste Bin Request - household waste bin requested to be installed down by Lambley Viaduct

Proposed: T Teasdale

Second: W Raey

Approved

42/26 Northumberland County Council Report

Report from County Cllr. Mathieson - relayed by Chair & Clerk at the request of Cllr Mathieson

43/26 Grant Requests - Sport Tynedale application for funding - donation suggested £50 donations

Proposed: A Sharp.

Seconded: G Patterson.

Approved

44/26 Reports on Financial Matters

44/26.01 Bank Reconciliation & Payments for Approval (Appendix 1)

44/26.02 Profit and Loss Report (Appendix 2)

Reports received, payments, receipts, bank reconciliations, and cash balanced noted and accepted

Proposed: E Wigham

Seconded: A Sharp

Approved

45/26 Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee

Report was given and noted

46/26 Correspondence To note correspondence received since the last meeting (Appendix 3) - No correspondence requiring action was received

47/26 Any Other Business (AOB) To raise any items not on the agenda. - Contact Sustrans (Sustrans renamed itself to Walk Wheel Cycle Trust in September 2025) railway for fixing fences on old railway.

48/26 Dates of Next Meetings

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 25th November 2026 at 7.30pm – Featherstone Village Hall

Meeting ended: 8:55 pm