

Featherstone Parish Council – Draft Minutes for the Meeting on Wednesday 25th of February 2026 at 7:30pm at Featherstone Village Hall

Present: Cllr. E. Wigham – (Chair), Cllr. T. Teasdale (Vice-Chair), Cllr. A. Sharp, Cllr. A. Whitehead, Cllr. G. Patterson
Also Present: Jan Birks (Clerk)

1/26 Apologies for Absence Cllr. Rachel Mathieson

2/26 Public Questions - None received.

3/26 Declarations of Interest - None received

4/26 Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2025 were approved
Proposed: Cllr. A Sharp Seconded: Cllr. A Whitehead - Approved

5/26 Matters Arising from the Minutes - None Declared

6/26 Administration and Governance

6/26.01 Casual Vacancy (Co-option)

It was noted that no request for an election was received within the required legal timeframe following the resignation of Councillor D. Graham.

RESOLVED: That the vacancy be filled by co-option.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk advertise the vacancy and invite applications, with the selection process to be undertaken at a future meeting of the Council.

7/26 Reports on Financial Matters

Reports received, Payments, receipts, bank reconciliation, and cash balances noted and accepted.

Proposed: Cllr. G Patterson Seconded: Cllr. E. Wigham - Approved

8/26 Precept 2026/27

It was noted that the precept request of £3,200 for the financial year 2026/27 was submitted to Northumberland County Council on 2 January 2026

9/26 Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee

9/26.01 Budget Levy 2026

The Council noted receipt of the remittance advice relating to the 2026 Budget Levy.

RESOLVED: That payment of the levy be approved as follows:

First instalment, due on or before 1 May 2026;

Second instalment, due on or before 1 October 2026.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to arrange payment of the first instalment prior to the next scheduled meeting on 27 May 2026.

Proposed: Cllr. A Whitehead Seconded: Cllr. G Patterson - Approved

9/26.02- Representative Report

A report was received from the Council's representative on the Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee, and any matters arising were duly considered

10/26 Correspondence - Received and noted

11/26 Any Other Business - Cllr. Patterson reported that he had received a request from a parishioner who is actively tidying and undertaking litter picking in the area. The parishioner suggested that, if possible, a litter bin be installed at Lambley Viaduct (South Tyne Trail Car Park) to assist with maintaining the area. It was agreed that NCC would be contacted to request and arrange the placement of the bin, with the Parish Council agreeing to fund its purchase.

Various other areas of concern were raised. It was agreed that Councillors, together with the Clerk, would arrange to meet at a future date to undertake a grounds site inspection. This would enable a comprehensive report of all areas requiring repair or further inspection to be submitted via FixMyStreet.

12/26 Date of Next Meeting

- Parish Council Meeting –Wednesday, 27 May 2026, - 7:30pm, Featherstone Village Hall

Meeting Ended 9:00 p.m.