

Acklington Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Acklington Village Hall, on Tuesday, 7th July 2026

Present	Cllr Sharin Ingleby (Chair)	Cllr Alison Bell (Vice Chair)	Cllr Steve Thorpe
	Cllr Sean Malone	Cllr Steve Shanks	Cllr Tony Mezza
	Cllr Ann McDougal	Cllr Simon Caiger	Bonnie Watson (Clerk)
Also, in Attendance	MOP = 2		

Public questions / speaking

Presentation regarding the different phases of the transformation of the churchyard and green areas surrounding St John the Divine Church with regards to a contribution from the parish council (22 mins). (See agenda item 8).

	Agenda Item
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Pauline Davidson
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr McDougal – St John the Divine Church
3.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS The minutes from the meeting of 5 th May 2026 were approved as a true record. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Bus Timetables in neighboring villages – Clerk has managed to get a Cllr from Widdrington to take this task over – will contact Bill Lynch following the meeting to forward on the name/contact details.
4.	CLERK'S REPORT The full financial report was received. Balances as of 26 th June were noted as £13989.22 in the Community Account and £12,456.25 in the Instant Access Account. BUDGET AND PLANNING/UPCOMING FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS Outstanding bills to pay following meeting - £99.60 ROSPA, £2084.66 Gladstons for bins, Footpaths updated bill to pay, Planters invoice to pay upon receipt, Bus shelter refurbishment to be repaid upon completion. VAT return in progress – will add current spends to this prior to sending for reclaim.

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5.	COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE (provided by Cllr Ingleby in CC Davidson absence) • NCC replacing current telephone switchboard communication system. NETCALL digital communication system will be operational in a few months. • Speed Cushion update requested – no further update at this time. • Bus stop discussion remains from last month requiring update – funding has been approved & waiting for legal approval – completing over the summer. • Grass cutting issue should now be resolved. • Tree and bush trimming – NCC refused to do the work as it is not on their program. • Following the meeting the NCC chamber had a meeting discussing the A1 dualling motion. Following a unanimous vote this is now going to the secretary of the state for further consultation. Meeting with Acklington PC arranged to discuss this further on 27th July – update to be given in September meeting. • CC Davidson will arrange a site meeting where possible regarding the bridge and speed limit within Acklington - as this is an ongoing issue.
6.	PLANNING 26/02135/FUL - The Hay Barn Brainshaugh - Sauna and canopy extension to existing garage. No Objections from the PC. 25/02834/FUL - Phoebe's Place Cavil Head Farm - Change of use of paddock to residential garden/ecological and sustainable Garden No Objections from the PC 26/01806/LBC - Mill House Guyzance - Listed building consent to demolish existing rear extension and replace it with new rear extension. Installation of solar array. No Objections from the PC 26/01889/FUL - 46 The Village Acklington - Proposed rear extension and access gate No Objections from the PC
7.	KEY PROJECTS Key projects for the upcoming year are as follows: • New bins – now delivered and installed. • MoJ - resolve land lease/ownership issue – a letter has been sent by Cllr Ingleby. Update if any to be given at September meeting. • Bus shelters – village bus shelter to be painted. Acklington road shelter to be painted following consent regarding closure and temp shelter from highways due to health and safety aspects. • Road Safety – Road Survey discussion – as noted in county councillors report. • Footpaths - improve accessibility and information with gates replacing stiles and footpath information boards. • Parish Council land at substation – Tree surgeon to review during the tree survey to gain quote on what works are required to bring this back to standard.
8.	GENERAL ITEMS • Tree Survey update – End of July – move to September's agenda. • New Website Update – footpaths now have access to update their own page. • Co-option discussion – all agreed to accept new applicant Cllr Mark Gatiss. • New bench for footpath – this is to be located at the top of footpath 9. • Insurance – Zurich Insurance has confirmed that all machinery and tools are covered and when stored at Cllrs private residences. • Asset Register update – Asset register updated. • Church Donation – Agreement to donate £350 towards the grass cutting and a following £150 for the Eco Garden.

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	- Hall Bookings for APC meetings are as follows: - Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Tuesday 3rd November 2026 - Tuesday 5th January 2027 - Tuesday 2nd March 2027 - Tuesday 4th May 2027 These can be found HERE on the website also. - Safeguarding Training update – Cllr McDougal is to complete. - Bus stop update outside Coal House Farms – Pauline – this is covered in agenda number 5. - Clerk to follow up on email to Highways regarding B6345 and Acklington Drive junction – this is to be moved to September’s agenda. - LTP 2026-29 approved programme sent in email from Highways 22/5/26. This is covered in agenda item number 5 - Grass cutting improvements – covered in agenda item number 5. - Village planters update – this is now underway. Discussed the removal village planters adjacent to Inglenook due to their poor condition. Cllr Shanks has volunteered to aid with the removal when needed. - Funding Options – sub team created consisting of Cllrs Bell, Gatis and Caiger. They will review funding and improvements for the parish. This will now be moved to key projects for constant review. - Policies Review – Councillors will sign and acknowledge their understanding of all policies at September’s meeting. See website for details. - Acklington Village Hall Defibrillator – Cllr Bell is the Defib Guardian and Cllr Caiger has volunteered to be the Deputy Guardian. Acklington Parish Council would like to thank the previous Guardian for all the service and contributions given during their time. - ROSPA report was received and no further actions are to be taken. - Community Governance Review – the council supports its original decision making no changes to boundaries or warding. - Speed signs in village are faulty - clerk to review warranty and get repaired.
9.	FOOTPATH WORKING PARTY UPDATE See HERE for the May update. Signs have gone up as previously discussed.
10.	PLAYGROUND UPDATE No further update.
11.	ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER’S MEETING - Tree survey update. - Amble, Hauxley and Warkworth town meeting update – this is taking place 23rd July 2026. - LTP 2026-29 approved programme sent in email from Highways 22/5/26 – update from CC Davison.
12.	NEXT MEETING It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 1 st September 2026

Meeting closed at 21:52

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