

PLENMELLER WITH WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Approved Minutes

Present 7.00pm	Cllr J Blackett-Ord Cllr J Cousin Cllr O Norris Cllr A Johnston	Cllr J Johnston Cllr A Dale Cllr V Harmer	Cllr R Mathieson – County Councillor Clerk - Mrs Susan Saunders
33/25	<b>Apologies for absence.</b> No absences The chair welcomed Cllr Rachael Mathieson to the meeting.		
34/25	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr V Harmer declared an interest in any Plenmeller matters that may be raised. Cllr Blackett-Ord declared an interest in any Whitfield matters that may be raised.		
35/25	<b>Public Questions</b> - No questions.		
36/25	<b>Minutes of the meetings to be approved held on:</b> Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 – the minutes were approved as a true record. <b>Proposed Cllr J Johnston                      Seconded Cllr J Cousin                      AGREED</b>		
37/25	<b>Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda</b> Speed Warden Training – Training now complete and wardens have been in action. 28 people have been recorded over 30mph with one at 60mph. The information is sent to the police who write to the drivers. The road slip has now been completed.		
38/25	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> Members received the report with regard to the calling of the annual parish meeting. It was agreed that the council will consider the agenda for a meeting at the February meeting. The chair report and the financial report will be included in the May council meeting rather than the annual meeting in future.		
39/25	<b>Correspondence received since the last council meeting</b> - noted		
40/25	<b>Northumberland County Council (NCC)</b> <b>40/25.01</b> Cllr Mathieson introduced herself and stated she would be happy to take any problems to NCC. There is a new system in place where county councillors send requests through a formal channel. They are then recorded and, hopefully, dealt with. Cllr Mathieson was asked to find out about signage on the Cupola bridge to ensure traffic is not going over it in opposite directions at the same time. <b>40/25.02</b> Local Transport Plan -the format is to change and to be agreed every four years. It will be a three year cycle this time. A deadline has not been provided so members will think about any priorities to put forward in anticipation. One priority was put forward which is the widening of the C322 between the Whitfield and Haltwhistle turning. <b>40/25.03</b> Call for Sites for the NCC - no sites have been identified. <b>40/25.04</b> Bus Stop Timetables -Timetables have been sent for the stop at Whitfield Hall but they are in the wrong format to scan. The clerk will ask if they can be in A4 pdf format. They can then be laminated and put up.		
41/25	<b>Planning Applications</b> <i>No Plans</i>		
42/25	<b>NorthumberlandALC</b> Members were informed that the council should have a '.gov.uk' email as it will be mandatory from 2026. At the moment, the website is with Northumberland Parishes who are looking to move providers to enable '.gov.uk' capabilities. If the council approve the move, the first year will be subsidised by the host company Hugo Fox and by Northumberland NALC. Thereafter it will be £119.88 pa. The cost of one email address, as the council one, is £2.49 per month. The only other option would be to have an independent website with a registered domain name. This would be a more costly solution. Members have been satisfied with the current website to date. Members agreed to the above and the clerk will inform NALC. <b>Proposed Cllr J Cousin                      Seconded Cllr A Johnston                      AGREED</b>		
43/25	<b>Internal Audit</b> - The following issues were raised by the auditor: 1. An invoice stamp to be used for recording information and councillor's initial of checking. A stamp has been purchased and this will be actioned.		

