

ALNMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9th SEPTEMBER 2025

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Shaun Whyte (Chair), David Denton, Simon Rushton, George Ternent, John Wilson, Sally Wilson, Richard Sims, Lorna Pringle

In Attendance: Jacqueline Brewster (Clerk)

The Meeting opened at 7pm.

147/25 Apologies - Cllr Harriet McHugh, Cty Cllr Wendy Pattinson

148/25 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

149/25 Declarations of Interest - None were declared.

150/25 Public Participation - There was no public participation

151/25 Planning Matters

- a. It was AGREED that Planning Consultation 25/02771/FUL Old School Gallery Foxton Road, Alnmouth Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3NH (circulated ahead of the meeting) be added to the October agenda for full discussion.
- b. NCC Decisions – There were no decisions to report.
- c. Planning Enforcement – To be reviewed quarterly. Next review to be November 2025.

152/25 NCC Local Transport Plan Priorities 2026-27

- a. An email had been received from NCC and advised of the following decisions:
 - i. *Footpath on Foxton Road*: NCC have not been able to include this in their current programme, it could be reconsidered for future programmes if still considered a priority
 - ii. *Improvements to the Pavement and Kerb at Riverside Road*: This maintenance issue has been taken into consideration during the development of future planned maintenance. The Area Maintenance teams will continue to monitor the situation and undertake any necessary minor works to ensure the area remains safe.
 - iii. *100m Stretch of the C81 Roadway from Alnmouth Village to the Cemetery without a kerb be upgraded/repared to include a kerb*: This maintenance issue has been taken into consideration during the development of future planned

maintenance. The Area Maintenance teams will continue to monitor the situation and undertake any necessary minor works to ensure the area remains safe.

- b. The Chair agreed to attend the Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2026/27-2028/29 meeting, North Area on Monday 29th September 18:00–19:30, St James Church Centre, Alnwick. Any other Cllrs wishing to attend to notify the Chair. Feedback to be provided at the October meeting.

153/25 County Council Matters – Cty Cllr Pattinsons report was RECEIVED (circulated to all Cllrs ahead of the meeting).

154/25 Street Lighting for Northumberland Street

NCC's conversion costs of £300 for the installation of a single lamppost was ACCEPTED by the council. The new streetlight would be sited in front of Beaches on Northumberland Street. It was AGREED that Cllr Rushton place an article in the Alnmouth Newsletter and proceed with a public consultation. Future funding to be investigated through the Dark Skies Initiative and NCC's Community Chest Programme.

155/25 Firework Night

The Chair had attended the Burgage Holders 3rd September meeting. The Burgage committee agreed to contribute £1340 towards the purchase cost of the brazier and £950 towards the fireworks. It was AGREED that a note be placed on all advertisements and posters discouraging the use of sparklers.

156/25 Volcano Night - It was reported that all matters are in hand.

157/ Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Rushton agreed to lead. RESOLVED: Clerk to submit Road Traffic Closure Notice to NCC and liaise with the Chair regarding the purchase of wreaths.

158/25 Northumbria Police Report

A report was RECEIVED and circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting. It was AGREED that APC liaise with nearby schools in May 2026 regarding potential beach parties and littering.

159/25 Northumberland Coast National Landscape

The Chair had attended an AOB/National Landscapes meeting re. consultative plans for the next 5 years. Toilet issues were raised by many other Parish Councils who have a much greater problem of grey water being disposed of by Mobile Homes.

160/25 Peases Park Playground

- i) **To Receive an Update on Rocker** – The council AGREED that the risk level was not that high on the rocker but that it needs to be addressed.

- ii) **Cleaning of play park equipment** – It was AGEED that cleaning would be done as and when required. A couple of shackles and swing seats have been changed and work was underway to replace damaged wooden planks on picnic benches.
- iii) **To Consider Future Plans for Improvement** – It was AGREED that the Play Park be viewed as a largescale project. Cllrs Sally Wilson and David Wilson are to meet with a Playdale rep to identify what works can/can't be undertaken. Cllr Whyte had attended a meeting with the Burgage Holders committee to discuss future ideas and funding potential which was met with a positive response.

It was AGREED an abandoned child's buggy be disposed of if unclaimed by month end.

161/25 Alnmouth Parish Newsletter

- i. The Clerk and Chair's contact details are now included on the newsletter.
- ii. Cllr Rushton AGREED to place an article in the September issue re. the new streetlight.
- iii. Due to newsletter space restrictions, it was AGREED the Clerk develop a poster for the Council noticeboard that lists all the local clubs' contact details within it.

162/25 Finance

- i) APC APPROVED the invoices and expenses below:

Alnmouth Parish Council										10 September 2025 (2025 - 2026)	
PAYMENTS LIST											
Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
54	Accounts Software	01/08/2025		Current Account	Scribe	Scribe Accounting Software	Starboard Systems Ltd	S	31.00	6.20	37.20
45	Clerk's Mileage	13/08/2025		Current Account		Clerk's Mileage	Deb Still	X	4.50		4.50
46	Clerk's Home Working Allowance	13/08/2025		Current Account	Aug 25 HWA	Clerk's HWA	Deb Still	X	26.00		26.00
47	Hall Hire (Monthly APC)	13/08/2025		Current Account		HHall Monthly Meeting Hire	Hindmarsh Hall	E	27.00		27.00
49	RoSPA Playground Inspections	13/08/2025		Current Account		Rospa Inspection	ROSPA Play Safety Ltd	S	92.00	18.40	110.40
48	SLCC Membership	13/08/2025		Current Account	SLCC Membership	SLCC	SLCC	X	118.00		118.00
50	Annual Bench Cleaning	13/08/2025		Current Account		Bench Cleaning	Peter Broom Cleaning Cont	Z	235.00		235.00
51	Clerk's Salary	13/08/2025		Current Account	Aug Inc back pay	Clerk's Salary (DS)	Deb Still	X	567.70		567.70
56	ICO	13/08/2025		Current Account	ICO	ICO	ICO	X	47.00		47.00
53	Newsletter	13/08/2025		Current Account	August Newsletter	Monthly Newsletter	PPD Group	Z	113.00		113.00
57	Playground Repairs	13/08/2025		Current Account		Playground - new seats	Sutcliffe Play Direct	S	191.40	38.28	229.68
58	Playground Repairs	13/08/2025		Current Account		Playground - New Shackles	TSSC	S	37.25	7.45	44.70
55	Website & Email	22/08/2025		Current Account		Website & Email	IONOS Cloud Ltd	S	15.00	3.00	18.00
52	Clerk's Salary	31/08/2025		Current Account		Clerk Salary (JB)	Jacqueline Brewster	X	241.20		241.20
Total									1,746.05	73.33	1,819.38

- ii) The monthly financial reports were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED.
- iii) It was RESOLVED to accept Santander's offer of £200 compensation.
- iv) The new HMRC PAYE charge was ACCEPTED by the council.
- v) The HMRC VAT refund was ACCEPTED by the council.
- vi) RESOLVED: The Chair and Clerk signed the new clerk's contract.

SignedDated.....

163/25 Reports from Working Groups

- a. **Christmas Lights.** Work on the lights is scheduled to commence in September. It was AGREED that the Clerk purchase the TLC items.
- b. **Village Maintenance Update**
 - i. Arriva had been notified of the damage to the Cenotaph/bollard. APC to submit 2 quotes to Arriva for repairs with payment approved by Arriva.
 - ii. Overhanging hedges belonging to properties on North Bank, Ferry Side and Sandy Bar are protruding on footpaths. It was AGREED that APC formerly write to these properties requesting that this is addressed and advise if they are not able to facilitate this, NCC could address the matter and charge them.
 - iii. It was AGREED that the Clerk report the Riverside footpath complaints to NCC via Fix My Street.
- c. **Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch Update.** Cllr Sim AGREED to lead. Item to be deferred to the October meeting.
- d. **Climate Change Update** - Additional Groynes have been installed.

164/25 Correspondence

- i. **Update on Church Hill Repairs** (owned by Northumberland Estates) The Chair had attended an AONB meeting and raised Church Hill as an issue. The deterioration has been recognised with cost for repairs, 10 yrs ago, estimated at £350k which today would be much higher. It was AGREED the Chair write to Northumberland Estates again to highlight the issue.
- ii. **Review Email from NCC Regarding 2026 –2030 Corporate Plan.** The Chair is to attend a meeting on 9th October and will raise erosion, toilets and the planning process. Cllrs to be updated at the November meeting.

165/25 Any Other Business (for information only)

- i. The council was reminded of the Hullabaloo event, Saturday 13th September, 2pm – 11pm.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: 7pm, 14th October 2025, Hindmarsh Hall, Northumberland Street, NE66 2RS.

Future Meeting Dates: 11th November 2025, 9th December 2025, 13th January 2026, 10th February 2026, 10th March 2026.

Meeting ended: 20:26