

ALNMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14th JULY 2026

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Shaun Whyte (Chair), George Ternent, David Denton, John Wilson, Sally Wilson, Harriett McHugh,

In Attendance: Jacqueline Brewster (Clerk), Cty Cllr Wendy Pattison

The Meeting opened at 19:00

069/26 Apologies – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Rushton, Cllr Pringle

070/26 Disclosure of Interest. None to report.

071/26 Public Participation – No attendees.

072/26 RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June were **ACCEPTED** as a true record.

073/26 Finance

- a. The invoices and expenses awaiting authorisation were **APPROVED**.
- b. The monthly SumUp report was **RECEIVED**.
- c. The quarterly budget status was reviewed with no adjustments to be made.
- d. The allocation of £500 from Pine Productions to Pease's Park Development Fund was **APPROVED**.
- e. The transfer of £120 from General funds to cost code 'Bank Charges' was **APPROVED**.
- f. SLCC's renewal membership fee of £158 was **APPROVED**.
- g. The repayment of £50 holiday let to deceased owner's family was **APPROVED**.
- h. The mileage allowance increase from £0.45p/miile to £0.55/mile was **APPROVED**.
- i. The set up of a new budget line for the repointing of the Large Boat House to the sum of £800 was **APPROVED**.

074/26 Standing Item - County Council Matters

- a. Cllr Pattison talked about the Governments Scheme of Delegation and its commitment to build as many houses as possible. From Oct/Nov 2026 planning committees won't exist anymore with decision making falling to Planning Officers. If there are complex applications these may be submitted to a committee but local applications won't be anymore. The Parish Council can still write and express objections but it will be up to the Planning Officer if they are agreed or refused.

075/26 Standing Item - Northumbria Police Report - the police report was **RECEIVED**.

076/26 Standing Item - Reports from Working Groups

- a. **Village Maintenance:**
 - **Harbour Wall** - no changes to report.
 - **Public Toilets** – NCC are currently reviewing their out of hours procedure for the public conveniences and will advise APC on a number when available. Cllr Pattison advised that APC

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could invite Greg Gavin for a site visit to the toilets and attend an APC meeting to receive questions from the council and residents.

- **Village Street Signage** - Cllr Ruston in his absence provided an update via email: A village resident has successfully tested refurbishment of one of the street signs using processes and paints recommended by a professional sign restorer. Further renovations will take place in the Friary garage.
- **Marine Road New Bin** – Cllr Whyte confirmed he had spoken to Alnmouth Village Golf Club and the Burgage Holders and both parties have agreed to split the cost of a new bin 3-ways. The Golf Club agreed to put in a new bin base diagonally opposite the Golf Club house if required. The new bin will cost c. £800 ex VAT including inner liner and was **APPROVED** by the council.

b. **Climate Change.** Nothing to report.

077/26 Standing Item – Parish Representation at Meetings. Nothing to report.

078/26 Street Lighting for Northumberland Street - Street lights will be upgraded in September and is being taken forward by NCC and National Landscapes. The new streetlights will be 2700 Kelvin colour temperature in accordance with advice from Dark Skies and the galvanised steel columns will be painted black as the parish council requested.

079/26 Pease's Park Playground - No update has been received from Northumberland Estates re. a 25-year lease. Fund raising is going ahead well. HMRC's tax status is now confirmed enabling Gift Aid to be claimed. National Lottery has awarded a £20k grant. A Golf Day and Charity Auction is organised to raise further money later in the year. It is expected a line can be drawn under fundraising towards the end of the year when precise plans and quotes can be requested from the playground equipment suppliers.

080/26 Church Hill – no update to report.

081/26 Planning Matters

a. Planning applications

- i. **26/011944/FUL 10 Alnwood, Alnmouth, NE66 3NN. Proposed. Rear extension and roof and internal alterations. RESOLVED:** Clerk to submit the following objection: The Council noted the response from NCC Highways which required more information to show that the plans comply with Appendix E of the Northumberland Local Plan (2022), ensuring parking with access and egress in a forward direction. The Council felt that this was an unreasonable requirement as this is an existing property (not a new dwelling) within a well-established estate environment where no other property can comply with this requirement. The Council welcomed the changes which removed the window and stairs from the eastern elevation which threatened the privacy of the neighbouring property in the original application. However, the Council felt that the changes did not alleviate the impact of the mass of the proposed development upon the neighbouring property (no 9) and resolved to object to this revised application.
- ii. **26/01971/FUL 18 High Buston Main Street High Buston Northumberland NE66 3QH. RESOLVED:** Clerk to submit that the parish council considered the application and there was no comment.

b. **Planning Decisions** – none to report

c. **Planning Enforcement:** No progress has been made with NCC. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Whyte to draft a further response.

- d. Diversion of Public Rights of Way – **RESOLVED**: Clerk to advise there are no objections subject to the new pathway having adequate and visible new signage.

082/26 Senior Citizens Lunch – A date has been booked in at Hindmarsh Hall and awaiting confirmation from the Market Tavern. **RESOLVED**: Cllr S Wilson to confirm a menu of 3 main courses, plus 1 vegetarian option and mince pies for pudding. **RESOLVED**: Cllr McHugh agreed to organise the entertainment.

083/26 Volcano Night – 12th September

- a. The event notification from was **RECEIVED**
- b. The Joint Action Plan was **APPROVED**
- c. The Event Safety Plan was **APPROVED**
- d. The Risk Assessment Form was **APPROVED**
- e. It was **AGREED** that RABC can collection donations in sealed bucket for the RNLI.
- f. The clerk advised the NCC SAG have asked to see permission granted from the landowners (Northumberland Estates) and Natural England. Clerk has notified RABC.

084/26 GOV.UK website recommendations.

- a. The cost of £25/year was **AGREED** for the old Alnmouth Parish Council domain to be re-directed to the new website.

085/26 The revised Memorial Bench Policy was discussed and will be re-circulated for approval.

086/26 The ROSPA report was discussed. It was **AGREED** that the toddler swing and the elephant rocker are to be reviewed and potentially removed.

087/26 Village First Aid course – Cllr Pringle to update the council at the August meeting.

088/26 Correspondence

- a. The Buraige Holders have advised RABC to consider placing a 'No Parking Emergency Access' sign close to the beach access and to use parking cones on days when the skiff is being used.
- b. **RESOLVED**: Councillors to complete new NCC Declaration of Interest Policy forms and return them to the clerk for submission to the Monitoring Officer.
- c. The Community Governance Review was discussed. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to advise that the council wish to retain 10 seats and to retain existing parish boundaries.

089/26 Urgent Business. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Ternent would stand in for Cllr Whyte at St John the Baptist's Church 150 year anniversary celebrations being held on 20th September, 11:00am.

090/26 Items for the next Agenda. None submitted.

Date & Time of Next Meetings: 11th August 2026, 06:00pm, Hindmarsh Hall, Northumberland St. NE66 2RS

Future Meeting Dates: 8th September 2026, 13th October 2026, 10th November 2026, 8th December 2026.

Meeting Ended: 20:15

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