



EMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Embleton Parish Council held on Monday 26th January 2026, at the Methodist Church, Christon Bank.

Present:

Councillors: Andrew Chillingsworth, Raymond Carrs, David Cooper, Monica Cornall, Terry Howells, Ray Imeson, Richard Manners, James Robertson and John Young

Clerk Sarah Trushell

County Councillor Wendy Pattison

Members of the Public: 3

The Chair advised that the meeting was being recorded to assist the Clerk in taking the minutes.

83/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Greenhoff

84/25 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

85/25 Public Participation

A member of the public raised concerns regarding councillor conduct, referencing the Code of Conduct and procurement procedures, and provided a written document to the Chair.

It was agreed that the document would be circulated to Members and that the matter would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

86/25 Minutes of the Meeting of 24th November 2025

It was RESOLVED to defer approval of the minutes to the next meeting to allow Members to consider the document raised during public participation and whether any amendments are required.

87/25 Reports

a) County Councillor Wendy Pattison

Updates were received including:

Drainage investigations at New Newton and Christon Bank.

Flooding and road defects at Sea Lane.

Community budget opportunities, including potential speed signage and small capital items.

b) Embleton Joint Burial Committee

Concerns were raised about service provision and reporting. Two new bins have been installed at the cemetery.

c) Quarry Working Group

Planning permission had been granted for tree felling A £10,000 grant had been received for renovation of quarry buildings. A Dark Skies Festival event was noted.

d) Playpark Working Group

Quotes for repairs had been obtained. A grant application had been made and will be resent to the Clerk.

e) Biodiversity Working Group

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A meeting will be arranged.

f) Matters Arising

An update was received on correspondence with Northumbrian Water and on enforcement matters at Station Road.

Tree growth overhanging the road at the school field was noted and will be addressed.

88/25 Communication Received

a) Sweat Lodge Proposal

It was RESOLVED to defer the matter to the next meeting to allow the applicant to attend.

b) Town and Parish Council Conference

Attendance at the Town and Parish Council Conference on 5 March 2026 at County Hall, Morpeth was confirmed as Cllr Chillingsworth.

c) Community Resilience Forums 2026

Attendance at the Community Resilience Forum on 19 May 2026 at Craster Memorial Hall was confirmed as Cllrs Chillingsworth and Cooper

89/25 Governance Framework

The Council considered the circulated governance documents.

It was RESOLVED to defer adoption in order to clarify committee status, working group arrangements and delegation schemes, with revised information to be circulated.

90/25 Administration Matters

a) Parish Mapping

Members agreed to continue mapping parish assets and trees using Parish Online, with locations to be added ahead of the next meeting.

b) Assertion 10 (Digital and Data Compliance)

The requirements were noted and the Clerk will update Cllrs on any further actions needed.

91/25 Community Matters

a) Garden Area Greyfield Estate

It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter confirming continued use of the garden area subject to payment terms. The draft is to be circulated to Members before issue.

b) Sakura Cherry Trees

It was RESOLVED to accept the offer of three cherry trees, with locations to be determined at the next meeting. JY will take delivery and store them until planting.

c) New Bin at Dunstan Steads

The new bin installation was noted. It was agreed to monitor the situation and for the Clerk to contact Neighbourhood Services to raise concerns and request monitoring.

92/25 Financial Matters

a) Transaction Report

The list of transactions for the period was noted

b) Bank Reconciliation

The reconciliation for the Treasurer's Account was reviewed in line with Financial Regulation 2.2 and confirmed to be accurate.

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Bank Balances as of 26 January 2026 are as follows:

EPC £2,010.65

Savings £46,787

Quarry £20,869.06

EJBC £1,737.40

c) Payments for Authorisation

The following payments were authorised:

Clerk's Wages (amount redacted)

Fireworks reimbursement: £1,806.40

d) 2026-2027 Budget and Precept

It was RESOLVED to set the precept at £19,000.

93/25 a) Date of Next and Future Meetings

The next meeting of Embleton Parish Council will be held on Monday 2nd March 2026 at 7:00pm, at Creighton Hall, Embleton

(please note that this is a change to the previously advertised date)

b) Future Meeting Dates (all meetings commence at 7:00pm; meetings are generally held on the 4th Monday of each month, alternating between Christon Bank and Embleton unless stated otherwise):

23rd March 2026 – Christon Bank

27th April 2026 - Embleton

May meeting date to be confirmed due to the bank holiday

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