



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 2nd March 2026, at the Creighton Hall, Embleton.

Present:

Councillors: Raymond Carrs, David Cooper, Monica Cornall, Karen Greenhoff, Terry Howells, Ray Imeson, Richard Manners (arrived 19:27), James Robertson and John Young

Clerk Sarah Trushell

County Councillor Wendy Pattison

Members of the Public: 1

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Karen Greenhoff (Vice-Chair) took the Chair for the meeting. The Chair advised that the meeting was being recorded to assist the Clerk in taking the minutes.

94/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chillingsworth

Members noted that David Cooper had recently resigned from the Council. Members recorded their thanks for his service to the parish.

95/25 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

96/25 Public Participation

One member of the public was present but did not wish to address the Council.

97/25 a) Minutes of the Meeting of 24th November 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2025 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

b) Minutes of the Meeting of 26th January 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

98/25 Reports

a) County Councillor Wendy Pattison

Cllr Pattison reported that four houses at the Greyfields site were expected to commence construction in May, with the site already cleared.

Members were advised that the Embleton to Craster road had been included in the current year's Local Transport Programme.

A request was made for the 30mph sign at the Craster/Fallodon road junction to be repositioned. The Clerk is to contact NCC to confirm this request.

b) Embleton Joint Burial Committee

Members discussed the management of Gateway Cottage and the cemetery.

Consideration was given to reviewing the current management arrangements and exploring alternative options.

Members also discussed opportunities to better promote the cemetery and improve the appearance of the area for the scattering of ashes.

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Cllr Robertson volunteered to serve as the Parish Council's 3rd representative on the Burial Committee.

c) Quarry Working Group.

Members were advised that further funding of approximately £15,000 was still required to complete the outhouse reroofing project and additional quotations were being sought.

The Council also noted discussions regarding the use of neonicotinoids and agreed that a letter should be sent to David Smith MP raising environmental concerns.

d) Playpark Working Group

It was reported that two posts in the pony field fencing were rotten and required replacement before the ponies were returned later in the month. Replacement posts had been sourced, and arrangements would be made for installation.

e) Biodiversity Working Group

The Council noted that the biodiversity grant application had been returned as it, amendments had been made and it has been resubmitted.

Members agreed that the Biodiversity Working Group would meet half an hour before the next Parish Council meeting.

f) Matters Arising

Members noted that the Planning Inspectorate had refused the appeal relating to the caravan site.

Northumbrian Water investigations were ongoing regarding drainage issues at Newton Road Ends, where camera inspections had taken place.

Members were also advised that no antisocial behaviour incidents had been reported in Embleton during the previous reporting period.

99/25 Communication Received

a) Sweat Lodge Proposal

Members considered the proposal and agreed that the pony field would not be an appropriate location. The Council resolved unanimously not to pursue the proposal for that site, though it did not rule out consideration of alternative locations if appropriate.

100/25 Governance Framework

Members considered the updated governance framework.

Following discussion, the Council resolved to set the quorum at six members. The updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were approved.

101/25 Administration Matters

a) Parish Mapping

Members noted the update regarding parish mapping. The Clerk advised that information would be resent to councillors.

102/25 Community Matters

a) Sakura Cherry Trees

Members noted that three trees were due to be delivered. Possible locations were discussed. The Burial Committee would also be asked whether it wished to plant any of the trees within the cemetery.

b) Electric Vehicle Charging – Christon Bank

Members agreed that NCC should be advised that the Council supported further



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exploration of electric vehicle charging provision, subject to identifying a suitable location.

103/25 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.

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)

104/25 Items for Information or Future Agenda

Further Governance Documents

Cherry Trees

Land at Greyfield

105/25 a) Date of Next and Future Meetings

The next meeting of Embleton Parish Council will be held on Monday 23rd March 2026 at 7:00pm, at Methodist Church, Christon Bank

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):

27th April 2026 - Embleton

May meeting date to be confirmed due to the bank holiday

106/25 Conduct Matters (Confidential)

The Council resolved to exclude the public and press under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the matter.

Members noted that a conduct complaint had been referred to the Monitoring Officer and that the matter would be dealt with through the appropriate process.

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