



EMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meetings of Embleton Parish Council held on Monday 29th May 2026, at the Creighton Hall, Embleton

Present:

Councillors: Andrew Chillingsworth (Chair), Raymond Carrs, Monica Cornall, Karen Greenhoff, Terry Howells, Richard Manners, Sara McGow, James Robertson and John Young

Clerk Sarah Trushell

County Councillor Wendy Pattison

Members of the Public: 3

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

1. Declarations of Acceptance of Office

It was noted that Sara McGow, having been elected at the recent by-election, signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to the commencement of the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

All serving members were present.

3. Election of Chair

Nominations were received from Cllrs Robertson and Chillingsworth for the position of Chair.

Following a vote, Cllr Robertson was elected Chair of the Parish Council for the 2026/27 municipal year by five votes to four.

4. Signing of Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Robertson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.

5. Election of the Vice Chair

Cllr Young was elected Vice Chair of the Council for the 2026/27 municipal year.

6. Appointments to Working Groups and Committees

The following appointments were agreed:

Embleton Joint Burial Committee: Cllrs Greenhoff, Howells and Robertson

Quarry Working Group: Cllrs Carrs, Howells and Young

Biodiversity Working Group: Cllrs Chillingsworth, Cornall, Greenhoff, Manners, Robertson and Young

Fireworks Working Group: Cllrs Howells, Robertson and McGow.

Playpark Working Group: Cllrs Chillingsworth, McGow and Robertson

Staffing Committee: Cllrs Greenhoff and Young

Creighton Hall Representative: Cllr Greenhoff

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

11/26 Apologies for Absence

All serving members were present.

Signed as a true record _____ Dated _____



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12/26 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

13/26 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

14/26 Reports

a) County Councillor Wendy Pattison

The report was received.

The Council agreed to invite Jasmine from Groundwork Northumberland to attend a future meeting to present information on community projects and funding opportunities.

The Council noted the forthcoming changes to waste collection arrangements.

b) Embleton Joint Burial Committee

It was noted that management arrangements had changed.

Updates were received regarding quotations for stair carpeting and consideration of a robotic mower.

c) Quarry Working Group.

The Council received an update regarding the approved roof works and associated funding requirements. The Working Group reported that a local artist had offered to provide artwork for a series of seasonal postcards.

d) Playpark Working Group

An update was received regarding the purchase and installation of the toddler tower.

The Clerk was asked to continue pursuing installation dates. It was agreed that potential windfarm grant application would be considered at a future meeting.

e) Biodiversity Working Group

The Working Group reported that interest had been received following publication of an article in the Whinstone Times.

It was agreed that Councillors would be provided with further information regarding possible biodiversity projects and grant opportunities.

f) Fireworks Working Group

As this is a new Working Group, there are no updates.

g) Matters Arising

Cllr Howells provided an update regarding the listed dovecotes and ongoing correspondence with Northumberland County Council.

15/26 Community Matters

a) Christon Bank Chapel

An update was received regarding Christon Bank Chapel. The Council discussed possible future options and agreed that the matter would be considered further at a future meeting.

16/26 Administration Matters

a) Governance Framework

The Council considered the draft Children and Young Persons Strategy and Safeguarding Policy.

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The documents would be circulated to Councillors for further review and would be considered again at a future meeting.

17/26 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 29 May 2026 are as follows:

EPC £1,189.16

Savings £54,370.30

Quarry £21,210.56

EJBC £6,535.42

c) Payments for Authorisation

The following payments were authorised:

Clerk's Wages (amount redacted)

The Council resolved to renew the Council's insurance arrangements. The Clerk was authorised to proceed provided costs remained within the approved budget. Should costs exceed budget provision, Councillors would be informed before any commitment was made and any significant increase would be referred back to Council.

18/26 Items for Information or Future Agenda

The following matters were requested for inclusion on future agendas:

- * Traffic management and speeding concerns
- * Potential speed reduction measures and signage.
- * First aid training opportunities within the parish.
- * Windfarm grant opportunities.
- * Christon Bank Chapel.
- * Children and Young Persons Strategy.
- * Safeguarding Policy.

19/26 a) Date of Next and Future Meetings

It was resolved that the next meeting would take place on Monday 22 June 2026 at 7pm, at Creighton Hall,

b) Future Meeting Dates (all meetings commence at 7:00pm; meetings are generally held on the 4th Monday of each month)

27th July 2026

There is no Ordinary Meeting in August

28th September

26th October

23rd November

There is no Ordinary Meeting in December