



EMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Embleton Parish Council held on Monday 22nd June 2026, at the Creighton Hall, Embleton

Present:

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

Clerk Sarah Trushell

County Councillor Wendy Pattison

Members of the Public: 1

21/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cornall and approved.

22/26 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

23/26 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

24/26 Public Participation

A member of the public spoke in relation to agenda item 29/26(a), expressing concern about the proposed temporary campsite at Dunstan Steads.

25/26 Reports

a) County Councillor Wendy Pattison

Cllr Pattison reported that, once the Council had identified its preferred location for the proposed speed sign, a site meeting could be arranged with the relevant officer.

b) Embleton Joint Burial Committee

There was no report. The next meeting of the Committee was noted.

c) Quarry Working Group.

The Council noted that greetings cards had been ordered and that the stargazing benches were to be repositioned and extended.

d) Playpark Working Group

An update was received regarding the toddler tower and a possible windfarm grant application. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask whether a discount could be obtained if the existing equipment was removed by the Council; if not, the supplier would proceed with removal.

e) Biodiversity Working Group

It was noted that no meeting had taken place. The Working Group would meet before the July meeting.

f) Fireworks Working Group

It was agreed that Cllr Imeson would lead the Fireworks Working Group, with support from Cllr Young.

g) Matters Arising

The Clerk advised that a safeguarding / children and young persons policy would be brought to a future meeting.

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26/26 Communication Received

a) Dunstan Steads Signage

The Council considered a request for additional signage regarding fires and BBQs at Dunstan Steads. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Northumberland National Landscape regarding the provision of suitable signage.

27/26 Community Matters

a) Christon Bank Chapel

An update was received on Christon Bank Chapel. It was agreed that the matter would be included on the next agenda for further consideration.

b) Parish Maintenance

Members discussed the need to identify trees in Council ownership and agreed that parish maps should be prepared to allow trees in Council ownership to be identified. The Clerk would also seek advice from the Council's insurers regarding tree inspection responsibilities.

c) Traffic Management and Speeding Concerns

The Council discussed the proposed interactive speed sign funded through the Members' Local Improvement Scheme by Cllr Pattison. It was agreed that a site meeting should be arranged with the relevant highways officer to confirm the preferred location of the sign. The possible relocation of the Christon Bank sign was also discussed.

d) First Aid Training

The Council discussed the possibility of basic first aid training for councillors and residents. It was agreed that information on possible free or low-cost training options should be obtained and brought back to a future meeting.

28/26 Administration Matters

a) Council Communications

The Council discussed the use of *Whinstone Times* and the Council website for parish updates. It was agreed that content for *Whinstone Times* would be prepared by Cllr Howells and that a link to the publication would also be placed on the Council website.

b) Class BC Permitted Development Rights

The Council discussed the implications of Class BC permitted development rights and noted the correspondence received from National Landscapes via Cllr Pattinson. No further action was agreed under this item.

29/26 Planning Matters

a) 26/02025/MISC, Land East of Dunstan Steads

The Council considered prior approval application 26/02025/MISC and the analysis prepared by Cllr Greenhoff. It was resolved to submit comments to Northumberland County Council based on the concerns raised in that analysis, with a draft response to be circulated to members before submission. The motion was carried by 5 votes to 4.

30/26 Financial Matters

a) Transaction Report

The list of transactions for the period was received and 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 22 June 2026 are as follows:

EPC £634.90

Savings £53,891.9

Quarry £20,932.51

EJBC £5,042.07

c) Payments for Authorisation

The following payment was authorised:

Clerk's Wages (amount redacted)

d) AGAR 2025/26

It was resolved to approve and sign the sections available for approval, and to set the period for the exercise of public rights to commence on 1 July 2026.

31/26 Items for Information or Future Agenda

The following matters were requested for inclusion on future agendas: first aid training opportunities within the parish, Christon Bank Chapel, a Children and Young Persons Strategy, a Safeguarding Policy, and tree mapping and responsibilities.

32/26 a) Date of Next and Future Meetings

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Monday 27 July 2026 at 7.00pm at Creighton Hall.

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

There is no Ordinary Meeting in August

28th September

26th October

23rd November

There is no Ordinary Meeting in December

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