

EDLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th August 2025 commencing 8pm at Thrunton Fishery

Those Present: Cllr C Blythe (Chairman), Cllr D Waldren, CllrJ Herdman, Cllr T Drummond, Cllr G Herdman, Cllr A Hall

In Attendance: C Miller (Clerk), M Swinbank (County Cllr)

2025/31 Apologies for absence

Cllr N Hargreaves, Cllr R Robson

2025/32 Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests.

2025/33 Co-option Vacancies

There had been no applications for the co-option vacancies.

2025/34 Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 6th May 2025

RESOLVED:

Members agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held Tuesday 6th May 2025 be accepted as a true record.

2025/35 Problems due to off road vehicles within the parish

County Cllr had offered to attend a site meeting with County Council Rights of Way Officer, however due to road closures in the parish and current weather conditions, it was agreed it would be better to visit the site in Winter.

2025/36 County Cllr Update

County Cllr advised current projects in the parish funded via the Local Transport Plan were Lemmington Crossroads resurfacing, improvements to sight lines and installation of rumble strips. Speed monitoring to be carried out on completion. Old roughley to Lemmington crossroad repairs.

Tree works required in the parish – County Cllr to look into, however the general policy is not to cut roadside trees unless there is a sight line issue.

County Council to carry out consultation on their corporate plan and budget, to run 25th August to 5th October.

2025/37 Planning

2025/37/01 Planning Applications received

- 25/00618/FUL: Land north of Heather Lodge – dwelling. Further information from Highways and applicant awaited before a Parish Council submission could be made.
- 25/02890/LBC: Thimble Cottage, Lemmington Hall – Listed Building Consent for the amended location of wood burner flue and provision of boiler flue to north west elevation – the Parish Council had no objections.

2025/37/02 Approval of Planning Application received

- 24/03469/FUL: Land West of Wandysteads – proposed development of forestry traffic and residential traffic roads to provide safe exits onto A697.

2025/37/03 Scottish Woodlands, proposed new woodland creation, Abberwick

Scottish Woodlands had held consultation event at Longframlington, planning application expected.

2025/37/04 Members to consider the following addition to Standing Orders. “The Clerk has delegated authority to respond to Planning Applications following consultation with all Parish Councillors, if the time for a response is before a scheduled meeting of the Council.”

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the Standing Orders would be amended to include the item above relating to responding to planning applications.

2025/37/05 Northumberland County Council. Local Plan – Call for Sites - Consultation. Members to consider areas for potential development sites for consideration

County Council starting to prepare a new county-wide Local Plan. The process will shape the future of the county setting out a long-term vision for housing, employment, infrastructure and the environment. To inform the plan the council is inviting interested parties to submit potential development sites for consideration. Whilst sites for all uses will be accepted, they are particularly interested in potential sites for housing, economic development, town centre uses and mineral extraction.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed they had no comments to submit.

2025/38 Finance**2025/38/01 Members are asked to approve the following payments**

Payable To	Detail	Net	VAT	Gross
Lloyds bank	Bank Charges, May June July	£4.75 £4.25 £4.25		
Spanglefish	Annual website hosting	£90.00	£18.00	£108.00
M Ackroyd	Internal audit fee	£52.50		
Northumberland County Council	Annual insurance premium	£244.03		

RESOLVED:

Members approved the payments.

2025/38/02 Local government services pay award. Members to note 2025 increase of 3.20%, to be backdated from 1st April 2025

Members noted the local government services pay award.

2025/39 Road issues / maintenance**2025/39/01 Members to consider items for inclusion on County Council Local Transport Plan 2026-2029. Current requests 1.Resurfacing, top of garmitedge bank. 2.Resurfacing opposite the Manse, Edlingham**

Resurfacing at garmitedge bank had been completed.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to request 1. Resurfacing, opposite the Manse, Edlingham; 2. B6341, works to improve dip from Moor crossroads towards Alnwick over Edlingham burn; 3. Resurfacing lower half of garmitedge bank.

2025/39/02 Members to consider problems with overnight parking in the parish

No Overnight Parking signage had been removed at Edlingham, which had led to some anti-social behaviour. The Clerk had reported this to County Council and who had confirmed they were to arrange replacement signage.

2025/40 Flooding at Edlingham Church

There had been no further issues with flooding at the church. Replacement sandbags would be beneficial. Church had considered moving the entrance gateway.

2025/41 Parish Council noticeboard

A resident had offered to repair the noticeboard, however this had not yet been actioned.

RESOLVED:

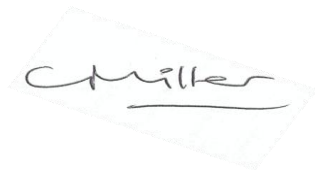
Cllr Blythe to make enquiries.

2025/42 Urgent Business / Items for next meeting

There was no urgent business.

2025/43 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Edlingham Parish Council will be held on Monday 17th November commencing 730pm.



Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 910pm.