HARTBURN PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST 2026 AT 6.00 PM AT ST ANDREWS CHURCH, HARTBURN

Present:

Councillors: J Potterton
G Robson
R Howard
T Garnick
J Boswell
E Coe

Clerk: D Smith

Apologies: None

Northumberland County Council (NCC) Councillor was also in attendance.

28/26 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone present.

29/26 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations on this occasion.

30/26 Public Participation Time

There were no questions on this occasion.

31/26 County Councillor Update

NCC Councillor Glen Sanderson gave the following update:

- Looking at the next budget, £15m down on government settlement. Not looking at cutting frontline services or removing free parking in town centres. The BEST transformation programme is looking at how NCC can save money and become more efficient, including looking at improvements to call centres.
- SEN children transport and adult social care costs are rising.
- Library review taking place.

- Working with the North East Mayor, Kim McGuiness, regarding dualling the A1.
- After the incident on the River Tyne, 15 tonne of nurdles went into the water and are now washing up on Northumberland beaches. At this time, volunteers are picking up the nurdles however, to date, less than 10% have been retrieved. The nurdles are now spreading in the water north and south. Questions are being asked about who is going to decide when to stop looking for nurdles and who will make that decision.
- From October 2026, officers will follow a new delegation scheme when considering planning application, unless they are major applications. This means, that applications will be given to officers to decide unless there is a strong reason for them to go to committee.

32/26 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd June 2026

Members were asked to approve the above minutes.

RESOLVED

That the above minutes, copies of which have been circulated to each member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

33/26 Matters Arising from Previous Council Meetings

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

34/26 Town and Country Planning Act 19909

There were no applications to consider on this occasion.

35/26 Financial Matters

a. Payments & Receipts

Members were provided with a payments list and budgetary control report up to 31st July 2026.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

b. Year End Accounts for 2025/26

Members were advised that no issues have been raised regarding the external audit.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

c. Grant Funding

Members were asked to consider a grant request from St Andrew's Church.

RESOLVED

Members approved grant funding of £1000.

36/26 Highways

There were no issues raised on this occasion.

37/26 Defibrillator – Hartburn Village

Members were advised that there were still ongoing issues with the defibrillator in the telephone box in Hartburn village. Discussions took place regarding replacing it with a new one in a new location.

RESOLVED

a. Information duly noted.

b. Councillor Howard to source quotations for a new defibrillator.

38/26 Joint Town & Parish Council Autumn Conference

Members were asked to consider attendance at the above conference.

RESOLVED

Councillor Potterton to attend.

39/26 Any Other Urgent Business

There was no other urgent business on this occasion.

40/26 Dates of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 6pm in St Andrew's Church, Hartburn.

The meeting concluded at 7.10pm.