



EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Eglingham Parish Council

Wednesday 18th March 2026 at Eglingham Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Present:

Councillors Jane Hamilton (Chair), June Lawson, Clair Leishman, Alyson McGarrigle

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Trushell

Members of the Public: 5

- 132/25 Apologies for absence**
Judith Scott
- 133/25 Declaration of interests**
141/25 (a) Cllr Leishman
- 134/25 Public Participation**
Members of the public addressed the Council regarding the Community Field proposals, including the survey, proposed use of the land, biodiversity measures, accessibility, funding, and the Governance Review document. Concerns were also raised in relation to the bulb planting project.
- 135/25 Minutes of the Meeting of 18th February 2026**
It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2026 be approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.
- 136/25 Matters Arising**
Updates were noted, including progress on the speed survey, the Community History Project which is largely available on the Parish website, the bulb planting project, and Windfarm Grant funding.
- 137/25 Suggestion Boxes**
It was noted that no submissions had been received.
- 138/25 Updates on Community Matters.**
- a) FixMyStreet Log**
An update was received on FixMyStreet matters, including reports of potholes.
 - b) Grit Bins**
The Council discussed the proposed grit bins and their maintenance. It was agreed to seek clarification from Northumberland County Council and to progress discussions regarding potential locations.
- 139/25 Parish Council Administration Matters**
- a) Terms of Reference for PC Assets**
An update was received on the Terms of Reference for Parish Council assets. The Clerk will revise the document following advice received and bring it back to Council.
 - b) Custodian Trusteeship – Eglingham Village Hall**
The Memorandum of Understanding was considered and approved.
 - c) End of Year Preparations**
 - i) Review and confirmation of Asset Register



ii) Review and confirmation of Risk Register

The Asset Register and Risk Register were reviewed and approved.

iii) Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2025–26

The Council resolved to appoint Ian Gibson as the internal auditor for the 2025 to 2026 financial year.

140/25 Planning Matters

a) 26/00713/FUL (The Whinny, NE66 2LY)

It was resolved to submit a neutral response to the application.

141/25 Grants

a) Community Field

An update was received on the Community Field project, including discussion of the Governance Review document. It was RESOLVED to close the current grant and complete the required monitoring report.

b) Any Other Grants

Updates were noted regarding ongoing grant applications, including a defibrillator grant, with further information awaited.

142/25 Financial Matters:

a) Transaction Report

The report of financial transactions was received and noted.

b) Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation to 18 March 2026 was received and accepted.

c) Payments for Authorisation

The following payments were authorised:

- Clerk's pay (amount redacted)

d) Payments relating to Grants

It was noted that the final payment to Groundworks UK will be made upon receipt of invoice in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

143/25 Date of next and future meetings

The next meeting will be held on 22 April at South Charlton Village Hall

Future meetings

- 20th May (Eglingham)
- 24th June (South Charlton)
- 22nd July (Eglingham)
- 23rd September (South Charlton)
- 21st October (Eglingham)
- 18th November (South Charlton)

All meetings will start at 7.00 pm.