

	<p>ET advised Penny Royale was aware of the complaints the PC had lodged with NCCs reinstatement of the site. The area was an important community facility and wasn't being cared for to a satisfactory level by NCC when grass cutting. NCC to continue to cut the grass but Penny Royale to carry out additional works to keep the area looking neat and tidy and a positive asset for the community.</p> <p>Lesbury Neighbourhood Plan Review: Sarah Brannigan from NCC Neighbourhood Planning Team had been in attendance prior to the start of the PC meeting to give the PC an update and options following NCC's review of the Lesbury Neighbourhood Plan; it had been an informative meeting. Sarah Brannigan to let the PC know the outcome of NCC's recent Call for Sites. JuH to contact Adrian Hinchcliffe, Chair of Longhoughton PC to find out more about the restrictions Longhoughton was placing on holidays lets within their NDP. Once received, it was agreed a separate meeting of the PC to be organised to discuss the way forward.</p> <p>Pond Field: ET confirmed Penny Royale had been approached with a view to planting grasses to help with the boggy issue. ET was awaiting a response.</p> <p>A1068 Lesbury Roundabout Bus Shelter: The quote from James N McLean Ltd to replace the broken glass with poly carbon at a cost of £250 + VAT was agreed. Proposed KF, 2nd JuH, all agreed.</p> <p>Newsletter: KF flagged the content of the article on the outcome of the Planning Inspectorate Appeal had caused some confusion. JuH noted the feedback. JuH also explained the reason there had been an extra flyer delivered with the newsletter for the Coach Inn was an admin error and news provided had been missed off the newsletter. A flyer had been printed at no cost to the PC.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ET</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ET</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>a) Parish Online: Parish Email and Website: The PC considered the proposal that Parish Online be appointed as the provider of the PC's gov.uk domain emails and website and also cloud storage (the PC was legally required to move to a gov.uk domain by April 2026). Parish Online were one of the recommended providers by gov.uk. A full list of all providers had been previously circulated. The cost with Parish Online would be £400 + VAT plus a further £42 + VAT for cloud storage. The PC will receive a £100 ex VAT discount off the first year's subscription. MW raised concern about using one provider for all 3 and if that put the PC at risk. It was noted that it also made sense for the website and emails to be provided by the same company. Cloud storage was currently with Dropbox but as this was not a paid-for service, it was considered better to also move to Parish Online so that a contract with obligations of customer service were in place. It was agreed to move to Parish Online. Proposed KF, 2nd TB. All agreed.</p> <p>a) NCC – Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme 2026-29 – Top 3 Priorities: The programme has changed and now has a 3 year implementation period. AH attended an NCC seminar on 29/9/25 on the LTP. 68% of the Northumberland road network in rural areas. 70% of the Northumberland population lives in 32% of the road network area. Only 20% of the schemes submitted get accepted. The annual allocation for LTS is £1.7m per annum. Establishing the priorities - all requests are assessed against the following criteria: overcome inequality and grow economy; carbon neutral transport; healthier North East; appealing sustainable transport choices; safe, secure network. Other criteria: part of a package of measures; community priority; attracts external funding or synergy with other projects. After discussion, it was agreed the following would be the top 3 priorities: 1) Alnwick to Alnmouth Station Shuttle Bus - the PC would like NCC to consider introducing a shuttle bus between Alnmouth Station and Alnwick as part of a bus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ET</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ET</p>

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

	<p>meets train initiative to reduce congestion and parking issues and to provide better services for the people who live and work in Northumberland. This would be of benefit not only to the residents of our parish but also to those residents of Northumberland who need to commute via train. We believe this meets criteria: Carbon Neutral Transport, Appealing Sustainable Transport Choices, Healthier North East, Safe Secure Network and Community Priority.</p> <p>2) Cyclepath from Alnmouth Station to Alnwick - the PC would like NCC to contribute to the costs and thereby expedite delivery of the proposed cyclepath from Alnmouth Station to Alnwick. This will connect the train station and town and provide a viable alternative to commuting and leisure cycling between the two rather than risking cycling on the busy A1068. The PC is aware that Aln Valley Railway have plans afoot for a cyclepath and extension of the railway line, but investment from NCC could speed up the installation and delivery of the cyclepath. This could then connect to the new cyclepath that goes out of Alnwick helping to promote a healthy pastime and improving the health and well being of those who live in the area. We believe this meets criteria: Carbon Neutral Transport, Appealing Sustainable Transport Choices, Healthier North East, Safe Secure Network, Synergy with other Projects and Community Priority.</p> <p>3) Hipsburn Pavements: the PC would like the pavements on both sides of the A1068 from Hipsburn Roundabout to The Coppice to be improved. The existing pavements are in need of attention as they are uneven and pose a trip hazard in many areas. We believe this meets criteria: Healthier North East, Safe Secure Network and Community Priority.</p> <p>b) Community Noticeboard: Complaints had been noted about the number of posters on telegraph poles promoting, in particular, events at the Village Hall. It was agreed some felt that this had a negative impact on the village. JuH to speak with Jan Mahon, Chair of the Village Hall to flag the concerns. It was also agreed the PC would pay for a community notice board at the Village Shop where such events could be promoted. JuH to review options for PC consideration. If successful, the impromptu noticeboard at the bottom of Steppey Lane could also be upgraded as phase 2, which would align with the improvement works the PC was paying Penny Royale to undertake in the area.</p> <p>c) Police Liaison Meeting Update: see item 4 A1068 Roadside Littering above.</p>	<p>JuH</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>County Councillor Wendy Pattison – Northumberland County Council Update WP had previously circulated a report.</p> <p>Children’s Rural Education: NCC will give £10k per year for 3 years to Glendale Agricultural Society’s Children’s Countryside Day - a one-day interactive educational event which gives 1,650 school children each year (of all abilities aged 5-11 from across the region) a taste of farming and a wider understanding of the countryside.</p> <p>Blue Badge Eligibility and Application: Check your eligibility https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blue-badge-can-i-get-one/can-i-get-a-blue-badge The quickest way to apply is online: a Blue Badge costs £10. The application process is free. You can apply for one for yourself or on behalf of someone else. They usually last for 3 years. You should reapply at least 8 weeks before your current badge expires. For further assistance, email: blue.badges@northumberland.gov.uk or write to Blue Badge Team Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25/03433/ADE – Advertisement consent – installation of post with hanging arm – 1no hanging shop sign and 1no vinyl banner - Land North and East of the Post Office Lesbury Northumberland – no objections 	

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

8.	<p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>a) NALC – Online Zoom Training – the training opportunity had been noted. EW and LS had signed up. ET reminded the PC that the £5 cost would be reimbursed by the PC.</p> <p>b) Penny Morrison – Hipsburn Flagpole – it was noted that the flagpole and St George flag had been taken down as per the September minutes. ET had written to Mrs Morrison accordingly.</p> <p>c) Allison Wort – Lealands Footpath – ET advised Allison Wort had reported the slippey footpath to NCC FixMyStreet who had resolved the issue.</p> <p>d) NCC LTP Workshop Presentation Slides - noted</p> <p>e) NCC Thriving Together Newsletter September #2 and Oct #1 - noted</p> <p>f) NCC – Free Trees for all residents – noted and posted on PC FaceBook.</p> <p>g) Ad Gefrin – North East Community Award – noted</p> <p>h) N’land Coast National Landscape – 28/11/25 3pm Howick Village Hall – noted</p> <p>i) McMillan Mighty Hike – 5 & 6 September 2026 – noted</p> <p>j) NCC Town & Parish Meeting Minutes from 9/10/25 - noted</p>	
9.	<p>Parish Financial Matters</p> <p>a) Playdale Playgrounds Ltd (Annual Maintenance Programme for Pond Field) - £650 – PAID - noted</p> <p>b) N’land Accountants (Payroll) - £96 - agreed</p> <p>c) Clerk (Oct Wages) - £475.99 - agreed</p> <p>d) HMRC (Oct £112.60 PAYE and £21.84 Employers NI) - £134.44 - agreed</p> <p>e) Billy McKnight (Hipsburn Xmas Tree Lights) - £32.51 - agreed</p> <p>f) Jonathan Aird (Old Mill Wall £3,800 + £512 to replace wooden beam £512) - £4,312 – agreed. It was noted works were now complete and the PC was very pleased with the result; the wall is listed and of cultural and historical importance to our Parish and it was considered important to preserve this beautiful feature for future generations to enjoy. ET confirmed thanks had been sent.</p> <p>g) Penny Royale (Lesbury Works) - £30.32 - agreed</p> <p>h) NCC (3 extra grass cuts) - £611.96 - agreed</p>	
10.	<p>Pond Field Play Area:</p> <p>ET confirmed Playdale Playgrounds had been instructed to carry out an annual inspection (scheduled for w/c 27 October 2025) and 3 operational inspections (scheduled w/c 2 Feb, 20 April and 20 July 2026). As soon as the report was received, ET to circulate. Once the new agreement was confirmed as all in order, ET to cancel the RoSPA annual inspection.</p>	ET
11.	<p>Any Other Matters for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesbury Community Shop Christmas Fair – JuH advised this would take place on 22/11/25 10am-2pm in Lesbury Village Hall. • Graffiti – Lesbury Bridge – KF reported this had still not been removed by NCC despite having been reported to NCC FixMyStreet 4 months ago. KF also flagged a small amount of graffiti on Lesbury Footbridge and a tree blocking the footpath next to the River Aln, both also reported to NCC FixMyStreet. WP to assist getting resolved. • Budget 2026/27 – ET advised the precept and budget for 2026/27 would need to be considered at the November meeting and agreed at the January meeting. 	KF/WP
12.	<p>NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm – Tuesday 25 November 2025 – Lesbury Village Hall</p>	ALL

The meeting concluded at 9pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____