



5.	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>a) Budget/Precept 2026/27: ET had circulated to the PC the previous years' budget, accounts for current financial year to date, accounts from 2024/25 and current bank balance. It was noted there were no major projects with cost implications planned for the PC and the PC had sufficient funds to draw down on reserves for any unexpected costs. It was agreed to consider keeping the precept at £17k with no increase, to be formally agreed at the January PC meeting.</p> <p>b) Traffic Density in Lesbury: TB raised concern. It was noted that Lesbury was on the Coastal Route and that because of this, and in addition to RAF Boulmer and Longhoughton Quarry, experienced an increased quantity of traffic. ET also reminded the PC of the ongoing building works at RAF Boulmer which would also have a short-term impact. KF advised that speeding through Lesbury Village wasn't an issue flagged on Speedwatch and that the A1068 was more of an issue. The parked cars in the road in Lesbury slowed vehicle speeds down, the same for Curly Lane and South View. KF to undertake a number of Speedwatch to re-evaluate and check for any speeding issues.</p>	KF
6.	<p><b>County Councillor Wendy Pattison – Northumberland County Council Update</b> WP had previously circulated a report.</p> <p><b>Free Trees:</b> NCC's free tree scheme is back again with individual saplings and packs up for grabs. Businesses, residents, schools and community groups can apply. Once ordered, applicants will receive confirmation and details of their collection point prior to the pick-up date, with collection locations spread across the county. Visit <a href="https://www.northumberlandnetzero.uk/apply/free-trees">https://www.northumberlandnetzero.uk/apply/free-trees</a></p> <p><b>Household Support Fund:</b> Find out if you qualify for help with essential costs like energy, water, food, and other necessities. Telephone: 01670 620 015 (Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 5pm and Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm).</p> <p><b>Northumberland Small Business Service:</b> a fully-funded service that delivers a range of business support services to ambitious innovators, creative thinkers and small/micro businesses across Northumberland. Visit: <a href="http://www.northumberland.gov.uk">www.northumberland.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Doorstep Glass Recycling:</b> WP confirmed a doorstep glass recycling would be introduced across the whole of Northumberland in approx. a years' time. No change for Lesbury Parish as it had been part of a doorstep glass recycling trial. Food waste collection would also be introduced in South East and Central Northumberland but it was not practical to introduce to North Northumberland at this moment in time.</p> <p><b>NCC Snow Wardens:</b> This scheme enables an individual or a group of community volunteers to sign up to help clear snow and ice from public footpaths in their local areas. NCC will provide a snow warden kit (snow shovel, bag of salt/grit, a thermal hat with a head torch, a pair of thermal gloves and a hi-vis vest). For more info and to sign up and register: <a href="http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/roads-and-streets/winter-services/snow-wardens">www.northumberland.gov.uk/roads-and-streets/winter-services/snow-wardens</a> WP confirmed NCC would have the public liability for for paths cleared by registered Snow Wardens.</p> <p><b>N'bria Police's 'Trojan' Bus:</b> A decoy bus where the passengers are plain clothes police officers has been out on the beat in North N'land, as part of the Safer Streets Initiative, helping officers take tough action at anti-social behaviour hotspots.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>No planning applications received. However, 25/0434/CCMEIA – Longhoughton Quarry, NE66 3AE – NE extension to quarry to provide an additional 510,000 tonnes of whinstone and limestone was noted as a potential issue for Lesbury in terms of potential increased quarry lorry traffic. ET advised Longhoughton Parish Council had called a public meeting at 4pm on 4/12/25 at Longhoughton Community Sports Centre and at which the quarry owner and agent will be in attendance to answer</p>	

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# Lesbury Parish Council

Meeting  
Tuesday 25 November 2025

	queries and questions. Gordon Halliday, NCC Planning Officer assigned to the application will also be in attendance to observe. It was agreed the application should be circulated to the PC and JuH to collate any comments for feedback.	<b>ALL</b>
8.	<p><b>Correspondence Received</b></p> <p>a) NCC Thriving Together Newsletter Oct #2 and Nov #1 - noted</p> <p>b) NCC – Community Governance Review (CCR) – Presentation on Options available to the PC – noted.</p> <p>c) NCC – Notice of Consultation – re renewal of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO). Deadline 21/12/25 - noted</p> <p>d) NCC – Consultation – Draft North of Tyne Local Nature Recovery Strategy. Deadline 9/1/26 - noted</p> <p>e) NALC Update Nov 2025 - noted</p> <p>f) Abi Knapton, Gladiator Events Ltd - Trek26 N'land (Alzheimer's Walk) - Saturday 18 July 2026. The PC's complaints about noise levels from the tannoy from the 2025 event had been noted by the organisers and a site meeting to be arranged for sometime in the New Year to discuss solutions to be arranged.</p> <p>g) N'land Coast National Landscape – Draft Minutes 28/10/25 – noted</p> <p>h) NCC N'land Design Code. Deadline 9/1/26 – noted.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Parish Financial Matters</b></p> <p>a) Penny Royale (Lesbury works) - £238.22 - agreed</p> <p>b) James N McLean (Repair Glass at Bus Stop A1068) - £250 - agreed</p> <p>c) Clerk (Nov Wages) - £476.19 - agreed</p> <p>d) HMRC (Nov £112.60 PAYE and £21.84 Employers NI) - £134.24 - agreed</p> <p>e) Clerk (Dec Wages) - £475.99 - agreed</p> <p>f) HMRC (Dec £112.60 PAYE and £21.84 Employers NI) - £134.44 - agreed</p> <p>g) Lloyds Bank (Monthly bank charges Aug &amp; Sept @ £4.25pcm) - £8.50 – agreed</p> <p>h) NALC (Training Emma Wynne and Lorraine Starkey) - £10 – agreed</p>	
10.	<p><b>Pond Field Play Area:</b></p> <p>The Playdale Playgrounds annual inspection (carried out w/c 27 October 2025) had been circulated and it was noted there were no major issues or risks and only low level issues flagged. ET had requested a quote for fixing issues identified. This had come in at £1,735.91 + VAT. It was agreed all items on the quote were relevant with the exception of the item for £405.74 for Team Swing Secondary Support Retrofit kit. Pond Field has a Basket Swing and 1x Bay Swing but no Team Swing. ET to clarify. Otherwise the quote was accepted and ET instructed to commission works asap once the query was resolved. It was noted 3 operational inspections were scheduled w/c 2 Feb, 20 April and 20 July 2026.</p> <p>It was agreed the new maintenance agreement with Playdale was working and therefore ET was asked to cancel the RoSPA annual inspection.</p>	<b>ET</b>
11.	<p><b>Any Other Matters for Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christmas Trees</b> – AH confirmed the tree for Lesbury was on order and it was noted Billy McKnight was organising the Hipsburn Christmas tree again. Thanks to all for organising. JuH suggested the PC might like to put up more Christmas Lights in future years. To be discussed further at the next meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Remembrance Sunday:</b> JuH advised it had been mentioned that Lesbury didn't have anything to represent Remembrance Sunday.</li> <li>• <b>RAF Boulmer Lights on Longhoughton Road:</b> KF flagged these were on 24/7. ET to request they are turned off during the day.</li> </ul>	<b>AH</b>
12.	<b>NEXT MEETING:</b> 7.30pm – Tuesday 27 January 2026 – Lesbury Village Hall	<b>ALL</b>

The meeting concluded at 8.12pm

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