

CORNSAY PARISH COUNCIL

At a Meeting of Cornsay Parish Council held on Wednesday, 24th June, 2026, at 7.00pm, in Hamsteels Community Centre, Esh Winning.

Present: Councillor D Robb (in the Chair)
and Councillors D Bottoms, R Makepeace, L McKendrick, H Pegum and A Scott

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor A Neil.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

20. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were no County Councillors present at the meeting, however, Councillor A Neil had submitted a written report covering the following items:

- While no new issues had arisen in recent months, Councillor Neil had continued to talk to local residents.
- The road safety petition remained active and had collected a large amount of support. He continued to follow up a number of road safety concerns including the three dangerous junctions in Cornsay and Cornsay Colliery.
- Having recently spent time in Cornsay, he intended to spend time in Cornsay Colliery in the coming weeks to keep in touch with local residents.

21. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27th May, 2026, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 16 - A letter of thanks had been received from TRACC together with an update on the event which had been supported by the Parish Council with funding towards the cost of a face painter.

23. FINANCIAL REPORT

(a) Agreement was given for the payment of:

- (i) £334.48 in respect of Clerk's wages for the month of June
- (ii) £83.76 to HMRC in respect of PAYE for the month of June
- (iii) £1,178.40 (including VAT 196.40) to Makepeace Landscapes in respect grounds maintenance and planters
- (iv) £130.00 to Mr MG Ackroyd in respect of internal audit fees
- (v) £235.00 to Cornsay Village Residents Association in respect of play area checks
- (vi) £100.00 to Cornsay Village Residents Association in respect of contribution towards the cost of fuel for the lawnmower.

(b) Receipts & Payments

Details of receipts and payments for the financial year to-date together with account balances had been circulated.

24. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Information received from Northumbrian Water regarding community drop in event on 30th June, 2026.

Resolved: *That the information be noted.*

- (b) Details received from CDALC regarding AGM and opportunity to nominate executive committee members.

Resolved: *That the information be noted.*

25. REPORT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Consideration was given to the Report of the Internal Auditor, copies of which had been circulated.

Resolved: *That the report be accepted and the various corrections to figures in the Council's Minutes be made as set out in the report.*

26. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

(a) Annual Governance Statement

The annual governance statement, copies of which had been circulated, was presented to the Council and consideration given to each of the points to which an answer was required.

Resolved: *That the Annual Governance Statement be approved, with all questions being answered 'yes' however in respect of Box 4 an explanatory note be included to explain to the external auditor the Council's reason for this answer.*

(b) Accounting Statements

The accounting statement forming part of the annual return, copies of which had been circulated, was presented by the Clerk.

Resolved: *That the Accounting Statements be approved.*

27. BARCLAYS BANK ACCOUNTS

The Clerk advised that Barclays Bank had noted the lack of any transactions on the current and savings accounts held with them and their intention to move the account to a dormant state.

Resolved: *That the current and savings accounts held with Barclays Bank be closed.*

28. S106 MONIES – HEDLEYHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

Durham County Council had advised that an application had been made by Hedleyhope Parish Council for s106 monies to replace play equipment at East Hedleyhope and requesting and comments or objections.

Resolved: *That this Council is supportive of the application.*

29. HAMSTEELS COMMUNITY CENTRE

The community centre was being well attended however a number of groups were now beginning to break for the summer holiday period.

A quote had been obtained for the repair of the hot water system however it was felt to be excessive and further quotes were being sought.

The Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed as a correct record:

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date

