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This month we reflect on the men of Ellingham who gave their lives in two World Wars.

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*"This November we remember our loved ones, and those who have gone before us and celebrate the promise of Eternal Life .
Please join us, if you can, at one of our services especially on the 2nd and 9th of November."*

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Friends of St Maurice Church

November : A month of Mem- ories and Prayers

You might say that November begins a day early on 31 October - All Hallows Eve - Halloween. Traditionally this isn't a time for witches and trick or treat, although we have to take evil in our world seriously, but time when we prepare to celebrate the great feasts of **All Saints & All Souls** - remembering the faithful servants of God and our loved ones who have died and celebrating the fact that we are all held in the love and peace of our loving God.

This commemoration is followed this year by **Remembrance Sunday** on the 9th November and **Armistice Day** on the 11th when communities gather at war memorials in Churches and Villages throughout our land as well as in great towns and cities and the Cenotaph in London where the King will lay a wreath on behalf of us

all. This year we have marked the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2. Every community in the country shares in the sacrifices of The Great War and the Second World War and it is a time to show respect. Please accept our invitation to join us in Church as we mark this important times.

All of this prompts we to speak a little about death and the importance of celebrating, commemorating and entrusting loved ones to the love and care of God

As an ancient prayer adapted anew says "Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven." "I am not dying; I am entering life." "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." "

At the centre of the Christian faith is the hope and promise that God calls all his children to enter into his-

rest and his kingdom psalm 23 v 6 says "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

It is a promise to trust in and to depend upon we find forgiveness and new life in the love of Christ Jesus.

I'm saddened when I see adverts for "direct funerals" on TV - pressuring people not to have what I would call a proper funeral which gives an family time to remember, mourn and entrust a loved one to God. We have to respect peoples personal wishes but we need to also think of what is best for them and the bereaved.

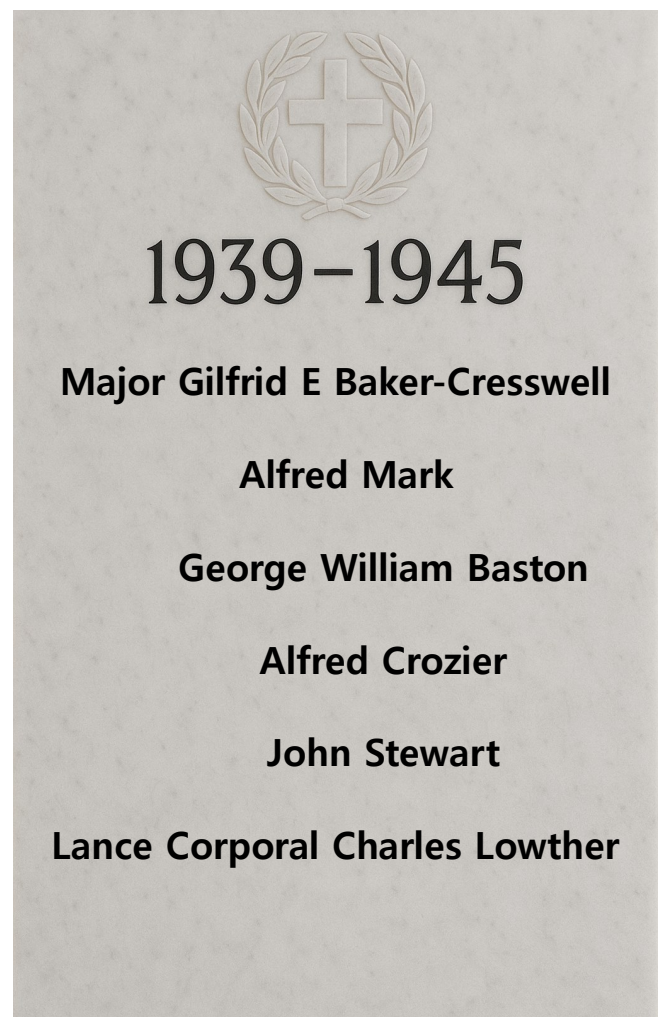
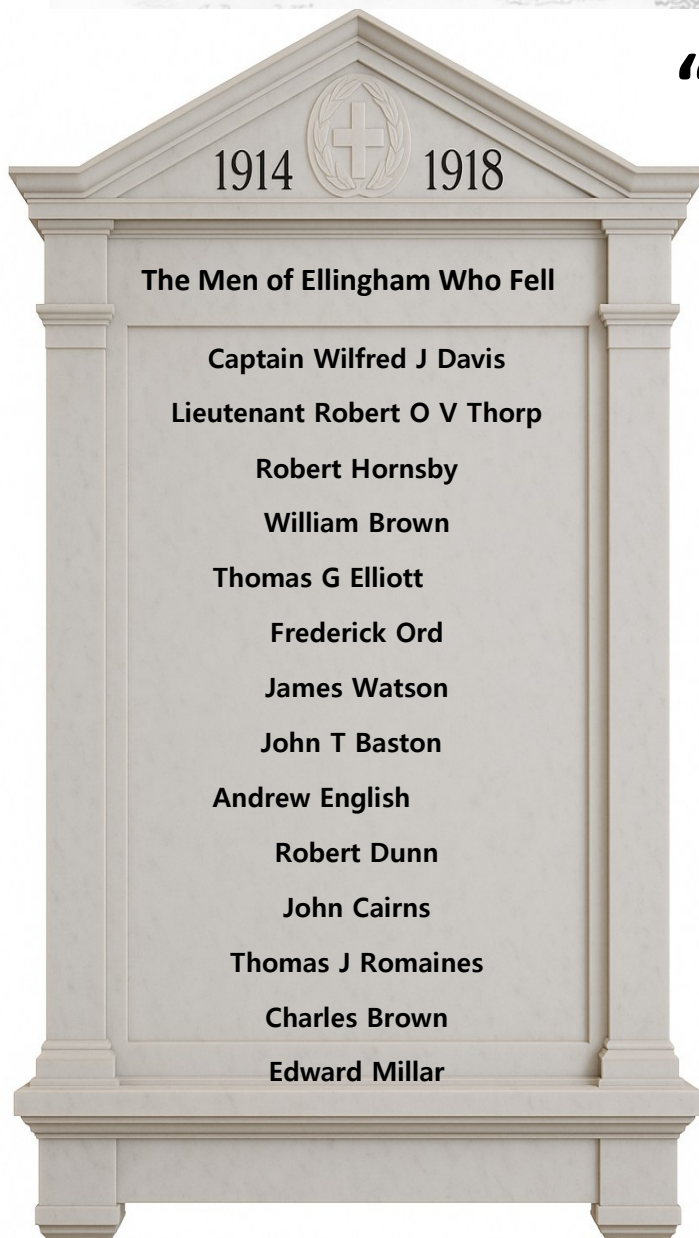
This November we remember our loved ones and those who have gone before us and celebrate the promise of Eternal Life. Please join us if you can at one of our services especially on the 2nd and 9th of November.

Blessings, Tony

SUNDAY ROTA: NOVEMBER 2025

2nd Nov	All Saints Day/ 4th Sunday before Advent (Red)
	READER: Mrs D Lightfoot SIDESMAN: Mrs A Laidler
9th Nov	Remembrance Sunday 3rd Sunday before Advent (Red)
	READER: Mr N Mundy SIDESMAN: Miss E Duncan
16th Nov	2nd Sunday before Advent (Red)
	READER: Miss E Duncan SIDESMAN: Mrs D Lightfoot (S)
23rd Nov	Christ the King / Sunday next before Advent Red
	Morning Worship
30th Nov	1st Sunday of Advent Purple
	Joint service at St Paul's North Sunderland at 10am

"Lest We Forget"



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

By John McCrae



Minutes: ELLINGHAM COMMUNITY TRUST MEETING

HELD 2 OCTOBER 2025 AT ELLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present: John Thompson (JT) (vice Chair), George Unwin (GU), Brenda Frier (BF) (Trustees), Louis Fell (LF) (Treasurer), Virginia Mayes-Wright (VMW) (Clerk)

Apologies: David Metcalfe (DM) (Chair), Judy Glover (JG), Graham Edmonson (GE) (Trustees)

- 2) The Trustees reviewed and agreed the minutes from the previous meeting held on 4th September 2025.

3) Treasures Report.

LF presented the Treasurer's Report. LF presented the draft Annual Accounts to the Trustees. LF outlined the main income and expenditure for the last financial year. The Trustees agreed the Annual Accounts. The Trustees thanked LF for his work.

4) Applications/Review of Schemes

Church Grant Update – The Clerk received a verbal update from Neil Mundy thanking the Community Trust for the funding and noting that this funding had enabled the Church to access additional funding using ECT as match funding.

Village Hall Application – The Clerk noted receipt of an email thanking ECT for funding received for the picnic benches.

Potential School Application - The Trustees noted Ellingham School fundraising campaign for laptops. The Trustees discussed the possibility of an application from the school. It was suggested that the PTA apply for a grant which the Trustees pre-approved.

Defibs - GF noted that two new defib batteries were needed at a total cost of £560. The Trustees agreed the expenditure.

Solid Fuel Scheme – The Clerk noted thanks received from a parishioner for the Solid Fuel Scheme.

Green Scheme – GU noted receipt of a letter of thanks for the last Green Scheme application. One new application received and approved.

TESS – The Clerk noted the new application. The Trustees discussed the application and agreed. **ACTION : Clerk to respond to TESS applicant.**

5) Welcome Pack for Residents

The Trustees agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

6) AGM Arrangements. The Trustees noted that all plans in place

7) **AOB** Noted that the new Parish Magazine print run had been paid for by a member of the community. **ACTION : LF to repay the Parish Magazine costs. ACTION : LF to set up an account with the printers for future Parish Magazine payments.** Thanks to GE for his efforts.

The death of previous Trustee Bob Stewart was noted. The Trustees commented on Bob's long standing work as a Trustee.

8) ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: 6th November 2025 (AGM), 4th December 2025. All at Ellingham Village Hall.

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The Men of Ellingham Who Fell

Step inside St Maurice's Church in Ellingham and you will find two memorial plaques fixed to the walls.

At first glance they may appear as simple tablets of marble and stone, but together they tell the story of twenty young men from our parish who gave their lives in the world wars of the twentieth century.



Some are remembered only by name. For a few, we can glimpse details of their lives: where they lived, their families, their regiments, where they fell. What unites them all is that they were Ellingham men. But they walked our

lanes, worked in our fields, drank in our pub, worshipped beneath the same church roof. Their absence was deeply felt here, and their names deserve to be known once more.

The First World War: Fourteen Names

The larger tablet, carved from red sienna marble with a green border, hangs on the south wall of the nave. Its inscription begins with the familiar words *"For King and Country... in proud and grateful memory of the following officers and men of the Parish of Ellingham who fell in France in the Great War 1914-1918."*

It records the following names, and we have researched a little more information on each these men who fell

Each of these names was once a familiar one in the parish. They were sons of local families, farm lads, or apprentices, many of them barely out of school.

Captain Wilfrid Jervis Davis – 7th Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers.

- Died 30 Jun 1916, age 25; buried La Laiterie Military Cemetery (Belgium).
- Educated at Harrow and Clare College, Cambridge; son of the late Dr Robert Davis and Ellen Davis (family residences noted at Frinningham Lodge, Maidstone; formerly Orpington). Named on the Ellingham memorial at St Maurice.

2nd Lt. Robert Oakley Vavasour Thorp, MC – 1st Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers (attached 64th Trench Mortar Battery).

- Killed in action 22 Mar 1918, age 39; buried Saulcourt Churchyard Extension, Guyencourt-Saulcourt (France).
- Son of Rev. William Tudor Thorp and Mary Louisa Thorp of Charlton Hall; commemorated in Ellingham and Berwick.
- Appears on St Maurice memorial and the Thorp family plaque in the church.

Private Robert Hornsey (Hornsby on CWGC) – 1/7th Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers.

- Died of wounds 1 Jun 1915, age 22; buried Étaples Military Cemetery.
- Only son of Robert & Elizabeth Ann Hornsby of Low Newton, Lesbury; enlisted at Alnwick.
- Listed on St Maurice memorial (as "Robert Hornsey").

(Sapper) William Brown – 174th Tunneling Company, Royal Engineers.

- Born Gateshead c. 1874 to Andrew & Jane Brown; had 16 years' previous RE service before re-enlisting in 1915 as 102603. Served as a tunneller's mate. (Note: the Ellingham tablet shows "19th West Yorks." but local research indicates RE service.)

Private Thomas George Elliott – 12th Bn., Durham Light Infantry.

- Died 22 Sep 1916, age 26; commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.
- Son of Henry & Isabella Elliott; husband of Sarah Isabella Elliott of East Bolton, Alnwick.
- Named on St Maurice memorial.

Rifleman Frederick Ord – 8th (City of London Regiment), “Post Office Rifles”.

- Killed on the Somme in 1916 (Thiepval Memorial); service no. 3682.
- Son of Mrs Elizabeth Ord of Chathill; husband of Elizabeth (per grave summary).
- His battalion fought at High Wood (Flers-Courcelette) in Sept 1916.
- Listed on Ellingham memorial.

Private James Nicholas Watson – 27th (Tyneside Irish) Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers.

- Killed 9 Apr 1917; commemorated on Arras Memorial. Son of the late John & Hannah Watson of Ellingham, Chathill.
- On the Ellingham tablet as “James Watson.”

Private John Thomas Baston – 11th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales’s Own).

- Killed 20 Sep 1917; commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.
- NEWMP’s “Every Name a Story” confirms the Tyne Cot commemoration and Ellingham link.
- Listed on St Maurice memorial.

Private Andrew English – 15th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers (formerly West Yorkshire Regt. no. 54370).

- Died 30 Sep 1918; buried Uplands Cemetery, Magny-la-Fosse.
- NEWMP notes his prior West Yorkshire service;
- Belford Museum has researched his story.
- Named on Ellingham memorial.

Private Robert Dunn – 1st Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment.

- Died of wounds 24 Sep 1918, age 21; buried Brie British Cemetery. CWGC notes mother Elizabeth Dunn of Greensfield, Alnwick, and late father William.
- Detailed local biography: born 22 Dec 1896; farm labourer; educated at Ellingham; gassed and wounded Mar 1918; returned to unit 9th Sep 1918; died at No. 48 CCS after wounds on 23rd Sep.
- Listed on St Maurice memorial

Private John Cairns – 2/5th Bn., Duke of Wellington’s (West Riding Regiment).

- Died 4 Nov 1918, age 37; Vis-en-Artois Memorial.
- Son of John Edward & Amy English Cairns (Hobberlaw Kiln, Alnwick); husband of Annie Cairns of Denwick.
- The Ellingham tablet shows him as “7th Batt. N.F.”;

Private Thomas James Romaines – 1/7th Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers.

- Died 27 Oct 1916; buried in Ellingham (St Maurice) Churchyard.
- Served in the local Territorial battalion; enlisted at Alnwick (service no. 3579).
- Commemorated on the parish tablet including the “died in England” section.

Private Charles Brown – 1st Garrison Bn., King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

- Died in England 31 Dec 1917, age 31; buried in Ellingham (St Maurice) Churchyard. Inscription and parentage (son of the late James & Margaret Dixon Brown of Ford)

Gunner Edward Millar – Royal Garrison Artillery.

- Died 28 Jun 1919, age 21; buried in Ellingham (St Maurice) Churchyard.
- Born at Wood Cottage, Ellingham (1897); youngest son of William & Mary Millar; three brothers also served.
- Listed on the Ellingham memorial under

those who “died in England.”

Some of the details may be sketchy, but one whose story is clearer is **Private William Brown**. Born in 1896, he and his twin brother John grew up at No. 13 Ellingham Village. He was one of eight children; orphaned by the age of eleven, he was cared for by his elder sister Mary. William became a gardener, but in 1914 he enlisted at Morpeth. He was just nineteen when he was killed at the Battle of Loos on 27 September 1915. His name is carved not only on our village memorial but also on the Loos Memorial in France.

Imagine him walking past the Pack Horse, tending gardens, or sitting in a pew at St Maurice's. That is the power of remembrance: to see a neighbour where history shows only a name.

The Second World War: Six More Men

On the north wall is a second plaque of pale stone. Its plain inscription reads: *“To the memory of the men of Ellingham parish who gave their lives in the war 1939-1945.”*



Below are the six who fell:

Major Gilfrid Edward Baker-Cresswell, Royal Engineers

Gilfrid Baker-Cresswell came from a family long rooted in Northumberland, though he was born in Edinburgh in 1914. Educated at Westminster School and Trinity College,

Cambridge, he showed early promise as an engineer and a natural leader. He joined the Royal Engineers, applying his technical skill to the hazardous business of building, bridging, and demolishing under fire.

In 1942 he was serving in the North African desert, where the fate of the British Eighth Army hung in the balance. During the epic struggle at El Alamein, Major Baker-Cresswell was killed in action on 27 October 1942. He was twenty-eight. His courage was recognised when he was Mentioned in Despatches for distinguished service in the Middle East. He lies today in the El Alamein War Cemetery, far from the green fields of home, yet his name is preserved on a bronze plaque inside St Maurice's — a link between a young engineer's life cut short and the enduring peace he helped to secure.

Driver George William Baston,

Royal Army Service Corps

George Baston was a village man through and through — the son of William and Margaret Baston, whose family home stood close to the churchyard. Before the war he worked on the land; after joining the Royal Army Service Corps, he found himself driving supply trucks through the jungles and plains of the Far East. Captured when Singapore fell in 1942, he endured the brutal captivity of the Thailand–Burma Railway. In those impossible conditions, thousands perished from disease, exhaustion, and cruelty. George was one of them, dying on 16 July 1943, aged just 27. He lies in the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery in Thailand. The wooden cross erected by his grieving father in Ellingham churchyard still bears the simple inscription: “Died as a Prisoner of War in Thailand, 1943.”

Fusilier Alfred Crozier,

Royal Northumberland Fusiliers

Alfred Crozier grew up in nearby Warenford, one of several children of James and Elizabeth

Crozier. He enlisted in the 7th Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, a proud local regiment. In the frantic summer of 1940, when France fell, his battalion was among those left fighting desperate rearguard actions after Dunkirk.

He was killed on 12 June 1940, aged 30, during those chaotic days of withdrawal through Normandy. Alfred is buried in Claville-Motteville Churchyard, a small village near Rouen where villagers still tend his grave. His name stands not only on the Ellingham memorial, but also on the stone cross at Warenford — a testament to two communities who remember one of their own.

Lance Corporal Charles Lowther,

Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps

Charles Lowther was thirty-three when the war began, a married man with a home near Alnwick. He joined the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps, one of the unsung organisations that kept the British Expeditionary Force moving — building roads, unloading ships, and defending positions when the front collapsed in 1940. Charles was reported missing in the early weeks of that summer. Months later came the official word that he had been killed in action in France. His grave lies somewhere among the ranks of the Pioneers who died during the retreat to Dunkirk. Though his resting place is unknown, his name endures in Ellingham's church, among friends and neighbours who will not forget.

Corporal A. Mark,

Royal Army Ordnance Corps

The parish roll records him simply as "A. Mark, Corporal, RAOC."

Alfred Mark was born 28.08.1917 and, in his early life he attended Ellingham School.

After leaving school, he initially worked as a chauffeur in civilian life and then subsequently worked for Grieves of Embleton as a taxi driver. With his background in driving, he be-

came a despatch rider when he joined the Army. Alfred sadly passed away at Ancroft in December 1948 of tuberculosis. A disease which he contracted as a POW in the Far East.

Fusilier John Stewart,

Royal Northumberland Fusiliers

John Stewart was another Northumbrian serving in the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, 9th Battalion. Like George Baston, he was captured at Singapore and endured the torment of Japanese prison camps. The men of his battalion were set to forced labour on the same Burma Railway, battling hunger, tropical disease, and unrelenting hardship.

John died on 29 June 1943, aged 25. He lies near his comrade George Baston in Kan-chanaburi War Cemetery — two Ellingham men, half a world away, united still in the earth of Thailand and in the memory of their parish.

Remembering Them Today

To read these lists is to sense the weight borne by a small parish. Fourteen lives in the Great War, six more in the Second — twenty men from a village community, each with family, work, and promise.

Their deaths left holes in farms, workshops, and households across Ellingham. Yet their names endure. Each Remembrance Sunday, we draw them back into our midst.

Keeping the Memory Alive

We honour them best not only by wreaths and silence but by learning who they were. This year, as we gather again in November, let us carry their names with us. They belonged to Ellingham, and as long as we speak their names, they will not be forgotten in this parish.





2025 AGM

7pm Ellingham Village Hall

(coffee from 6.45pm)

on 6th November 2024

All parishioners welcome to attend.

Ellingham Village Hall: Coffee Morning

15th November 2025 10.00-12.00

**With seasonal entertainment from
"Village Voices"**



**To include collections for the Salvation Army
toy appeal and Alnwick Food bank**



Smile Lines

Duck

I have a severe nonlinear waterfowl issue. (I don't have all my ducks in a row.)

Bible knowledge

A minister was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I finally figured out what the Bible means!" The minister thought of his extensive theological library and smiled indulgently. He asked his young son what he thought the Bible meant.

"It's easy, Daddy," the boy replied. "It means: 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

One Liners

A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.**

I'm proud to announce that I have completed the first item on my bucket list. I have the bucket.

Somebody just threw a handful of Omega 3 tablets at me! It's okay, I only suffered super fish oil injuries.

The only thing that wakes you up faster than coffee is spilled coffee.

WHAT'S ON AT ELLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL?

GRAFFITI CLASSICS

Friday 14th November, 7.30pm

A comedy string quartet who never sit down,
Wickedly funny. Crazy mix of musical comedy, gypsy, folk, opera,
blue grass, stand up comedy and dance. Tickets £15. Bar open.

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 15th November, 10am - 12 noon

THE CHANGING FACE OF OUR RURAL PARISH: PART 3

Tuesday, 18th November, 2 - 4pm

Another chance to see the third part of **David Griggs'** fascinating
insight into the life of Ellingham over the last 125 years.
No entry fee. Donations welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday, 20th November, 7.30 - 10pm

Bring your own drinks and snacks. Teams of six.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP


Saturday 29th November, 10.30am or 1.30pm

All materials included. £50 per adult.

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THE PACK HORSE LEEK CLUB



The Leek Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 19th November at 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall.

An early notice - Our Christmas Bingo will take place on Tuesday 16th December 7pm for 7.30pm at Ellingham Village Hall. A fun night for everyone!

The Baby Premature Hats knitted for The Annual Show, kindly

donated by the makers, were handed over to the Special Care Baby Unit at Cramlington Hospital by Gerald and Diana Milburn.

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Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 7.15pm, Ellingham Village Hall

PRESENT: Chairman P Robson,

Parish Councillors O Simpson, Mrs J Thompson & G Unwin County Councillors G Renner-Thompson &

M Mather. Clerk: Mrs I Hunter. 3 members of public

Public Question Time:

A member of the public raised concerns that the 460 bus service only runs on a Saturday which does not allow people to access Dr's etc, and as of March 2026 the bus service will cease which means there will be no public transport to and from Ellingham village, therefore people wishing to use public transport will need to walk up to the A1 to access the Arriva bus services.

Parish Councillor O Simpson joined the meeting at this point.

A member of public raised concerns about the state of the footpath underpass-track which crosses the A1 stating if people are going to have to access the bus service on the edge of the A1 how will they be able to cross the road safely.

Parish Councillors agreed that the A1 and land next to it is under the ownership of National Highways.

County Councillor G Renner-Thompson agreed to investigate the issue, as well as obtaining the data on the number of people using the 460 Bus Service.

Apologies for Absence: None

Declarations of interest: The Clerk declared a personal interest in Agenda item No 9- Annual National NALC/SLCC pay rise

Request for Dispensation: None

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th July 2025- Parish Councillors agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th July 2025 were a true record of the meeting. The Chairman signed a hard copy of the minutes.

Matters Arising: None Parish Councillors agreed change to the order of the agenda items and discuss Agenda No's 15 & 17 next

Min 246- Highways/ Local Issues – updates

The Chairman provided a verbal update from the parish drive about which had been undertaken ahead of the meeting:

The road from the bottom of Preston Bank to Chathill needs to be resurfaced.

Various roads within the parish need to be resurfaced.

There is the need for chicanes to be installed at Chathill.

There is an issue with flooding onto the road at Priestsdean

Parish Councillors agreed the following actions:

The Chairman to take the lead on the flooding issue at Priestsdean:

The Chairman to speak to the landowner and liaise with County Councillor M Mather who is the Portfolio Holder for Highways.

County Councillor M Mather to provide the Chairman with a copy of the document produced by Northumberland County Council which identifies what Northumberland County Council or landowners are responsible for in relation to land next to the highway.

Parish Councillor G Unwin asked about the possibility of installing a concealed entrance sign on the C69 at Preston as well as repainting the slow signs on the road.

County Councillor M Mather replied that Northumberland County Council are not supportive of ~~conceded~~ 17 entrance signs as officers are of the opinion they do not work.

The road markings will be repainted the next time the team are in the area.

We are going to put additional funding into the repairing of road signage & repainting lines on the highways next year.

County Councillor M Mather suggested if the C69 could be upgraded to a B road it would increase the opportunity for funding for improvements to the road.

Min 247- Local Transport Plan 2026/27 to 2028/29

Parish Councillors considered the feedback from Northumberland County Council on the Parish Council's 3 priorities for 2025/26.

The Chairman stated there is a need for the installation of chicanes at Chathill.

County Councillor M Mather suggested the Parish Council could request a new speed survey to be used as evidence, and the Parish Council could propose a location, however, there would need to be street furniture i.e. streetlight at the proposed location for the securing of the wires.

Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk request a speed survey to be undertaken, with the Parish Council having an input into the proposed location for the speed check.

Also, County Councillor G Renner-Thompson obtain a cost for the installation of chicanes.

Parish Councillors agreed to submit the following 3 priorities for the 2026/27 to 2028/29 Local Transport Plan programme

- * Install Chicanes at Chathill, to reduce the speed of the traffic in the village.
- * Resurface the U2027 road from Low Nest Cottage to Ellingham.
- * Resurface the C69 from the bottom of Preston Bank to Chathill.

County Councillor M Mather & 2 members of the public left the meeting at that point

Min 248- Ellingham Neighbourhood Plan- Parish Councillors agreed the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing slowly, hoping that the current Northumberland County Council Local Plan "Call for sites" will help address outstanding questions.

Min 249- Parish Council Policies- Parish Councillors agreed to adopt the previously circulated Transparency policy.

Min 250-Noticeboards- Parish Councillor Mrs J Thompson agreed to undertake research into possible options for replacement noticeboards and make recommendations to the Parish Council.

Min 251- Annual Review of Clerk's salary

Parish Councillors noted the Local Government Services pay agreement for 2025/26. The Clerk is on SPC 12 - £14.82 per hour gross

Parish Councillors agreed the payment of 26.5 hours @ 0.46p per hour back pay due to the Clerk for hours worked since 1st April 2025.

Min 252- Financial Statement

Current Account	£ 6754.94
Savings Account	£ 938.18
Neighbourhood Plan Account	£ 0.00

Min 253- Receipts

Barclays Bank	£ 3.10	Savings A/c- Interest
Northumberland CC	£1900.00	½ Annual Precept

Min 254- Accounts for payment- Parish Councillors agreed the following payments. (see below):

I Hunter	£ 100.60	Salary 10.5 hours @ £14.82 per hr + back pay
HMRC	£ 67.20	PAYE

I Hunter	£ 100.60	Salary 10.5 hours @ £14.82 per hr + back pay
HMRC	£ 67.20	PAYE
I Hunter	£ 24.73	Expenses

Min 255- Planning Approval

24/01956/FUL- Proposed creation of self / custom build dwellinghouse in existing disused barn with extension to rear elevation- Land To West Of Brockdam Farm Cottages Ellingham Northumberland

Min 256- Consultations Parish Councillors agreed to respond to the current Northumberland County Council consultation on Northumberland Local Plan 'Call for Sites'. The Chairman agreed to provide the information for submission before 30th September. Parish Councillors agreed to respond to the current Northumberland County Council Community Governance Review- Parish Pre Consultation Questionnaire. The Parish Council are happy with the current arrangements. Parish Councillors agreed to respond to the current Northumberland County Council Polling District and Polling Place Review 2025. The Parish Council are happy with the current arrangements.

Min 257- Correspondence- Parish Councillors noted the following correspondence received.

National Highways- Email- Reply to Parish Council's email Re trees on edge of A1

Resident- Email- Bus shelter & timetables on A1

Resident-Email- Footpath No 11 + reply from NCC

NCC Bus Ambassador- Email- Reply to bus timetable question

NCC- Email- Invitation for Town and Parish Councillors to attend a meeting re Budget and Corporate Priorities 9/10. The Chairman agreed to attend the event.

NALC- Email- Invite to AGM 15/11.

Min 258- County Councillor report- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson provided the following update:

The Planning Application for Ellingham Hall appears to be static at the present time.

All other updates have already been covered earlier in the meeting.

Min 259- Conclusion of Annual Audit 2024/25 Parish Councillors agreed the conclusion of the Annual Audit for 2024/25

Parish Councillors approved the Parish Council's 2024/25 Annual Accounts.

Min 260- Parish Council website & email addresses

The Clerk advised the meeting that as a County Councillor she is still in contact with Northumberland County Council IT Department to see if they could provide a secure provision of a gov.uk website & email address for each Parish Councillor + the Clerk by March 2026 at a reasonable cost

Parish Councillors agreed the preference would be for Northumberland County Council to provide the necessary provision on the condition it was the same price or cheaper than the NALC offer.

Parish Councillors agreed to agree any decisions via email if required ahead of the November meeting.

Parish Councillors agreed to receive an update at the November meeting.

Any other Urgent Business: Min 261- Defibrillators-

Parish Councillor G Unwin advised the meeting that the Parish Council needs to purchase 2 replacement batteries for the Parish Council defibrillators.

Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk order 2 batteries for the SP1 defibrillators to be delivered to Parish Councillor G Unwin.

Date of next Parish Council meeting 18th November 2025 at 7.15p.m. In the Ellingham Village Hall, Ellingham.

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Belford St Mary	9.00 am
Lucker St Hilda	11.00 am

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