

EDMONDSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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To: The Chairman and members of the **EDMONDSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**
Councillors G Wheatley (Chair), J Armstrong, A Bell, J Curry, A Hodgson and D MacAlister

Dear Sir / Madam,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **EDMONDSLEY PARISH COUNCIL** which will be in the Parish Hall on **Thursday 3 September 2026 at 6.30pm**

BUSINESS

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive and accept Disclosable Pecuniary / Other Interests from members in any item to be discussed
3. Questions and comments from members of the public – maximum 3 minutes per item / per individual (10 minutes in total)
4. To receive Police report (for information only)
5. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2026 (copy attached)
6. Clerks report – Clerk to update the Parish Council on progress from previous meeting on any subject not separately listed on the agenda (attached)
7. Parish matters and on-going items (attached)
8. To accept financial matters (attached)
9. To note date of next meeting

Yours faithfully

S L Gemmell

**Sarah Gemmell, Clerk & Responsible
Financial Officer**

7. PARISH MATTERS AND ON-GOING ITEMS:

- a) **Planning** - To consider planning applications received –

DM/26/01661/FPA

North East Energy Friends Community Interest Company Land To The West Of Newbridge Banks (Twizell Burn) Grange Villa Durham

Installation of micro hydropower scheme (15kW) on north bank of Twizell Burn, including intake, pipeline, turbine shed and buried power cable to Grange Villa Community Enterprise

- b) **To consider any planning applications received after the agenda was published** - this information is available on Durham County Council website – to give Clerk delegated powers to proceed, unless it is a major / controversial application, whereby a special meeting will be called.

- c) **Allotments/Leisure gardens**

- To note any update. To discuss a request made by a plot holder regarding rodent control.

- d) **County Councillors update** – To receive an update.

- e) **Quarterly Accounts**

To review and approve the quarterly accounts for the period April – June.

- f) **General Power of Competence**

To confirm that the Council now meets the eligibility criteria to exercise the General Power of Competence. To adopt the General Power of Competence.

- g) **Youth Club**

To discuss the possibility of the use of the Parish Hall for the running of a Youth Club. If a Youth Club is to be run, to agree whether this should be run independently, or whether the Council should be involved in its running.

- h) **Room Hire Charges**

To review the room hire charges for the Parish Hall and agree whether changes to the hire charge should be made.

- i) **Grass Cutting**

To agree whether grass cutting at the Parish Hall should be an annual contract or be paid per cut. To discuss how many cuts per year are required.

- j) **Chairs for Parish Hall**

To agree whether additional chairs are required for the Parish Hall.

- k) **New Gate**

To agree whether a new gate should be purchased for the Parish Hall.

l) **Tommy & Poppies**

To agree whether a 'Tommy' silhouette should be purchased and installed in the Parish. If agreed, to agree potential locations. To agree whether lamppost poppies should be purchased.

m) **Big Autumn Clean**

To discuss whether the Council should take part in the Big Autumn Clean. If agreed, to agree dates for litter picking.

n) **Laptop**

To discuss the purchase of a new laptop. If agreed, to set a budget.

o) **Policies** – To review and approve the following policies:

- Equality & Diversity Policy
- Press & Media Policy
- Public Filming Policy

p) **Events**

To finalise plans for the Halloween events. To create draft plans for the Christmas events.

q) **Correspondence**

- Email from a former resident regarding the history of Edmondsley

r) **To consider any correspondence received after agenda was published (information only)**

s) **Urgent issues for noting** (Clerk to use delegated powers) and any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Payments - The following to be approved and paid by BACS following the meeting

- That the sum of £831.70 be paid for staffing costs
- That the sum of £6.49 be paid to HP instant Ink – monthly print plan July
- That the sum of £5.00 be paid to Lebara – mobile phone plan July
- That the sum of £135.00 be paid to Good Time Inflatables – bouncy castle hire
- That the sum of £174.14 be paid to E.On – monthly gas direct debit July
- That the sum of £97.86 be paid to E.On – monthly electricity direct debit July
- That the sum of £17.00 be paid to Anglian Water – monthly water direct debit July
- That the sum of £150.00 be paid to Samuel Falkous – newsletter printing
- That the sum of £13.59 be paid to Amazon – laminator
- That the sum of £6.49 be paid to HP instant Ink – monthly print plan August
- That the sum of £5.00 be paid to Lebara – mobile phone plan August
- That the sum of £120.00 be paid to Rachael Mangles – face painting
- That the sum of £89.59 be paid to Churches Fire & Security – fire equipment servicing
- That the sum of £174.14 be paid to E.On – monthly gas direct debit August
- That the sum of £97.86 be paid to E.On – monthly electricity direct debit August
- That the sum of £17.00 be paid to Anglian Water – monthly water direct debit August
- That the sum of £48.90 be paid to G Wheatley – parish hall supplies

Receipts – that the following amounts be noted:

- That the sum of £25.00 was received from G Wheatley – room hire
- That the sum of £20.00 was received from G Wheatley – room hire
- That the sum of £30.00 was received from G Wheatley – room hire
- That the sum of £20.00 was received from G Wheatley – room hire
- That the sum of £20.00 was received from G Wheatley – room hire
- That the sum of £65.00 was received from G Wheatley – room hire
- That the sum of £20.00 was received from G Wheatley – room hire
- That the sum of £250.00 was received from Haven Insurance – return of insurance excess

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5 November 2026 at 6.30pm