

Meeting: Parish Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 11th March 2025

Venue: Parkin Memorial Hall

Present: Miles MacInnes (MM), Jason Heath (JH), Geyve Walker (GW)

Apologies: Justin Ray (JR), David Coulson (DC), Paul Mackey (PM) Village Warden

In Attendance: Sandie Watson (Clerk RFO), Nicky Vecqueray Westmorland and Furness Council (NV)

Members of the Public: 0

Minutes

Item	Key Points/Decisions	Action
252.1 Apologies	DC - business JR- injury	
253.2 Minutes	Resolved that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on 7 th January 2025 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
254.3 Declarations of Interests/Requests for dispensations	a) Councillors were reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests. b) Personal Interests - None received. c) Prejudicial Interests – None received. d) Dispensation Requests - None received.	
255.4 Public Participation Sessions	No members of the public present.	
256.5 External Meetings and Village/Parish Reports	W&F Councillor Vecqueray NV has contacted Highways to request an update on the Disc Parking Scheme. MM gave a brief overview of issues in the parish. Warden Report: Council requested to consider increasing hourly rate. PM to advise if any additional items need to be included within the job description. To go on next agenda. Community Fund: Annual report has been submitted to the Charity Commission. Plans for VE Day are being discussed. SITU Hopper Bus: 2025 service will run as previous year but with the addition of a daily service during Whit week (9th June 2025) and the whole of July and August. No further update. Missing Footway Light on Bridge: SW to request an update on the fault report and copy in NV. NV to investigate reason for delay. Parish Boundary Review: A proposal to hold a Community Governance Review (CGR) into harmonising elections has been approved. Consultation is currently taking place. If approved all elections will take place in 2027. Due to the Local Government Boundary Commission of England (LGBCE) review of ward boundaries a further CGR may be required. LGBCE public consultation closes 12 May 2025. CGR consultation imminent. B&PB PC boundary review - W&FC are aware of the proposal request, to be considered for consultation later. Council to monitor.	NV PM SW JR MM SW & NV MM

	LDNPA VMAP Cumbria Tourism: Following meetings and workshops, a report is expected soon. The next meeting is on 30th March when parking issues in Pooley Bridge and Park and Ride will be discussed. MM to attend and report back. Parish Council Land update: The Land Registry have requested a Statement of Proof to approve title to the land. MM investigating. If any members of the parish can help with this, please contact Cllr MacInnes. Disc Parking Scheme: Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has been supported by the Eden Locality Board. MM raised concerns regarding the inclusion of the disc parking in Pooley Bridge and Highways have not responded. NV will investigate and report back. 20mph Speed Limit application: Highways confirmed it has received application and will be put forward at the next consultation. To monitor.	MM MM NV MM
257.6 Planning	307006 Seat Farm, Pooley Bridge Potential diversion of footpath 307006. Resolved to support. 7/2025/3002 Winder Hall, Tirril Listed Building Consent. New 3 storey extension to north end, addition of first floor to single story wing and new entrance porch, to Grade II listed house and reconfiguration of some internal spaces. Part demolition or existing garden wall, re-siting of existing gate piers and landscaping to garden immediately adjacent to house. Ratified to support. 7/2025/3003 Winder Hall, Tirril New 3 storey extension to north end, addition of first floor to single story wing and new entrance porch, to Grade II listed house and reconfiguration of some internal spaces. Part demolition or existing garden wall, re-siting of existing gate piers and landscaping to garden immediately adjacent to house. Ratified to support. 7/2024/3126 Granny Dowbekins Proposed extension to outdoor terrace seating area up to the bank of the River Eamont. No objection. Refused by LDNPA. 7/2024/3107 Land at Church Croft, Pooley Bridge Outline planning for residential development. Objection. Being considered by LDNPA. 7/2024/3089 Barton Church Farm, Tirril Erection of below ground concrete slurry store and safety fencing. Support. Being considered by LDNPA. 7/2024/3086 Sharrow Bay Country House Hotel, Howtown Proposed refurbishment of hotel including restaurant, provision of additional guest accommodation, new spa, new car parking and outbuilding with associated landscaping. Support. Being considered by LDNPA. 7/2022/3078 Land to the side and back of Sunnyside Barn Permanent Car Parking – retrospective. Supported with recommendations. LDNPA - pending.	SW

	E/2024/0056E Land at Park Foot Holiday Park. Breach of condition 3 permission 7/2023/3127. Unauthorised use of the lakeside land to be discontinued by 2 December 2024. Appeal against enforcement notice. Ratified no comment. 7/2023/3150. Land at Pooley Bridge, Pooley Bridge Proposed farm track. LDNPA – compliance case – under investigation.																												
258.7 Devolution – Government Consultation	This public consultation seeks views on a proposal for Cumbria to form a Mayoral Combined Authority. Both Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council have expressed their interests to government in taking forward devolution within their area through the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority, with the first election for a Mayor taking place in May 2026. Received and noted.																												
259.8 Public Toilets	The toilets are running at a loss. The Council are considering its future operation. Resolved to continue running the facility for now and continue to investigate grant funding. The Rural England Prosperity Fund being a possibility. MM asked if W&FC could support, NV will investigate. SW to send financial data to NV. Funding signage. JH will put the sign up before the re-opening. Improvements/infrastructure Grant: On hold for now. Soap Dispenser: JH investigated and fixed the electrical fault. Re-opening date: The Council resolved to re-open on 1st April 2025. JH to action. Cleaning and Maintenance: JH to ensure cleaning check list completed and sent to Clerk at the end of each month. Council requested to consider increasing cleaning rate to cover rising costs of labour and materials. To go on next agenda. Propping open of entrance door. Unfortunately, the door being propped open by members of the public results in a significant decrease in funding for the facility. JH to investigate solutions/deterrents.	MM MM NV SW JH JH SW JH SW JH																											
260.9 Garden Waste Skip	Proposal for 2025 Garden Waste Skip supplied by Westmorland and Furness Council received. Ratified to accept.	SW																											
261.10 Cumbria Constabulary Policing Pledge	Following discussion, the council declined representation at local virtual meetings for now.	SW																											
262.11 Finance	Payments approved: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>NPower</td><td>Jan and Feb</td><td>£36.58</td></tr> <tr> <td>WaterPlus</td><td>Jan and Feb</td><td>£210.42</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Remuneration and Expenses</td><td>£866.45</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td></td><td>£6.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Payroll</td><td></td><td>£34.80</td></tr> <tr> <td>Toilet Cleaning</td><td></td><td>£204.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Toilet supplies</td><td></td><td>£275.04</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tree Works</td><td></td><td>£600.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>ICO</td><td></td><td>£47.00</td></tr> </table> The Clerk circulated the accounts, budget, and bank reconciliation to the Council before the meeting. Closing balance on 12 Feb 2025 Business Account: £13,113.62. Reserve Account: £65.38.	NPower	Jan and Feb	£36.58	WaterPlus	Jan and Feb	£210.42	Clerk	Remuneration and Expenses	£866.45	Clerk		£6.00	Payroll		£34.80	Toilet Cleaning		£204.00	Toilet supplies		£275.04	Tree Works		£600.00	ICO		£47.00	
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263.12 VE Day 80 th Anniversary 8 th May 2025	The Council will co-ordinate with the Memorial Hall Committee. Ideas received for pizza/fish and chips supper. Fireworks/bonfire - DC. Proposed date for event is Friday, 9 th May – to be confirmed. MM will contact JR to discuss further.	JR DC MM
264.13 Clerk's Report Notifications/Correspondence	LDNPA Car Park Grant – Clerk to follow up Business Reserve Account – Reviewed Terms and Conditions. To discuss further at the May meeting. Barton and Pooley Bridge Website – to review and check compliance. Ongoing. Emergency Planning Meeting 12 th March – Clerk attending. Lighting Policy – no further updates received.	SW SW SW
265.14 Dates of next PC meetings	All meetings held at Parkin Memorial Hall Tuesday, 13 th May 2025 7pm. Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting. LDNPA member report from Cllr Stolberg Tuesday, 15 th July 2025 7pm Tuesday, 16 th September 2025 7pm Tuesday, 11 th November 2025 7pm	SW

Meeting closed: 20.14pm