

Meeting: Parish Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 30th September 2025

Venue: Parkin Memorial Hall

Present: Miles MacInnes (MM), Justin Ray (JR), David Coulson (DC)

Apologies: Jason Heath (JH), Geyve Walker (GW)

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

Members of the Public: 2

Minutes

303.1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Jason Heath – holiday, Cllr Geyve Walker – not received.

304.2 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.

305.3 Minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 2025 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

306.4 Public Participation Sessions

Several complaints received regarding pop up car park in the field adjacent to Eusemere Car Park. It has caused congestion in the village at weekends. Residents are concerned about safety issues from traffic joining the main road contributing to tail backs and causing difficulty accessing Heughscar Close. The newly installed field gate at Church Croft - it was commented that planning permission should have been obtained. MM stated that permission would not be required as it is permitted development but will confirm with Highways. Comment received that littering is a problem in the parish. Various suggestions to mitigate received (ranger). NV stated that it is a county wide problem and offered to investigate/support with grant applications.

307.5 External Meetings and Village/Parish Reports

W&F Councillor Vecqueray

Askham Bridge repairs hopefully to commence in spring. A66 dualling, Clifton Bridge and Lune Gorge works are progressing.

Waste/Recycling harmonisation imminent, Devolution – elections to take place in 2027 cabinet's recommendation will be finalised this week.

Village Warden Report: The damaged clothing bin has been removed and replaced by an additional can recycling bin.

Community Fund: Supporting Ceilidh in November. Year End approaching. Funds are available please contact Cllr Ray. MM suggested a possible contribution to pay for a ranger to help mitigate littering and other offences.

SITU Hopper Bus: Successfully running 5,375 passengers used the service.

Missing Footway Light on Bridge: Review of lighting will take place by W&FC in due course. Still pending.

Parish Boundary Review: No further update.

LDNPA VMAP Cumbria Tourism: online meetings have taken place and further meetings have been scheduled.

Disc Parking Scheme: Public Consultation in October.

20mph Speed Limit application: The Council's application is on the list.

308.6 Planning

Notice under Article 38 Lake District National Park

LDNPA proposal for Local Development Order granting planning permission to

a) replace a septic tank or sewage treatment plant, serving up to three dwellings, with a new sewage treatment plant, including the installation of associated pipes, cables, vents, ducts, manholes or kiosks and any ancillary engineering operations

b) install additional equipment, designed to reduce phosphorus discharge, to an existing sewage treatment plant. **Resolved to support**

7/2025/3086 Cracoe, Pooley Bridge

Garden room, change of fenestration to rear of the property and render an old doorway on side elevation of garage. **Ratified no objection.**

7/2025/3070 Land west of Kirkbarrow Hall, Tirril

Erection of two buildings. **Ratified no objection.**

7/2025/3076 Barton Church Farm, Tirril

Erection of one bay extension to silage shed for hay, straw and machinery storage with closed gable end. **No provision for consultation.**

7/2025/3049 Waterside House Proposed replacement café. Support. **LDNPA approved with conditions.**

307006 Seat Farm, Pooley Bridge Potential diversion of Footpath 307006

Council support route A B C D. LDNPA being considered.

7/2024/3107 Land at Church Croft, Pooley Bridge

Outline planning for residential development. **Objection.**

7/2024/3089 Barton Church Farm, Tirril

Erection of below ground concrete slurry store and safety fencing. Support. **LDNPA approved with conditions.**

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.**

E/2025/0058 Land adjoining Hillcroft Caravan Park. Enforcement notice – material change of use of land from agricultural to use as recreational campsite. Noted. **LDNPA – pending.**

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. **No comment.**

309.7 Public Toilets

- i. **Improvements/Infrastructure Grant** – on hold.
- ii. **W&FC financial support request** – NV stated that W&FC are looking to harmonise running of/funding of public toilets which she is supporting.
- iii. **Cleaning requirements and response to complaints** -Clerk to investigate QR code check ins. MM to investigate cleaner options.
- iv. **Door propping Issue** – MM quote circulated for paddle board access doors MM to investigate further and SW to check legislation for installation.

Winter closure – from 1st November 2025 to 1st April 2026 but will open for February half term week – 14th to 22nd February 2026.

310.8 Chestnut Tree at Pooley Bridge Public Toilets

The Council reviewed the quotes and resolved to go with the cheapest quote to get the tree removed. SW to inform contractor and ask to let us know when the work will be done. MM suggested asking the Community fund to fund a replacement tree.

311.9 Parish Council Land Claim form Westmorland and Furness Council

Resolved to drop claim due to lack of evidence of ownership.

312.10 Council Website

Four quotations received. The Council resolved to go with the cheapest. SW to action.

313.11 Finance

Resolved. The Clerk circulated the budget and bank reconciliation before the meeting. Closing balance on 28 August 2025 Current a/c £16,005.99 and Reserve £65.81.

The Council reviewed and accepted the transactions and budget for year end and 2025.26. The bank statements were signed.

314.12 Payments to approve

Resolved to approve the following payments:

Npower	£188.76
Waterplus	£284.79
Clerk's remuneration and expenses	£1062.41
Ink Subscription	£5.40
Payroll	£37.80
Toilet Cleaning	£1830.00
Toilet Supplies	£455.52
NAYAX	£47.88
Warden	£970.00
Solicitors	£365.00

315.13 Clerk's Report/Notifications and Correspondence

316.14 Items for Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting

All meetings held at Parkin Memorial Hall

Tuesday, 11th November 2025 7pm

Tuesday, 13th January 2026 7pm

Tuesday, 10th March 2026 7pm

Tuesday, 12th May 2026 7pm

Tuesday, 14th July 2026 7pm

Tuesday, 15th September 2026 7pm

Tuesday, 10th November 2026 7pm

Meeting Part II

Public and Press are excluded from the meeting on agenda items below as they contain exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of 12a of the Local Government Act 1972

317.15 Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025/26

Resolved to implement the changes from 1 April 2025.

Meeting closed: 8.24pm