

Meeting: Parish Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Venue: Parkin Memorial Hall

Present: Miles MacInnes (MM), Justin Ray (JR), David Coulson (DC), Jason Heath (JH), Geyve Walker (GW)

Apologies: None

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

Members of the Public: 1

## Minutes

### 322.1 Apologies for absence

None

### 323.2 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.

**324.3 Minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### 325.4 Public Participation Sessions

No comments received.

### 326.5 External Meetings and Village/Parish Reports

#### **W&F Councillor Vecqueray**

Clifton Bridge replacement information and car passes should be circulated soon by National Highways. Lune Gorge works overnight closures ongoing.

Child friendly initiative launched by W&FC.

**Village Warden Report:** No update.

**Community Fund:** Trustee meeting has recently been held. Funding still available. Investigating sponsoring a park ranger/warden for the parish (littering and other offences). LDNPA in support of idea. NV commented Wombling in Eden group and funding available.

**SITU Hopper Bus:** No further update.

**Missing Footway Light on Bridge:** Lighting agreement expected shortly.

**Parish Boundary Review:** See item 8.

**LDNPA VMAP Cumbria Tourism:** Online meetings arranged for December items to be discussed include parking and park n ride. MM to report back.

**Disc Parking Scheme:** Approved by W&FC. Public Consultation to begin soon.

**20mph Speed Limit application:** No further update.

### 327.6 Planning

#### **7/2025/3129 Hillcroft Holiday Park, Pooley Bridge**

Replacement of out of date play area at residential holiday park with new equipment

**Resolved to support.**

#### **7/2025/3118 Land west of Kirkbarrow Hall, Tirril**

Discharge of biodiversity net gain condition on planning application 7/2025/3070 – erection of two buildings

**No provision for consultation**

**7/2025/3100 Roe Head Farm, Pooley bridge**

Demolition of existing conservatory and amendments to existing terrace

Support. LDNPA pending

**7/2025/3097 Land adjacent to Eusemere Car Park, Pooley Bridge**

Extension to existing car park and erection of public toilets and information centre

Support. LDNPA pending

**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. No objection. LDNPA pending

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

Erection of two buildings. **No objection.** LDNPA pending

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

Outline planning for residential development. Objection. **LDNPA recommend to approve**

**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. **LDNPA – approved with conditions.**

**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. **LDNPA pending.**

**328.7 Public Toilets**

- i. **Improvements/Infrastructure Grant** – on hold.
- ii. **W&FC financial support request** – no update.
- iii. **Winter closure dates confirmed**– from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025 to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 but will open for February half term week – 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026. Water has been turned off, antifreeze put in system.
- iv. **Door propping Issue** – MM quote circulated for paddle board access doors MM to investigate further and SW to check legislation for installation.
- v. **Vandalism** – suggestion for Council to consider CCTV

NV commented that W&FC are conducting a public conveniences review and she will keep us informed.

**329.8 Community Governance Review**

- i. Resolved to submit proposal to W&FC to include properties on the west side of the river, including steamer pier house within the parish boundary in agreement with Dacre Parish Council.
- ii. Resolved not to request additional Councillor seats.

**329.9 Finance**

Resolved. The Clerk circulated the budget and bank reconciliation before the meeting. Closing balance on 30 October 2025 Current a/c £14,002.50 and Reserve £65.87.

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

**330.10 Payments to approve**

Resolved to approve the following payments:

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| Npower                            | £130.79  |
| Waterplus                         | £317.22  |
| Clerk's remuneration and expenses | £879.56  |
| Ink Subscription                  | £5.40    |
| Payroll                           | £37.80   |
| Toilet Cleaning                   | £1770.00 |
| Toilet Supplies                   | £170.82  |
| NAYAX                             | £142.46  |

**331.11 Budget and Precept 2026/27**

Draft budget and Precept reviewed and resolved

**332.12 Clerk's Report/Notifications and Correspondence**

Chestnut tree removal at toilets. The railings will need to be removed to allow works. JR and DC will attend.

Cleaning timesheet will be included with monthly invoices next year.

**333.13 Items for Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting**

All meetings held at Parkin Memorial Hall

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 7pm

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7pm

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 7pm

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026 7pm

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2026 7pm

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2026 7pm

Meeting closed: 8.00pm