

Meeting: Parish Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 15th July 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

286.1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Jason Heath – working, Cllr Geyve Walker - holiday

287.2 National Highways/Network Rail Clifton Bridge Replacement Project

A presentation was received from National Highways. Railway closure commencing the evening 31 December 2025 until morning 15 January 2026. Railway replacement buses will be in operation during this time. Full road closures commencing evening 2nd January 2026 till morning 5 January 2026. Evening 9 January 2026 till morning 12 January 2026.

Traffic diversions in place for motorway traffic and residents will be issued with passes and can also sign up to a Text alert service. Further information available from <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/north-west/m6-lowther-bridge/>

288.3 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.

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

290.5 Public Participation Sessions

A complaint was received regarding traffic congestion at the traffic lights and also regarding the level of noise/music from Granny Dowbekins.

291.6 External Meetings and Village/Parish Reports

W&F Councillor Vecqueray

NV reported on Waste/Recycling Consultation, Call for sites consultation, Mayoral election postponed for a year, Clifton Bridge replacement and Digital Switchover. NV asked if there are vulnerable people who need support with the switchover. MM suggested NV to liaise with the previous Clerk.

Village Warden Report: The clothing bin that was damaged by fire should be removed - Clerk to contact W&FC. Polite request that books not be left in the bus shelter. The warden to maintain the flowerbed this year.

Community Fund: JR is looking for a new outlet to sell the Village guide from. Funds are available please contact Cllr Ray.

SITU Hopper Bus: Daily service running during July and August.

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

Parish Boundary Review: No further update.

LDNPA VMAP Cumbria Tourism: plan now available. Ullswater parking working group has been set up- Priorities: parking provision at peak times, discourage anti-social parking, expansion of Ullswater Hopper Service, Park and Ride possibilities and obtain more data on visitor flows and usage.

Parish Council Land update: In the absence of any statements of truth from members of the community with personal knowledge of the land and its use by the Parish Council for more than 20 years, it appears we may have to drop our claim against W&FC. The council resolved to drop the claim and will ratify at its next meeting.

Disc Parking Scheme: Consultation returned to W&FC. It is expected further consultation will be in October.

20mph Speed Limit application: No further update.

292.7 Planning

7/2025/3056 Land at Park Foot Holiday Park Change of use of both Euserigg and Fellside fields to a mixed, seasonal use for camping during summer months (April to September) and agricultural use (primary grazing) outside these months (October to March) – **Non-consultation.**

7/2025/3049 Waterside House Proposed replacement café. **Ratified to support.**

307006 Seat Farm, Pooley Bridge Potential diversion of Footpath 307006

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

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 of existing garden wall, re-siting of existing gate piers and landscaping to garden immediately adjacent to house. **Support. LDNPA Granted.**

7/2025/3003 Winder Hall, Tirril Full Planning Application

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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.**

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.**

293.8 Public Toilets

- i. **Funding signage** – Signage has been put up.
- ii. **Improvements/Infrastructure Grant** - on hold.
- iii. **W&FC financial support request** – Grants only available for improvements.
- iv. **Cleaning requirements and response to complaints** -Clerk to investigate QR code check ins. MM to investigate cleaner options.
- v. **Door propping Issue** – MM to investigate cost of paddle board entry system.
- vi. **Tree** – Resolved to agree in principle to remove the tree in the next two years. MM will obtain quotes.

294.9 Westmorland and Furness Highways and Local Lighting Policy

The Council resolved to transfer all parish council owned lights back to W&FC. The Council opted for the lights to be dimmed 50% between the hours of 2100 and 0600 in preference to switch off 0000 to 0500.

295.10 Commons Registration Service

The Parish Council do not own any common land. Clerk to respond.

296.11 Septic Tank Upgrade Scheme

The village is mostly on sewage mains with a few properties using septic tanks. The Council will organise a leaflet drop to let homeowners know.

297.12 Local Resilience Plan

Resolved not to create a plan and review at a later date.

298.13 LDNPA Local Plan Review

Resolved to keep on agenda for the next meeting pending public consultation.

299.14 Finance

Resolved. The Clerk circulated the budget and bank reconciliation before the meeting. Closing balance on 30 June 2025 Current a/c £19,159.89 and Reserve £65.70.

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

300.15 Payments to approve

Resolved to approve the following payments:

Npower	£88.08
Waterplus	£236.04
Clerk's remuneration and expenses	£876.72
Ink Subscription	£5.40
Payroll	£37.80
Toilet Cleaning	£1770.00
Toilet Supplies	£178.00
NAYAX	£53.28

301.16 Clerk's Report/Notifications and Correspondence

SITU has asked if they could put up some marketing material in the bus shelter. The Council had no objection.

302.17 Items for Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting

All meetings held at Parkin Memorial Hall

Tuesday, 16th September 2025 7pm

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 closed: 8.59pm