

BARTON AND POOLEY BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Barton and Pooley Bridge Parish Council meeting held at Parkin Memorial Hall
on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7pm

Councillors Present: Miles MacInnes (MM), Justin Ray (JR), Jason Heath (JH)

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

Members of the Public: None

381.1 Apologies

Cllr David Coulston – work commitment; Cllr Geyve Walker

382.2 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.

383.3 Minutes of last meetings held on 12th May 2026 and extraordinary meeting held on 10th June 2026 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

384.4 Public Participation Sessions

No members of public attending

385.5 External Meetings and Village/Parish Reports

W&F Councillor Vecqueray

Received later in the meeting.

Village Warden Report: Report received of completed works. Request to cut back growth on footpath to Barton Church. MM to investigate who owns the land and consider at the next meeting.

Community Fund: Funding still available for projects. The CF trustees have agreed to donate funds to pay for the landscaping at the toilets (£4,900.00). MM to instruct contractor. A request has been made to the fund to replace the bench at the top of Row Head Lane.

SITU Hopper Bus: 2026 – no update.

Missing Footway Light on Bridge: To remove from agenda following transfer of responsibility to W&FC.

Parish Boundary Review: No update

LDNPA VMAP Cumbria Tourism: Meetings ongoing – no further updates.

20mph speed limit: report expected from Cllr Vecqueray.

Bridge Railings: MM to speak to contractors working on site.

386.6 Planning

7/2026/3075 Mains House, Pooley Bridge, CA10 2LZ

Cllrs noted this was the farm and not Cllr Ray's residence. The Council resolved no objection to the application, but it was noted that the proposed floor area is larger than the existing.

The following non-consultation applications were noted:

7/2026/3068 Sharrow Bay Country House Hotel, Howtown, CA10 2LZ

Approval of details reserved by conditions, 2 traffic management plan, 3 surface water management plan, 4 drainage strategy on application 7/2024/3086

7/2026/3057 Winder Hall, Tirril, CA10 2LS

Non-material amendment to application 7/2025/3002

RC/2026/0032 Dunroamin, Cross Dormot, Howtown

60-day recreational campsite

HRA/2026/0009 Dunroamin, Cross Dormot, Howtown

Prior approval for temporary recreational campsite

HRA/2026/0012 Land adjacent to Hillcroft Caravan Park

Prior approval for temporary recreational campsite

RC/2026/0038 Land adjacent to Hillcroft Caravan Park

Temporary recreational campsite

387.7 Public Toilets

New cleaning contractor started June 2026. The Council have concerns that the toilet costs are increasing year on year and run at a financial deficit. It was agreed that the toilets should remain open as usual to avoid problems with people soiling the area. Improvements to facilities; Clerk to investigate pricing and supply for two baby change wall mounted tables and contract sanitary bins.

Report received from Cllr Vecqueray, Westmorland and Furness Council

A suggestion for funding the toilets was to ask local businesses for support – this has already been done with some success, but further support is needed.

20mph speed restriction for Pooley Bridge – the village is on the list for consultation.

Yanwath School parking solution. An email was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting with the proposal. The Council agreed that it would support a solution and include it on the next agenda.

Eamont 927 celebration event – lots of arrangements being made despite the grant applications being rejected. Donations and offers from various organisation and people being received. Tapestry being made.

388.8 Village Centre Parking and Pedestrianisation

A meeting will be held with the council and Westmorland and Furness Council to discuss the proposal. There are concerns there will not be enough residents parking. MM to report back at the next meeting.

389.9 Policy and Procedure – review and adoption

S101 delegation and Safeguarding Policy reviewed and adopted.

390.10 Westmorland and Furnace Local Plan Consultation

Following discussion, the Council agreed that the parish comes under the LDNPA for planning matters and policies and would not respond to the consultation.

391.11 Finance

Resolved. The Clerk circulated the budget and bank reconciliation before the meeting. Closing balance on 12 June 2026 Current a/c £14,395.40 and Reserve £66.28.

The Council reviewed and accepted the transactions and budget 2026.27. The bank statements were signed.

392.12 Payments to approve

Resolved to approve the following payments:

Electric	Npower	b/t	£69.96, £70.18
Water	Waterplus	d/d	£256.84
Clerk	S Watson	s/o	£1003.80
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Payroll	CPSL	s/o	£40.80
Cleaning	Beckys Cleaning	b/t	£810.00
Cleaning	Becky's Cleaning	b/t	£120.00
Cleaning	Ten Ten Cleaning	b/t	£1,000.00
Toilet Rolls	Instock	b/t	£236.88
Warden	P Mackey	b/t	£585.00

393.13 Clerks Report/Notifications and Correspondence

Lighting agreement to transfer assets to Westmorland and Furness Council signed and dated.

394.14 Items for Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting

Yanwath School Parking

Meeting closed: 8.05pm