

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 10th July 2025

Present: Vice Chairman Graham
Councillors: Hopkinson and Stockdale.
Cumberland Councillor Markley
Public attendance: None.
Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Cllr Hodgson had sent his apologies for non-attendance at this meeting.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

The clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

Cllr Hodgson declared an interest in item 8.1.1, 8.3.1 prior to the meeting.

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th May 2025 – **approved and signed.**

3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

No matters were reported at this point.

3.2 ...by the clerk

Public Inspection of Accounts period publicised.

Other actions would be reported later in the meeting

3.3 **Public participation.** (at the chairman's discretion)

Cllr Markley provided details of the lengthy Full Meeting of the Cumberland Council and the Care in the Community meeting which he had attended earlier.

The Election for a Mayor looked like being put back from the original date.

The Fells and Community Panel had met recently.

Finally, he provided detail on the Ward Boundary review which was taking place.

Having been thanked for his contribution he left the meeting at 7-55p.m.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Parish Plan – Consideration/update on information board, speed information devices, website etc.

The clerk confirmed that Cumberland Council, following his enquiry, had confirmed that no planning application was necessary to install the information panel. The wording to be used was then finalised and the clerk was authorised to proceed with the production and installation of the panel with the designer. The speed indication device had been purchased, and an installation date was awaited from Cumberland Council.

An invoice for £280 relating to the annual charge for the website from the designer had been received and was **approved** for payment.

4.2 Clear Councils - confirmation of Insurance Renewal.

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The clerk confirmed that the insurance renewal confirmation had been received. – **noted**.

4.3 PAYE update – late submission penalties incurred by agent.

The clerk updated Cllrs on the latest correspondence relating to the late submission penalties imposed by HMRC. Several phone calls both to the agent and HMRC had been made in connection with these. The accountant responsible for the late submission had reaffirmed assurances that these penalties had been/would be paid and that appeals against them would be/had been submitted to HMRC. Appropriate confirmation/evidence was being sought from the accountant. - **noted**.

5 New business

5.1 Playground – report on developments since last meeting and current situation.

Cllr Stockdale updated the meeting on issues she was aware of following her recent inspection visits.

The latch on the gate into the football area required attention.

A cover had come off one of the footrests on the see-saw. This would be investigated.

No matters required urgent attention.

Some briars and nettles in the playground required cutting back. The clerk said he would communicate this to the contractor.

5.2 Current situation concerning grass cutting.

The grass cutting was being done to a high standard, and it was **agreed** that the clerk could pay any invoices for the anticipated amount.

5.3 Vacancies on the Council – clerk update.

There had been no interest in the vacancies. It was felt that it may be an opportune time to advertise again following the instalment of the speed indicator device.

5.4 Dog fouling and nuisance dogs - discussion of recent monitoring.

Cllrs felt that there had been no major change in the situation. Some parishioners considered them to still be a nuisance.

5.5 Requirement for new printer by clerk.

Cllr **agreed** to purchase a new printer for the clerk. The cost would be shared by the clerk and Kirkbride Parish Council.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to May 31st and June 30th. – **examined and approved**.

6.1.2 To note HMRC VAT repayment update.

The clerk advised that the claim had been submitted but he was not aware of any payment at that point. – **noted**.

6.1.3 To review and take action on any correspondence received relating to the audit.

Confirmation from the external auditor of receipt of the Certificate of Exemption.

The clerk advised that the 'conclusion of audit' had been received from the external auditor who had been satisfied that the required actions had been carried out. The Public Inspection period for the Accounts was currently taking place – the appropriate notices having been posted by the clerk. – **noted**.

6.2 To approve the following payments:

6.2.1- Clerk: salary **£428.61 -approved**.

6.2.2 – Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £55.02, postage etc. £11.64, mileage 32 miles at 45p /mile £14.40 Total **£81.06 – approved**.

6.2.3 Arwel - paye services.

No invoice had been received. – **noted**.

Amount to be confirmed by the clerk.

6.2.4 Mrs S Stockdale – expenses **£43.00 – approved**.

6.2.5 Green Team – Grass cutting (VAT £15.60) **£145.60 -approved**.

Additional invoices may be brought to the meeting.

See also item 5.2.

6.2.6 Pandora Technologies Limited – Speed Indicator Device (VAT £624.00) **£3744.00 – approved**.

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7 Highways

7.1 Local issues needing to be raised.

Cllrs commented on the diversions caused by the new broadband works but accepted that these were necessary for the long-term benefit.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

8.1.1 HRN/2025/0001 The removal of 530m of hedgerow

Location: Newton Holme, Kirkbride (Mr V Hodgson) – **noted**.

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

8.2.1 - FUL/2025/0012 Proposal to erect a portal framed roof over the existing livestock handling area to provide dry working area. Raby Cote, Kirkbride, Wigton, CA7 5HJ (Messrs Steel) - **permission granted**.

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order.

8.3.1 HRN/2025/0001 The removal of 530m of hedgerow

Location: Newton Holme, Kirkbride (Mr V Hodgson)

Cllr Hodgson had declared an interest, and the clerk confirmed that there had been no objections and that this view had been sent to the authority. – **noted**.

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

8.4.1 FUL/2025/0093 Proposed roof over existing livestock gathering area

Location: Solway View, Newton Arlosh, Wigton, (Mr Ken Foster)

Following discussion, it was **agreed** that there were no objections.

The clerk was instructed to notify the authority.

9.1 Documents received for comment.

9.1.1 Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation.

This was **noted with no action**.

9.2 Documents received for information (available on request to clerk)

9.2.1 CALC Circular. - **noted**.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council.

No information was given.

10.2 Any information brought by Cumberland Council Councillor

Cllr Markley had given his report earlier.

10.3 Any information from the clerk.

Cllrs were informed that an information event was going to be given by Fibrus - **noted**.

10.4 Police report

No communications had been received.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting.

4th September 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

11.2 Future date:

13th November 2025 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

This date may be discussed again in September due to Cllr holidays.

Cllr Graham closed the meeting at 9.00p.m.