

Holme East Waver Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh at 7-30 p.m. on Thursday 30th October 2025.

Present: Hodgson (Chair)
Councillors: Hopkinson, Graham and Stockdale,
Cumberland Absent
Public attendance: None.
Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

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.

Cllrs Graham, Stockdale and Hopkinson declared an interest concerning grants awarded to organisations in item 6.2.4. See below.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting.)

Members may, however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th September 2025

3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

No matters were reported.

3.2 ...by the clerk

The clerk reported on a meeting he had attended with the local Living Landscapes organisation.

A condolence card had been sent to the family of Mr H Isaac, a previous long-serving clerk, following his sad passing.

3.3 Public participation. (At the chairman's discretion)

None

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 CALC - provisional subscription for 2025/26 £192.45 -**noted**.

5 New business

5.1 Grass cutting – review of position and specification and tender process for 2026.

Cllr reviewed the current specification and decided that no changes were necessary. Cllrs **agreed** which contractors would be approached to tender and confirmed that a two-year tender would be considered. Should the clerk be approached by any other interested parties their suitability would be discussed by the Chair and the clerk.

5.2 Poppy Appeal – donation to Royal British Legion.

A donation of £100 was **agreed** in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. The expenditure, in the opinion of the council, being in the interest of the area and its inhabitants.

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5.3 Playground – report on developments since last meeting.

Possible decision on any required maintenance.

Cllr Hodgson had requested a local contractor to provide a quotation to repair the gates. Following discussion spending up to £800 ex VAT was **agreed**. It was noted that two plastic caps had now come off two pieces of equipment, but did not pose a danger.

The clerk confirmed that a 'Standard' playground inspection had been booked via Cumberland Council – **noted**.

5.4 Parish Plan including update on the Information Panel and Speed Indicator Device SID. See also item 7.1.

It was **noted** that the Information panel had now been installed and the SID which, after a second visit from the Highways team, now worked. Cllrs were happy with both outcomes. The clerk advised Cllrs to consider future projects for discussion at following meetings.

5.5 Vacancies on the Council.

Consideration of application.

Cllrs considered an application from Mrs Christine Hodgson which was **agreed**. The clerk was instructed to advise her and complete the required documentation with her at or before the next meeting.

5.6 PAYE update.

The clerk confirmed that following further work by Mrs Hinks and the clerk the PAYE system had been set up by her and used successfully. Nothing had been heard from the previous contractor. – **noted**.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 30th September.

6.1.2 Budget for 2026/27: see prepared sheet

& therefore, precept request to Cumberland Council for 2026/27

The clerk outlined the latest situation relating to the setting of the Precept and reminded Cllrs of their current financial position. Members then considered the estimates for the rest of this year, and at the same time considered the grants usually paid to parish organisations. The need to keep the Council in a sound financial position was a major consideration in the discussions. Together with the anticipated expenditure for 2026/27 and some allowance for possible contingency, a budget was **approved** and it was **agreed** unanimously that the precept request for 2026/27 would be £8800. The Clerk was authorised to send the precept to Cumberland Council.

6.2 To approve the following payments

6.2.1- Clerk: salary **£442.56 + backpay £41.85 = £484.41 – approved**.

6.2.2 Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £52.83, postage etc. £8.39, mileage 48 miles at 45p /mile £21.60 Total **£82.82 – approved**.

6.2.3 – Green Team Garden Services: Grass cutting (VAT £58.00 + £13.00) **£348.00 + £78.00 = 426.00 – approved**.

(Note that previous August payment needs to be re-issued) – **noted**.

6.2.4 - Grants to village organisations including

Newton Arlosh Brownies, Newton Arlosh P.C.C.,
and Newton Arlosh Parish Hall

No donation was made to the Brownies. Cllrs were willing to consider future applications should a request be made.

Cllrs Graham and Stockdale played no part in the discussion relating to the Newton Arlosh Parish Hall.

Cllrs **agreed** a donation of £500 to assist the Committee in the running the Parish Hall.

Cllr Hopkinson played no part in the following discussion and decision relating to the Newton Arlosh PCC.

A donation of **£500** to Newton Arlosh Parochial Church Council to assist with grass cutting was **agreed** in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. The expenditure, in the opinion of the council, being in the interest of the area and its inhabitants.

6.2.5 Kirkbride Parish Council – payment for share of ink cartridges.

Amount to be confirmed at the meeting.

The amount of **£82.88 was approved**.

7 Highways

7.1 Signage request latest.

The clerk advised that the requested additional signage for Saltcoats was ongoing. – **noted**.

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8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Cumberland Council decision is awaited.

None

8.2 Applications decided by Cumberland Council.

8.2.1 FUL/2025/0086 Change of use from barn to domestic living accommodation, Orchard House, Newton Arlosh, (C. Hyde)
Permission granted.

8.2.2 HRN/2025/0002 Removal of 208m of hedge, Trees Farm, Newton Arlosh (Stephen Little)
Decided as 'not important'.

The above were **noted**.

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order.

8.3.1 - FUL/2025/0151 Applicant: Arthur Hewson

Proposal: Erection of agricultural shed

Location: Sleightholme Farm, Newton Arlosh, CA7 5HE

The clerk advised that there had been **no objections. Noted**.

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

None – **noted**.

9.1 Documents received for comment.

None – **noted**.

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

9.2.1 CALC Circular for October and November.

9.2.2 Lloyd Lawncare – machinery maintenance.

9.2.3 Glasdon street furniture.

The above were **noted**.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

Cllr Graham advised that he had been approached by a parishioner concerning the widening of farm gates in the parish.

He had advised the parishioner of the Parish Council's role in considering any application submitted to it by Cumberland Council.

10.2 Any information brought by County Councillor.

Absent. However, Cllr Hodgson reported that Cllr Markley had informed him that the process to obtain a mayor was progressing and may possibly be successful in/by 2027.

10.3 Any information from the clerk.

The clerk informed Cllrs that a letter concerning dogs in the Parish had been received too late for this agenda. Cllrs requested its inclusion on the agenda for the January meeting.

10.4 Police report

No report had been received.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 8th January 2026 at 7.30p.m in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

11.2 Future date: **Thursday 12th March 2026 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

The dates were noted, and the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45p.m.