

Holme East Waver Parish Council

DRAFT 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: C. Hodgson Hopkinson and Stockdale.

Public attendance: None.

Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Cllr V Hodgson had sent his apologies for non-attendance at this meeting and had received apologies from Cumberland Cllr Markley.

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.

No requests for dispensations were made.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

No declarations of interest were made.

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th May 2026 - **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

The clerk confirmed that the Public Inspection of Accounts period had been publicised. – **noted.**

Other actions would be reported later.

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

No members of the public were present.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Parish Plan – Any items for consideration.

Cllrs **confirmed** that there were no further items to be added or remaining items considered on the plan.

It need not be included on future agendas.

4.2 Clear Councils - confirmation of Insurance Renewal.

The clerk confirmed that confirmation of the renewal had been received.

5 New business

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

The repair to the swings had not yet been carried out but Cllr Graham volunteered at the meeting and said that he would attend to it in the next few days. The roundabout would also be greased.

The playground was being regularly inspected and Cllrs **agreed** that there were no urgent matters requiring attention.

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Cllrs were happy with the new replacement gates that had been installed and felt that other gates needed to have their condition monitored.

Cllr Stockdale informed the meeting that a local intended to use the playground for a child's party and had explained the insurance implications of any introduced equipment to the park for the occasion. This would not be covered by the Council's insurance and separate cover was advisable.

5.2 Current situation concerning grass cutting.

Cllrs **agreed** that were very happy with the current regular cutting and standard of the work carried out.

5.3 Vacancies on the Council – clerk update.

The clerk reminded Cllrs of the forthcoming election next May and the implications of filling the vacancy in the six months prior to the election. – **noted**.

5.4 Data Protection Policy – possible approval of document under consideration.

Cllrs, having examined the document handed out at the last meeting, **agreed to its adoption**.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

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

The May accounts were **approved**.

The June bank statement had not been received so the clerk provided a summary of recent activity. **Noted**.

6.1.2 **To note** HMRC VAT repayment update.

The clerk confirmed that the submission had been made to HMRC but was unaware if a payment had been received.

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.

This was **noted**.

6.2 To approve the following payments:

6.2.1- Clerk: salary **£442.56 – approved**.

6.2.2 – Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £55.02, postage etc. £13.92, mileage 32 miles at 45p /mile £14.40 Total **£83.34 – approved**.

6.2.3 Mrs S Stockdale – expenses **£59.90 – approved**.

6.2.4 Green Team – Grasscutting in May (VAT £28.00) **£168.00**

Grasscutting June (VAT £28.00). **£168.00**

Both payments were **approved**.

The clerk was authorised to make future payments if they were for the correct anticipated amount.

6.2.5 Ray Holyoak Joinery Ltd – Playground gates (VAT £158) **£948.00 – approved**.

6.2.6 Kirkbride PC – share of IT work **£37.50 – approved**.

7 Highways

7.1 Local issues needing to be raised.

Cllr Grahm confirmed that he had reported a lot of issues in the Raby area and advised that some repairs had been carried out. – **noted**.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

None – **noted**.

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

8.2.1 - HOU/2026/0058 Erection of new build garage, Bee Croft, Newton Arlosh. (Sandra Harrison)
Permission granted. – **noted**.

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8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order.

8.3.1 - HOU/2026/0058 Erection of new build garage, Bee Croft, Newton Arlosh. (Sandra Harrison)

The clerk confirmed that there had been no objections and that the authority had been informed. – noted. See also item 8.2

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

None – **noted.**

9.1 Documents received for comment.

9.1.1 Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation

The clerk explained the current situation which was **noted.**

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 matters were raised.

10.2 Any information brought by Cumberland Council Councillor

Absent.

10.3 Any information from the clerk.

No matters were raised.

10.4 Police report

The clerk informed the meeting that no report had been received but would make enquiries from a recent contact he had been made aware of in the Police.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting.

10th September 2026 at 7.30 p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

11.2 Future date:

19th November 2026 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

The dates were agreed. Note the November meeting would take place a week later than normal.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.20p.m.