

Allhallows Parish Council

Allhallows Parish Council meeting was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Wednesday 1st July 2026 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Messrs. M. Abbott, S. Barton, G. Marr, J. Mansfield, and J. Pegler

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: None

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

100/2026 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

None

101/2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

102/2026 DISPENSATIONS

None.

103/2026 MINUTES

On the proposal of J. Pegler and seconded G. Marr it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

104/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present, but the following matters were raised on their behalf.

- i) Road signage around the play park was poor.
- ii) Give way signage outside of the centre should be changed from 'Give Way' to Stop.

105/2026 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items on the agenda which required the exclusion of the press or public.

106/2026 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence have been received since the last meeting and circulated to members for their information: -.

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

CALC News/ March/April

Have your say on The Right to Food UK Commission

CALC/Cumberland Council Highways Event

The Big Lunch and Big Help Out

CALC/Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Conference 2026

Environment Agency flooding survey – please forward to all members.

Family Help, Partnerships & Youth Justice – Service Updates

Silloth and Aspatria Neighbourhood Policing Pledge Meeting Wednesday 8th July, 6pm via teams

Fells & Solway Community Panel information
Project Keystone survey is now live and we need your voice!
CALC and Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Conference 2026
Invitation to Share a Case Study – CLNRS Event (14th July)
Cumbria Local Partnership News
Cumbria Bus Reform Pilot Study – Invitation to stakeholder and response trop questionnaire
Village Heat Share Mailout
Newsletter to Town and Parish Councils – Nourish Project
Removal of requirement to publish a member's home address
NACTSO message for member councils
Promote Home Office Martyn's Law Webinar
Powering communities; exploring community energy opportunities workshop.
Contributions needed: CALC Annual Review 2026
Thriving Communities Information Share
Cumberland Local Plan

107/2026 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a brief report on matters that had arisen since the last meeting which included: -

- i) The defibrillator was used at the weekend, but new pads had been provided by North West Ambulance Service and was back available for use.
- ii) The council's new email address has been supplied to the Circuit
- iii) Areas of grass cutting had been missed which were brought to the attention of the contractor and remedied.
- iv) A complaint had been received regarding the hedge adjacent to the Allotments which will be cut in September
- v) The new email had been running for over 6 months, and it was agreed to close the old one.

108/2026 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

The report was in the newsletter. The clerk had received a request for financial assistance from the committee which was discussed. It was agreed to ask for a copy of the centres' accounts and regular copies of the minutes of their meetings before making any decision.

109/2026 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There was no apology for absence or report received.

110/2026 PLANNING MATTER

- a) Applications for consultation
None
- b) Decisions
None
- c) Appeals
None
- d) Planning related correspondence
None

111/2026 ACCOUNTS

i) The payment of the accounts since the last meeting was ratified, and remainder were approved for payment: -

Jardine Tree Care	Tree works	£840.00
Waterplus	Water Rates	£13.30
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£7.00
Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (May)	£648.91
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£7.00
T. Gear	Clerks Account (May/June)	£581.30
HMRC	Income Tax (May./June)	£115.78
Water plus	Water Rates	£19.47
Printpoint Carlisle Ltd	Newsletter	£50.00
Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (June)	£648.91
WS Reid Ltd	Noticeboards	£1443.60

ii) Balances as at

1.7.26	Current Account	£9,155.75
1.7.26	Deposit Account	£5,194.49

112/2026 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

i) Allotments: A number of allotments require attention, and the clerk was asked to write to the holders. All allotments have now been let.

ii) Play Park: The banana slide has been thoroughly cleaned. A letter of thanks to be sent to James McKenzie thanking him for the voluntary litter picking he does in the play park and elsewhere in the village.

iii) Flooding: S. Barton stated that there are no issues

iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield had been unable to attend any outside bodies through illness.

113/2026 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members received an update from the clerk on the following highway matters: -

- (i) Baggrow Lonning - Ongoing
- (ii) Street Name Sign – Watch Hill -EI/244665 – Will be supplied.
- (iii) Baggrow/Blennerhasset Sign, Baggrow -EI/244662 – Will be replaced by highways.
- (iv) Damaged Fingerpost Sign – Harby Brows – EI253726 – Will be replaced.
- (v) Obscured, worn-out signage and overhanging hedges – Mealsgate - EI/246062 – Ongoing with Highways.
- (vi) Junction Markings George Moore Ave. J/W B5299 – EI277146 – No response
- (vii) Blocked drain – B5299 Allhallows Church EI/289632 – To be investigated.
- (viii) Damaged manhole -Adjacent to playpark – EI/300799 – To be replaced by utilities.

114/2026 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

This is an ongoing project.

115/2026 VACANCIES

K. Faulder had resigned for personal reasons, and the vacancy had been advertised. There are now three vacancies which should be filled by co-option as soon as possible.

116/2026 ODD JOBS IN THE PARISH

The Chair gave a verbal update on the work completed and future work of the odd job person.

117/2026 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT - WIGTON BATHS TRUST.

A request has been received from the above trust seeking financial support. As residents of the parish use the facility and on the proposal of J. Mansfield and seconded by M. Abbott it was agreed to donate £75.00 to this worthy cause.

118/2026 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

An email attaching Climate Change/Net Zero Event Slides has been circulated.

119/2026 B5299 - MEALSGATE

Following the last meeting the clerk wrote again to Mr. Melville, Cumbria Highways, the Cumberland Councillor, and the Chief Executive of Cumberland Council seeking an update. To date there has been no contact from anybody. The clerk was asked to write to Marcus Campbell-Savours MP.

120/2026 PARKING – FLETCHERTOWN

This was again discussed without a solution being found.

121/2026 HEDGES - WEST STREET, FLETCHERTOWN

Highways have served another notice under S154 of the Highways Act. The clerk was asked to obtain an update at the proper time.

122/2026 ACCESS GATE – TOP OF RECREATION FIELD

This was discussed and a new smaller gate will be provided.

123/2026 DONATION OF A SEATR

Having been refused permission to locate the seat in the village by Home Housing. The doner wishes to site it in the play Park. All agreed to the proposal.

124/2026 NOTICEBOARD – WATCH HILL & FLETCHERTOWN

W.S. Reid Ltd has renovated the noticeboards in the parish.

125/2026 CHAIRS CLOSING REMARKS

She re-iterated the need to co-opt new councillors particularly younger people.

126/2026 PROGRESS REPORTS

- (i) Any items for the next newsletter should be forwarded to the Clerk by 15th. October 2026 for delivery early November 2026.

127/2026 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Restoration of bonfire site
Hedges Mealsgate
Vacancies

Request for Speed Camera Van

128/2026 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at Allhallows
Centre, Fletchertown, at 7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed.....

Chair