

Allhallows Parish Council

Allhallows Parish Council meeting was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 7.00pm.

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

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr. R Bowness (Candidate for co-option)

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

129/2026 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from G. Marr (personal)

130/2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

131/2026 DISPENSATIONS

None.

132/2026 MINUTES

On the proposal of M. Abbott and seconded J. Pegler, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

133/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

i) Concerns were raised regarding the increased numbers of site HGV's using the B5299 without any notification to the parish council or residents on the route.

134/2026 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

135/2026 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/ May/June

One year to go to the Grand Depart 2027!

Hyperfast GB Community Newsletter – April 2026

Press Release New Chief Officer for CALC Dr. Sian Thornthwaite

Could you share your story? Help inspire the next generation of councillors.

ACT Update – July 2026

NALC Time off for public duties survey

CALC Partner Bulletin Aug/ Sept 2026

Please Help Promote the Civility & Respect Pledge to Smaller Councils.
 Cockermouth Digital Traffic Regulation Orders (D-TROs) – Static & Moving
 Fells and Solway Community Panel meeting 14.09.26
 Polling Places Review – Cumberland
 What's on – September – Cumberland Family Hubs

136/2026 CLERKS REPORT

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

- i) There was a road traffic accident at Gowrie where the council owned seat and noticeboard have been damaged. The matter is now in the hands of the insurers.
- ii) There has been a National Salary Award for clerks.
- iii) A letter of thanks has been received from Wigton Baths for the council's recent donation.

137/2026 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

- i) No report was available.
- ii) A copy of the June minutes and Charity Commission accounts have been received. On the proposal of S. Barton and seconded by J. Mansfield it was agreed to donate £500 towards the cost of the new entrance floor on condition that going forward the council receives a copy of the Centre Committee minutes and accounts.

138/2026 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There was no apology for absence or report received.

139/2026 PLANNING MATTER

- a) Applications for consultation

HOU/2026/0107	Demolition of conservatory and construction of new single storey extension..... King Gate House, Watch Hill, Aspatria, CA7 3RY.	No Objections
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- b) Decisions
None
- c) Appeals
None
- d) Planning related correspondence
None

140/2026 ACCOUNTS

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

Wigton Baths	Donation	£75.00
Waterplus	Water Rates	£31.70
Top Mark Pest Sols.	Pest Control	£55.00
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£7.00
After Aqua	Maintenance	£260.00
Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (July)	£648.91
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£7.00
T. Gear	Clerks Account (May/June)	£571.75
HMRC	Income Tax (May/June)	£115.78

Water plus	Water Rates	£16.52
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ii) Balances as at

2.9.26	Current Account	£7455.86
2.9.26	Deposit Account	£5,194.49

141/2026 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

- i) Allotments: i) The paddling pool on a hen pen is to be removed. ii) A complaint has been received regarding the noise from cockerels and chickens. The clerk to write to the hen pen holders iii) A request has been received from an allotment holder to supply drainage piping so that the allotment can be drained. Agreed.
- ii) Play Park: This has been well used during the summer, and the moles will be treated now as the schools have gone back.
- iii) Flooding: S. Barton stated that there are no issues
- iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield attended a meeting on Martyn's Law and has provided a report attached. M. Abbott and S. Barton attended the police liaison meeting and raised the use of the speed camera van in the parish. They were advised it did not meet the criteria.

142/2026 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.
- (ix) Damaged Gate on footpath – King Gate EI/297015 – To be replaced.
- (x) Inadequate Play Park Signage B5299 EI/307751 – To be increased.

143/2026 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

This is an ongoing project.

144/2026 VACANCIES

An application for co-option has been received from Mr. R Bowness. The Eligibility Forms have been completed and circulated. On the proposal of J. Mansfield and seconded by S. Barton it was agreed to co-opt Mr. Bowness as a councillor. There are two vacancies.

145/2026 ODD JOBS IN THE PARISH

The Chair gave a verbal update on the completed fence adjacent to the Centre Car Park and future work of the odd job person.

146/2026 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

No new information has been received.

147/2026 B5299 - MEALSGATE

The clerk had written to Marcus Campbell-Savours MP and was advised that he regularly had meetings with Karl Melville and would raise the traffic light issue with him. The clerk had asked for an update prior to this meeting, but none was available. There was still no response from the CEO of Cumberland Council.

148/2026 HEDGES - WEST STREET, FLETCHERTOWN

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

149/2026 DONATION REQUEST - CITIZENS ADVICE ALLERDALE

A request has been received from Citizens Advice Allerdale for financial support. It was agreed to donate £75.00 to this service which residents of the parish use.

150/2026 DONATION OF A SEAT - FLETCHERTOWN

This will take place in the future, and the item can be removed from the agenda.

151/2026 WAYLEAVE

Attention had been drawn to four telegraph poles which had been erected in the boundary hedge adjacent to the playing field by FIBRUS who were now applying for a wayleave and the payment of £630.00. The wayleave was approved and the clerk was authorised to sign the wayleave on behalf of the council.

152/2026 PROPOSED GATED ACCESS TO ALLHALLOWS CENTRE CAR PARK

Whilst the council had not been contacted by the Centre Committee the proposal was discussed, and it was decided to monitor the situation.

153/2026 CHAIRS CLOSING REMARKS

She reminded all councillors that they were always subject to the Code of Conduct.

154/2026 PROGRESS REPORTS

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

155/2026 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Restoration of bonfire site
- Hedges Mealsgate
- Vacancies

156/2026 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 3rd November 2026 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown, at 7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed.....

Chair

