

Allhallows Parish Council

A meeting of the Allhallows Parish Council was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 7.00pm.

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

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: None

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

35/2026 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

K. Faulder (personal) tendered her apologies, which were accepted.

36/2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

37/2026 DISPENSATIONS

None.

38/2026 MINUTES

On the proposal of M. Abbott and seconded S. Barton it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

39/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present, but the topic of waste disposal and containers was raised on their behalf.

40/2026 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

41/2026 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Procurement Thresholds FSCS and Tax January 2026

CALC News/ November December

Family Hub – What's On – February

Family Help, Partnerships & Youth Justice – Invite to Families First Partnership

Roadshow

Book on into Centre For Ageing Better Webinar

Royal Garden Party- Friday 8th May 2026.

Exciting Training Opportunities with Breakthrough

Request for case studies for Cumbria Nature Recovery Workbook and Partnership News

Cumbria Community Transport Conference – 10th March 10am – 4pm

Community Growing Projects
 Connecting Cumbria Unveils Digital Infrastructure Strategy 2026-30
 Community Emergency Hubs Launch
 Martyn's :Law - new products live.
 Cumbria Eco skills project
 Cumberland Council – Supported Housing Strategy – Consultation
 Cumbria Combined Authority – briefing – 25th February
 Great Cumbrian Litter Pick 27-28 March
 Fells & Solway Place Standard. Draft Report and Panel Meeting

42/2026 CLERKS REPORT

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

- i) The vacancy for a Councillor had been advertised but there had been no applicants.
- ii) Notice had been received from the Information Commissioner that the Data Protection Fee would be collected by Direct Debit.

43/2026 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

No report was available.

44/2026 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There were no apologies or report.

45/2026 PLANNING MATTER

a) Applications for consultation

None

b) Decisions

FUL/2025/0158	Proposed new implement shed. Hilltop, Mealsgate, CA7 1AH (Re-consultation)	Approved
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c) Appeals

None

d) Planning related correspondence

Regulation 5 – Informative had been received for the installation of telecommunication equipment near Leesrigg Cottage, Mealsgate, CA7 1BX and High Lees, Fletchertown, CA7 1BT.

46/2026 ACCOUNTS

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

Allhallows Centre	Room Hire	£57.00
Water plus	Water Rates	£12.18
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
Top Mark Pest Solutions	Pest Control	£55.00
Unity Bank Trust	Service Charge	£6.00
T. Gear	Clerks Account (Jan./Feb.)	£572.50
HMRC	Income Tax (Jan./Feb.)	£115.78

Water Plus	Water Rates	£12.18
ICO	Data Protection Fee	£47.00

ii) Balances as at

4.3.26	Current Account	£5,350.38
4.3.26	Deposit Account	£5,040.77

47/2026 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

i) Allotments: The clerk advised that the annual rents had all been paid and that there were three vacant allotments. Complaints had been received regarding fires on the allotments which had caused a nuisance and a large amount of dog fouling from residents who were using the area to exercise their dogs. Articles had been placed in the current newsletter.

ii) Play Park: K. Faulder had tendered her apologies, but the annual pay area inspection was due.

iii) Flooding: S. Barton stated that there had not been any flooding and there had been an open village walk about but to date there had been no feedback.

iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield had not attended any outside bodies.

48/2026 HIGHWAY MATTERS

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

- (i) Baggrow Lonning - Ongoing
- (ii) Water across road at King Gate – EI/238551 – Resolved
- (iii) Street Name Sign – Watch Hill -EI/244665 – Will be supplied.
- (iv) Baggrow/Blennerhasset Sign, Baggrow -EI/244662 – Will be replaced by highways.
- (v) Damaged Fingerpost Sign – Harby Brows – EI253726 – Will be replaced.
- (vi) Obscured, worn-out signage and overhanging hedges – Mealsgate - EI/246062 – Ongoing with Highways.
- (vii) Road Surface in poor condition B5299 – EI/277148 - not deemed a problem by highways.
- (viii) Junction Markings George Moore Ave. J/W B5299 – EI277146 – No response
- (ix) Potholes George Moore Ave. - EI/277144 – No response

49/2026 RISK ASSESSMENT 2026/27

The clerk produced a draft risk assessment which was approved.

50/2026 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

This is an ongoing project.

51/2026 EFFECTIVENESS OF 2024/25 AUDIT

The effectiveness of the 2024/25 audit was discussed, and Mrs. J Rae was appointed Internal Auditor for the forthcoming 2025/26 audit.

52/2026 ODD JOBS IN THE PARISH

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

53/2026 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

To date the required number of volunteers had not been forthcoming.

54/2026 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Emails regarding Local Councils and Climate Action training session and The effect of climate change in a World Heritage Site – your views had been circulated.

55/2026 B5299 - MEALSGATE

There had been no progress, and the clerk was asked to request an update from Mr. Melville, Cumbria Highways.

56/2026 REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Members discussed a request from Citizens Advice Allerdale for financial support. On the proposal of J Mansfield and seconded by M Abbott it was agreed to donate £75.00 to this worthy cause.

57/2026 HEDGES - WEST STREET, FLETCHERTOWN

No.11 had been cut and Highways have served a notice under S154 of the Highways Act on the remainder.

58/2026 SEATS - FLETCHERTOWN

Hollie Dunn Housing Manager has this matter in hand and will arrange removal of the defective seat and is discussing the location of the donated seat with her legal department.

59/2026 NOTICEBOARD – WATCH HILL & FLETCHERTOWN

W. S. Reid Ltd are to renovate the above noticeboards.

60/2026 CHAIRS CLOSING REMARKS

None

61/2026 PROGRESS REPORTS

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

62/2026 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Baggrow Lonning
Restoration of bonfire site
Tree Inspection
Hedges Mealsgate
Blocked Gully Mealsgate
Vacancy

63/2026 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6th May 2026 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown at 7.00pm** (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed.....

Chair

