

Allhallows Parish Council

The Allhallows Parish Council Annual meeting was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 7.10pm (following the Annual Parish Meeting).

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

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor)

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

64/2026 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

J. Mansfield (illness) tendered her apologies, which were accepted.

65/2026 ELECTION OF CHAIR 2026/27

On the proposal of G. Marr and seconded by S. Barton, M Abbott was elected Chair for the ensuing year.

66/2026 CHAIR TO SIGN ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chair completed and signed the Acceptance of Office.

67/2026 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR 2-26/27

On the proposal of M. Abbott and seconded by G. Marr, S. Barton was elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

68/2026 PORTFOLIO HOLDERS 2026/27

It was agreed the following were appointed to the portfolios.

M. Abbott – Allotments

K. Faulder – Play Park

S. Barton – Flooding Issues

J. Mansfield – Outside bodies

M. Abbott/ S. Barton – Police Forum

69/2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

70/2026 DISPENSATIONS

None.

71/2026 MINUTES

On the proposal of M. Abbott and seconded G. Marr it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

72/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

73/2026 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

74/2026 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee meetings

CALC News/ January/February

Family Hub – What's On – May

Family Help, Partnerships & Youth Justice – Families First Partnership Roadshow online

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) training session

Chance to sign up to Security Industry Authority (SIA) webinar on S12 Martyn's :Law Guidance consultation.

Community Resources

Cockermouth Neighbourhood Policing Pledge Meeting Wednesday 5th August 2026 at 6pm via Teams

LNRS Workbook Launch, 24 March – resources are now on the CALC website.

Parish Precept payment 2026/27

Village heat Share – Request for distribution

Assertion 10

Save a Date – CALC and Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Conference 2026

CALC AGM – Save the date.

Cumbria Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – PFCC Community Fund

75/2026 CLERKS REPORT

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

- i) He had an enquiry as to when the gate on the Harby Brow footpath will be installed. Cumberland Council advise that it is low priority but is on the list.

76/2026 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

No report was available.

77/2026 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Apologies had been given.

78/2026 PLANNING MATTER

a) Applications for consultation

FUL/2026/0050	Proposed cubicle shed with concrete pad and retrospective new track. Baggrow Farm, Aspatria, CA7 3QF	No Objections
FUL/2026/0051	Erection of agricultural shed Baggrow Farm, Aspatria, CA7 3QF	No Objections

b) Decisions

None

c) Appeals
None

d) Planning related correspondence
None

79/2026 ACCOUNTS

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

Cumberland Council	Annual Playpark Inspection	£74.40
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£7.00
CALC	Subscription	£223.90
T. Gear	Clerks Account (Mar./Apr.)	£560.20
HMRC	Income Tax (Mar./Apr.)	£115.78
T Gear	Printer Ink	£46.28
Water plus	Water Rates	£24.23
Mrs. J Rae	Internal Audit	£85.00
Mr. Raven	Rent	£150.00
Clear Councils	Insurance	£608.67
Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (April)	£648.91
After Aqua	Maintenance	£365.00

ii) Balances as at

6.5.26	Current Account	£13,545.92
6.5.26	Deposit Account	£5,194.49

iii) With the assistance of members, the Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 was completed and signed by the Chair

vi) The Accounting Statements 2025/26 were accepted and signed by the Chair

v) The Chair was authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption 2025/26

iv) The period for Public Rights will run from 3rd June to 14th July 2026

ii) All audit documents will be available on the council's website.

80/2026 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

i) Allotments: A number of allotments require attention, and the clerk was asked to write to the holders. Two allotments have been let leaving only one vacancy.

ii) Play Park: K. Faulder had tendered her apologies, but the annual play area inspection had been carried out

iii) Flooding: S. Barton stated that there had been flooding but it soon returned to normal.

iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield attended a CALC meeting on health and effects due to deprivation and provided a written report.

81/2026 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) Potholes George Moore Ave. - EI/2 – No response
- (viii) Blocked drain – B5299 Allhallows Church EI/289632 – To be investigated.

82/2026 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

This is an ongoing project.

83/2026 VACANCY

There were now two vacancies, as B. Williamson has been disqualified for non attendance at meetings during the last 6 months.

84/2026 ODD JOBS IN THE PARISH

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

85/2026 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

To date the required number of volunteers has not been forthcoming and therefore the project has been abandoned.

86/2026 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

An email regarding up to £300 Available for Community Climate Events in Cumbria had been circulated.

87/2026 B5299 - MEALSGATE

There had been no progress. The clerk had written to Mr. Melville, Cumbria Highways. On four occasions since the last meeting but has not received any response. The clerk was asked to write to the Chief Executive of Cumberland Council seeking an update.

88/2026 TREE INSPECTION

The tree survey has been carried out, and remedial work has been undertaken.

89/2026 HEDGES - WEST STREET, FLETCHERTOWN

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

90/2026 SEATS - FLETCHERTOWN

The defective seat had been removed by Home Housing but have also refused consent for the donated seat to be positioned on their land.

91/2026 ANNUAL PLAYPARK INSPECTION

The above had been circulated which contained mainly low risk reports. Other items are being dealt with.

92/2026 SALVATION ARMY CLOTH BANK

This had been removed by the Salvation Army without giving notice to the council.

93/2026 ABUSE OF PARKING AREA OPPOSITE CRUMMOCK CLOSE

This was discussed and it was decided that it was not abuse but residents of the parish using the car park instead of the overcrowded streets of Fletchertown.

94/2026 NOTICEBOARD – WATCH HILL & FLETCHERTOWN

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

95/2026 BLOCKED GATE ACCESS - RECREATION FIELD

It was mentioned that there was a kissing gate which was overgrown by the hedge. It was agreed to investigate to see if it could be used if the overgrowth were removed.

96/2026 CHAIRS CLOSING REMARKS

She had investigated Doggie Play Areas which she found were privately owned.

97/2026 PROGRESS REPORTS

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

98/2026 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Baggrow Loning
- Restoration of bonfire site
- Hedges Mealsgate
- Vacancies

99/2026 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 1st July 2026 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown, at 7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed.....

Chair