

Allhallows Parish Council

A meeting of the Allhallows Parish Council was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Thursday 6th November 2025 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Messrs. M. Abbott, G. Marr, B. Williamson, K. Faulder, and S. Barton

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk), and K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor)

Apologies: None

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

135/2025 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

J. Mansfield (personal), and M. Bowness (personal) tendered their apologies, which were accepted.

136/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

137/2025 DISPENSATIONS

None.

138/2025 MINUTES

On the proposal of S. Barton and seconded G. Marr it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

139/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

140/2025 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

141/2025 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – Special FAQ Edition and October 2025

Invitation: Presentation by Alex Scott, Cumbria's Lord Lieutenant – Recording available

Grants available for community projects on electrical safety

NWS Wintering Bird Surveys Along West Cumbria Coastline

ACT update Sept. 2025

New reporting system – environmental issues

CALC Annual General Meeting 4th October 2025

CALC Annual General Meeting 2025 Agenda

Highways reporting system – My Account

Waste and Recycling update.

Devolution update: Consent granted and NALC Case Study Survey

Slides from the Hyperfast Broadband Event
 Online food conversation invite 4th November 2025
 EV Charging Infrastructure Event – Monday 30th October
 Cumberland Libraries News
 Request to share – Co-Production
 Community Emergency Hubs (CEH)
 Cumberland Community Governance Review

142/2025 CLERKS REPORT

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

- i) A complaint from a resident has been received regarding vehicles parking in Fletchertown associated with an Air B & B.
- ii) CALC costs for next year will be £224.63
- iii) A letter had been received from a resident complaining about a St George Flag being erected on a lamppost at the entrance to Fletchertown. As the flag is on a lamppost it has been reported to Highways

143/2025 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

A written report had been received which is included in the Newsletter.

144/2025 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Thurlow addressed the meeting and went through some of the highway issues. The grit bin will be supplied in time for winter. Footpaths – kits will be supplied to farmers so that they can maintain them. Baggrow Lonning is ongoing but near completion.

145/2025 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

FUL/2025/0158	Proposed new implement shed. Hilltop, Mealsgate, CA7 1AH	No objection
FUL/2025/0078	Change of use of existing agricultural shed to residential use....	No objection

(b) Decisions

HOU/2025/0109	Replacement of existing single-storey extensions With 2 storey extensions to rear..... Criffel View, 1Watch Hill, Aspatria, CA7 3SB	Granted
FUL/2025/0078	Change of use of agricultural land to residential Curtilage....	Refused

(c) Appeals

None

(d) Planning related correspondence

None

146/2025 ACCOUNTS

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

R. Bowness	Repairs	£300.00
Citizens Advice Allerdale	Donation	£50.00

Water plus	Water Rates	£9.67
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
Mike Dowling Cont. Ltd	Grass cutting (September)	£630.00
T. Gear	Clerks Account (Sept./Oct.)	£546.80
HMRC	Income Tax (Sept./Oct.)	£115.78
Water Plus	Water Rates	£9.44
X-Net	Provision of .gov domain & Emails	£270.00
Mike Dowling Cont. Ltd	Grass cutting (October)	£315.00
PrintPoint	Newsletter	£50.00
T Gear	Printer Inks	£41.67

ii) Balances as at

6.11.25	Current Account	£7,008.41
6.11.25	Deposit Account	£5,040.77

147/2025 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

- i) Allotments: M. Abbott said that the allotments were very wet following the recent storms. The new tenant on the hen pen was doing an excellent job.
- ii) Play Park: K. Faulder stated that the play park was wet but the children did not appear to mind.
- iii) Flooding: S. Barton stated that the river levels were high on Tuesday but there were no issues.
- iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield had tendered her apologies.

148/2025 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 – Still being investigated.
- (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) Defective Light – Mealsgate – EI223977 – Now connected and operational.
- (vii) Obscured, worn out signage and overhanging hedges – Mealsgate - EI/246062 – Ongoing with Highways.

149/2025 UNTIDY SITE

Cumberland Planning will deal with this issue when resources are available.

150/2025 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

This is an ongoing project, and more trees will be planted shortly.

151/2025 GRIT BIN

Information suggests it will be in place for winter.

152/2025 ODD JOBS IN THE PARISH

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

153/2025 CALC CIRCULATION LISTS

An email had been circulated from CALC which was briefly discussed, and it was agreed to provide Councillors new .gov emails to CALC.

154/2025 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

No current information was available.

155/2025 B5299 - MEALSGATE

The clerk gave a verbal report on the response from Karl Melville, Assistant Director of Highways. The clerk to chase an update on the review.

156/2025 FOOTPATH 211009 HILL TOP – OLD CHURCH

The clerk advised that the issues raised at the last meeting had been raised with Cumberland Council and a new sign and remedial action was in hand.

157/2025 VARIOOUS MAINTAINANCE ISSUES – FLETCHERTOWN

These were discussed and the clerk was asked to write to Riverside Housing regarding the hedges on their properties on West Street, Fletchertown.

158/2025 BUDGET 2026/27

The clerk produced a draft budget for 2026/27 which was discussed and it was agreed that the precept for 2026/27 will be £10,700.00.

159/2025 ASSERTION 10 – DIGITAL & DATA COMPLIANCE

The clerk gave a verbal report on the steps being taken to ensure compliance. It was agreed that the new .gov emails provided by the council would be used for all future communications.

160/2025 VARIOUS POLICIES

As required by Assertion 10 the clerk had circulated the following: -

Freedom of Information Policy

GDPR Policy

Privacy Notice

Transparency Code IT Policy

All of which will be added to the website.

161/2025 PROGRESS REPORTS

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

162/2025 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Baggrow Lonning

Restoration of bonfire site

Grit bin Fletchertown

Meeting with Police

163/2025 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th January 2026 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown at 7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed.....

Chair