

Allhallows Parish Council

A meeting of the Allhallows Parish Council was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 7.00pm (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

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

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk), and one resident.

Apologies: None

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

55/2025 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

None

56/2025 ELECTION OF CHAIR 2025/26

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

57/2025 CHAIR TO SIGN ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The newly elected Chair signed the Acceptance of Office

58/2025 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR 2025/26

On the proposal of M. Bowness and seconded by J. Mansfield, S. Barton was elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

59/ PORTFOLIO HOLDERS 2025/26

The following members were appointed portfolio holders for the ensuing year.

- i) Allotments – M. Abbott
- ii) Play Park – K. Faulder
- iii) Flooding – S. Barton
- iv) Outside bodies- J. Mansfield
- v) Police Pledge – S. Barton/M. Abbott

60/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

61/2025 DISPENSATIONS

None.

62/2025 MINUTES

On the proposal of K. Faulder and seconded by S. Barton it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

63/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following items were raised by the resident: -

- i) Grit bin in Fletchertown.
- ii) Seat at George Moore Avenue
- iii) Improvements to the Play Park
- iv) Allotments

64/2025 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

65/2025 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Cumbria in Bloom – A brand new Parish Councils Award 2025

Devolution Consultation materials to share

Shape future events and activities in Silloth

CCF Press Release

Litter Champions Event – Wednesday 02 April 2025

Briefing on the Government's Devolution Priority Programme

Food Cumberland Big Local Lunch funding

A Cumberland Council and CALC conversation – Local councils working together

Cumberland Council Housing Strategy – Formal Stakeholder Consultation

Hyperfast GB Connecting Cumbria

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – January and February 2025

CALC News – January & February 2025

Reminder PSPO and Dog Fouling Event – 01 May 2025 at 7pm

Cumbria Constabulary's Neighbourhood Pledge

DBAT campaign

Thriving Communities – Funding Event

66/2025 CLERKS REPORT

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

- i) Concerns had been raised by a resident regarding parking in Fletchertown but after discussion they did not wish to take the matter any further.

67/2025 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

A short report had been received which was read.

68/2025 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

No apologies or report had been received

69/2025 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

None

(b) Decisions

None

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(c) Appeals
None

(d) Planning related correspondence
None.

70/2025 ACCOUNTS

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

Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
CALC	Subscription 2025/6	£217.01
T. Gear	Clerks Account (March/April)	£544.90
HMRC	Income Tax (March/April)	£112.18
Mr. Raven	Allotment Rent	£150.00
Water Plus	Water Rates	£9.19
Mrs. J Rae	Internal Audit	£85.00

ii) Balances as at

7.5.25	Current Account	£15,138.51
7.5.25	Deposit Account	£5,040.77

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

vi) Members accepted the Accounting Statements 2024/25 which were signed by the Chair

v) Members authorised the Chair to sign the Certificate of Exemption

iv) Members noted the period of Public Rights between will be between 2nd June and 12th July

iiiv) The audit papers will shortly be available on the Councils website shortly

71/2025 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

i) Allotments: M. Abbott said that the allotments were starting to look good. She was also aware that two allotment holders have personal issues at this time. There were also issues with dog fouling and people treating the allotments as a walking and dumping area.

ii) Play Park: K. Faulder stated that Play Park was starting to look good with the input of the odd job person.

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

iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield had in the past attended Cumberland Council Fells and Solway Community Panel and was concerned about the way it operated, there being very little opportunity for input from parish councils.

72/2025 HIGHWAY MATTERS

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

- i) Request for a grit bin in Fletchertown. - Highways advise that this does not meet the criteria although they have advised the Cumberland Councillor that one will be supplied.
- ii) Hedge, West Street – This does not encroach on to the public footway.
- iii) Baggrow Lonning – Work is ongoing

- iv) Water across B5299 King Gate – Work has been carried out but will be tested during the next heavy rain

73/2025 UNTIDY SITE, FLETCHERTOWN

Members were aware that work was in progress and agreed to wait and see the outcome of those works. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

74/2025 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

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

75/2025 SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY

The draft policy was adopted.

76/2025 ODD JOBS IN THE PARISH

The Chair gave a verbal update on the work of the odd job person including the seat is to be installed on the corner of George Moore Avenue, and the ongoing work to the work in the Play Park.

77/2025 DOG FOULING

This is becoming a serious issue in the parish and residents are encouraged to report incidents to Cumberland Council and will be an item in the next newsletter.

78/2025 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

There was no new information.

79/2025 SPEED OF TRAFFIC – ALL SAINTS CHURCH TO FLETCHERTOWN AND MEALLSGATE

Concern was raised by the lack of action by Cumberland Council in dealing with these long-standing issues. The clerk was asked to pursue with Highways and CEO of Cumberland Council.

80/2025 STREET SIGN

Members were asked to consider a request for a street name sign for South View, Watch Hill. After hearing the issues, the clerk was asked to pursue with Cumberland Council

81/2025 PROGRESS REPORTS

- (i) Any items for the next newsletter should be forwarded to the Clerk by 15th. June 2025 for delivery early July 2025.

82/2025 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Baggrow Lonning
Restoration of bonfire site
Play Park
Dog Fouling
Grit bin Fletchertown
Untidy Site – Fletchertown

83/2025 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown at 7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed.....
Chair