

Allhallows Parish Council

A meeting of the Allhallows Parish Council was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 7.00pm.

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

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: None

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

1/2026 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

None

2/2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

3/2026 DISPENSATIONS

None.

4/2026 MINUTES

On the proposal of M. Abbott and seconded K. Faulder it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

5/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

6/2026 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

7/2026 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Useful Charity Commission Resources

CALC News/ September October

Family Hub – What's On – December

Family Help, Partnerships & Youth Justice – December Update

Cumberland Go

CALC Letter and Report attached.

Exciting Training Opportunities for CALC Members – Jan to July 2026

Protect Where We Play – request for support.

Equality and diversity training

Age-Friendly Towns and Parishes

Hyperfast GB Community Newsletter – Winter 2025

Anti-bullying

United Utilities priorities service register.

Consultation on the North Pennines Management Plan and the draft plan

CALC AGM 2025 notes and Guest Speaker presentation slides

Cumberland Council - Have your say on our budget proposals for next year.

Fells and Solway Community Panel/Keswick & Solway winter support leaflet

8/2026 CLERKS REPORT

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

- i) Ellenvale Service 39 variation effective from 17th February 2026 had been circulated.
- ii) Street parking in Fletchertown was discussed.
- iii) Resignation of M Bowness has been received.

9/2026 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

A written report had been received which was read.

10/2026 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There were no apologies or report.

11/2026 PLANNING MATTER

a) Applications for consultation

FUL/2025/0158	Proposed new implement shed. Hilltop, Mealsgate, CA7 1AH (Re-consultation)	No objection
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b) Decisions

None

c) Appeals

None

d) Planning related correspondence

None

12/2026 ACCOUNTS

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

Ministry of Doing	Website compliance	£360.00
Water plus	Water Rates	£9.67
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
W & B Powley	Hedge Trimming	220.00
T. Gear	Clerks Account (Nov./Dec.)	£557.95
HMRC	Income Tax (Nov./Dec.)	£115.78
Water Plus	Water Rates	£47.07
X-Net	Provision of domain	£48.00

ii) Balances as at

7.1.26	Current Account	£5,415.94
7.1.26	Deposit Account	£5,040.77

13/2026 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

- i) Allotments: M. Abbott said that there was not a lot going on at this time of year. It was agreed to keep the rents for 2026 the same as the previous year at £25.00 per allotment or hen pen.
- ii) Play Park: K. Faulder stated that the play park was very icy and there were concerns regarding dogs being taken on to the play area.
- iii) Flooding: S. Barton stated that there had been some minor flooding which was quickly dealt with by Cumberland Council.
- iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield had not attended any outside bodies.

14/2026 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 – There was some work before Christmas but will have to wait to see if it has resolved the issue.
- (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

15/2026 MEETING WITH THE POLICE

The chair and vice chair had met with the police as part of their strategy. The meeting was poorly attended, and they were unable to see the officer on Teams.

16/2026 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

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

17/2026 GRIT BIN

This is now in place in the village.

18/2026 ODD JOBS IN THE PARISH

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

19/2026 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCG

The chair has made enquiries and for this to be successful volunteers are required to be trained. It was agreed to include an article in the Binsey Link and next Parish Newsletter.

20/2026 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

No current information was available.

21/2026 B5299 - MEALSGATE

The clerk gave a verbal report meeting held on 19th December with Mr. Melville and the residents of Mealsgate.

22/2026 MEETING DATES 2026/27

The clerk had produced a draft schedule which with one amendment was approved.

23/2026 HEDGES _ WEST STREET, FLETCHERTOWN

Whilst Riverside owns one of the properties which they will deal with, enquiries are in hand to find the other owners.

24/2026 SEATS FLETCHERTOWN

The damaged seats have been brought to the attention of Home Housing, but they seem reluctant to deal with the matter.

25/2026 ASSERTION 10 – DIGITAL & DATA COMPLIANCE

The clerk advised that the council was now compliant, and it was agreed that Councillor's personal details should be removed from the website and replaced with the council.gov email.

26/2026 CUMBERLAND COUNCIL BOUNDARY REVIEW

The council had been consulted on the revised proposals which were a vast improvement on the original.

27/2026 GRASS CUTTING 2026

The clerk obtained a quote for grass cutting in 2026 which had increased by £8 per cut. It was agreed to accept the quote.

28/2026 DONATION OF A SEAT

The clerk had received a letter from a resident wishing to donate a seat in memory of her father. She wished to place it on land owned by Home Housing. The clerk was asked to liaise with Home Housing

29/2026 NOTICEBOARD – WATCH HILL

It had been reported that the noticeboard at Watch Hill was in poor condition. It was agreed to ask W. S> Reid Ltd to renovate the noticeboard.

30/2026 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2027

The clerk gave a resume of a letter from the Senior Manager – Electoral Services in which she advised that if there was an election in the parish in 2027 there would be a charge to the council at the rate of £3 per elector.

31/2026 CHAIRS COMMENTS

None

32/2026 PROGRESS REPORTS

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

33/2026 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Baggrow Lonning

Restoration of bonfire site

Potholes – George Moor Avenue, Fletchertown

Junction Markings – B5299/George Moore Avenue

34/2026 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4th March 2026 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown at 7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed.....

Chair