

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minute of the Meeting Held on Monday 12th May 2025 **Victoria Institute, Culgaith, following the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM.** Unapproved

34/25 Present: -

Cllrs Caroline Richardson, Pauline Toppin, David Witney, Sue Smith, Andrew Clay, Ian Stowers, Ken Philipson, Nick Mason, WAFC Cllrs Michael Handley and Mary Robinson. Clerk John Fleming
There were no members of the public present.

35/25 Apologies

There were none.

36/25 Minutes

The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd March 2025 as a true record.
Proposer Cllr D Witney
Seconder Cllr A Clay

37/25 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

38/25 Public Participation

There was none.

39/25 Westmorland and Furness Councillor Reports.

39.1 Cllr Michael Handley Report

1.WAFC Full Council 7.5.25

- (a) WAFC has been shortlisted for awards in: Children's Services, Net Zero, Diversity Inclusion, Winter Gritting System, Energy Production (Barrow Solar Farm).
- (b) Electoral Review: no changes in this area apart from name change to "Alston Moor and Fellside Ward.

2. Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee 30.4.25

- (a) Highways Strategy: The priority in summer months is to seal the roads with tar and chip. This is a quarter of the cost of tarmacadam.
- (b) New Waste Service: The council is currently trialling new bin lorries with multiple compartments in Ulverston. Rubbish is kept separate at the point of collection. There are very few missed bin collections in the Eden area. This is more common in Barrow. Village Recycling Centres are mainly in the Eden area.

3. Cabinet Meeting in Alston 22.4.25

This was in two parts. The first part was the main cabinet meeting and the second part was open to the public. The public consisted of most of the members of Alston Moor Parish Council.

In part one areas of concern for Alston were discussed: the failure to start a regular bus service between Alston and Penrith (proposed but failed due to not being value for money), lack of cash machines (previous 2 were vandalised and at this time one was being re-installed after a year of absence), affordable housing and the High Mill Development (Disused old foundry being converted privately into small crafts units). In part two members of Alston Moor Parish Council asked about the development of Grisedale Croft flats (10 sheltered housing flats which have remained unoccupied for about 10 years), School Transport, involvement of Alston Moor Community Transport in improving local transport.

39.2 Cllr Mary Robinson

39.2.1

WAFC Local Plan discussed. Possible building sites to be identified on WAFC website on 15th May. Following a WAFC review the plan will go to public consultation. Culgaith Parish Council needs to study and discuss in relation to the Parish.

39.2.2 New Council Plan for next 12 months discussed.

40.25 Finance (Incl.Vat)

40.1 To note the following balances as at:-	31/3/2025	01/5/2024
	£	£
HSBC Account	1081.92	4407.98
Penrith Building Society	17106.56	27106.56
NSI Account	24.45	24.45
Vat to be claimed	<u>411.18</u>	<u>463.31</u>
Total assets	<u>18624.11</u>	<u>32002.30</u>

40.2 Presentation and approval of the 31th March 2025 Year End Audited Accounts

Proposer Cllr N Mason

Seconder Cllr D Witney

40.3 The Interim Account to 1st May 2025 was unanimously approved.

Proposer Cllr P Toppin

Seconder Cllr C Richardson

40.4 The Following Accounts were Ratified.

40.4.1	J Fleming Fee Feb/March/April 2025	As per contract
40.4.2	J Fleming Office Provision Feb/March/April 2025	60.00
40.4.3	Skirwith Village Hall Room Hire	12.00
40.4.4	M E Electrical – Installation of Defibrillator Cabinet	360.00
40.4.5	Bank Charges. 18/3/25	5.00
40.4.6	Bank Charges. 15/4/25	5.00
40.4.7	Blencarn Village Hall Room Hire	25.00
40.4.8	Defibrillator Junior Pads – Culgaith	150.79
40.4.9	Mark Binney – Grass Cutting	494.50
40.4.10	Community Heartbeat Trust – Annual Sub. Skirwith.	162.00
40.4.11	Play inspection Company – Playground Inspections	201.60
40.4.12	Culgaith Village Hall – Room Hire	22.50
40.4.13	Memo – Subscription and Sponsorship 2025/26	145.00
40.4.14	Mark Binney – Grass Cutting	368.00

40.5 To Approve the Following Accounts for Payment

J Fleming Expenses. 3 rd March – 12 th May 2025	13.50
Sandra Harrison – Internal Audit	120.00

- 40.6 Items 40.4 and 40.5 were unanimously approved.**
 Proposer Cllr A Clay
 Seconded Cllr S Smith
- 40.7 To Report the Following Receipt**
 WAFC – Precept 15000.00
- 40.8 Transfer – To PBS from Current Account** 10000.00
- 40.9 Online Banking Authorization 2025/2026 was unanimously approved.**
 Proposer Cllr D Witney
 Seconded Cllr I Stowers
- 40.10 The Annual Governance Documents 2024/2025 were unanimously approved.**
 Proposer Cllr N Mason
 Seconded Cllr D Witney

41/25 Planning

2025/0406.4 Pennine View Blencarn Single storey rear extension – Supported
 2025/0736/HOU, 5 The Brook Culgaith, Single storey side and rear extension to provide ancillary annexe living accommodation. Supported

42/25 Highways and Land Matters

The following are still in hand with Highways

- 42.1** Pedestrian Hazard - Black Swan Junction, Culgaith.
- 42.2** Skirwith – Church St - Concrete Post and Rail Fence Repair.
- 42.3** Drainage issue - The Pea to A6412 Junction
- 42.4** Flooding Skirwith – Between Blencarn Junction and Skirwith
- 42.5** Damaged 'Give Way' Sign – Blencarn to Skirwith Junction.
- 42.6** Skirwith/Ousby – Damaged Finger Post Sign
- 42.7** Howrigg/T Junction – Surface Water/Deep Hole in Verge.
- 42.8** Kirkland/Skirwith Road – Roadside ditch required cleaning out.
- 42.9** 'Pea' Degrading of Road Edge – Opposite Jink Bank House.
- 42.10** Skirwith – By Defibrillator Kiosk – Damaged Road Sign

The following have been done

- 42.11** Howrigg Pothole - Just south of Howrigg Farm
- 42.12 Skirwith Village Green – Removal of Grass Trimmings** from wild flower area.
 Following discussion in which a quote from Mark Binny of £200 per year was received, it was decided to rely on community spirit, initially, to removal the grass trimmings from wild flower area this year. To be reviewed another year, if necessary.

43/25 Parish Council Website

A number of quotes had been received and were discussed. It was decided to defer a decision to the July meeting.

44/25 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications.

The following items of correspondence were received since the last meeting.

- 44.1 The Hagg Wood Footpath**, being washed away in places, along the banks of the River Eden, had been raised by a Parishioner.

Action;- To request of WAFC that the path be reinstated and made usable.

44.2 Second Homes

The key points outlining the current situation and the government's position, regarding second homes, was reported to the meeting. CALC being aware that second homes are a concern for many parishes. Further details on file.

44.3 Place Action Group

Reported that the next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th May at 7pm at Melmerby Village Hall. The meeting will be hybrid with a Teams link.

44.4 WADFC Local Plan

WAFRC had requested a list of possible building sites within Parishes.

There being three main areas of evidence in the early stage of plan making:

- Identifying housing and development needs through a Strategic Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (**SHENA**);
- Identifying constraints – through studies such as the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (**SFRA**)
- Identifying available and deliverable sites (through a **Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA)**)

45/25 Councillor Matters

45.1 Kirkland Cast Iron Finger Sign Post

A request was made for this to be refurbished, similar to the one outside Blencarn and the top of the 'Pail'. If difficult for Highways to do, a Parishioner had volunteered to undertake the work.

Action;- Report to Highways.

45.2 Otters Holt – Do not follow Sat- Nav sign had appeared.

The positioning was queried.

Action;- To investigate.

46/25 Dates and Venues of Future 2025/26 Meetings.

Monday 7th July 2025- Skirwith

Monday 1st September 2025 - Blencarn

Monday 3rd November 2025 – Culgaith

Monday 12th January 2026 – Skirwith

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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