

MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THWAITES VILLAGE HALL ON 6 OCTOBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr C Carrington (Chair), Cllr I Lockwood, Cllr B Wright, Cllr Bates, Cllr D Savage, Cllr V Pogrel, Cllr A Calsy
Cllr A Pratt - Cumberland Council
Lesley Cooper Clerk
1 Member of Public

73/25 Apologies for absence

Cllr M Kitchingman

74/25 Exclusion of Press and Public

Press and Public are excluded from Agenda item 17 – Closed Session Clerks contract of employment

75/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

76/25 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on

1 September 2025 approved

16 September approved

The minutes were signed by the Chair

77/25 Police Liaison Report

Circulated . Cllr Calsy asked that the police be thanked for responding quickly with driving issues within Lady Hall. Clerk to send a letter of thanks.

78/25 Progress Report

Clerk's Report

The road through The Hill had been closed on 30 September 2025 and the diversion route had been through a nearby farm. Contacted Highways re diversion route and again raised the issue that there is no alternative route out for residents if the road down to the railway is closed.

Received a Freedom of Information request, which had been responded to within the statutory time limits.

79/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Reported that Thwaites school had received a positive OFSTED report recently and asked that the Parish Council support this. .

Member of Public asked that the representative on the GDF Community Partnership follow policy.

The Chair thanked the resident for bringing this to the attention of the Council. Cllr Pogrel elected to be Council's representative on the School Governors. An Article to be placed on Website re school Ofsted report

80/25 Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr Pratt gave the following report:

South Cumberland Panel – Cllr Pratt now chair

CALC AGM was cancelled due to Storm Amy – awaiting a new date

Food Cumberland – online meeting November

Corney Bridge should have opened 3 October delayed due to storm, some road works still to be completed.

Cumberland Council meet 7 October to decide on Mayor for 2027

National Lottery Environmental Funding available from £300 -£300k applications to be in before December

Cumberland Place Standard– visit towns within Cumberland to identify what is missing. Cllr Pratt to share scoring sheets with Council.

81/25 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

81/25.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

4/25/2299/0F1 Mill Farm Barns, The Green

Conversion of existing barns into a single four bedroom dwelling including the creation of a parking area and installation of a package treatment tank

Re-consultation – Amended Description

Supported

81/25.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

81/25.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None.

82/25 FINANCIAL RECORDS

82/25.1 The following payment was approved under Financial Regulations

JW Plant Ltd	installation of benches	£5745.60
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The Following payments were approved

L Cooper	Clerks salary & expenses	£223.72
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HMRC	PAYE	£ 47.40
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Dream Landscapes	Grass cutting	£660.00
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Whamos Ltd	Web site maintenance fee	£270.00
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82/25.2 To note the receipt of payments.

Garage licence	£ 75.00
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This is an underpayment, Clerk has chased for balance. Will send final reminder if not received by mid-October

83/25.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 31 August 2025

Checked and verified by Cllr Calsy

83/25.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 September 2025 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required Current Acct £21632.24, Deposit Acct £12108.93 Committed reserves £10277.40, General Reserve £12652.05

83/25.5 To receive the draft budget report and budget for financial year 2026/27

Resolved to cap accrued reserves at £900 for bus shelters and 3 year plan for woodland management. Garage Licences to be increased by £5. Clerk to present final budget at November meeting.

Community Plan leads to inform Clerk of Finances required before November meeting.

84/25 PARISH MATTERS

84/25.1 Community Plan

a) Audit of Assets

Request from Thwaites School for a bench to be located across from the school. Agreed. Clerk to investigate land ownership. Ofsted report to be placed on website and link to school

Cllrs Pogrel and Bates to present proposed plans for changes to Pinnel Hole parking. Approval to purchase O/s map for £28 to enable options to be outlined. Letters to be sent to owners of vehicles permanently parked there to ask for their removal.

b) To determine new entrance to play area.

Application submitted for funding awaiting a response. Cllr Pratt to chase.

84/25.2 Parish Projects

i) Active Transport

Cllr Calsy had submitted a report which was accepted. Letter of support for funding request to be undertaken.

ii) Lights

2 solar lights out, clerk to contact Proelectric for them to attend

iii) Duddon Iron Furnace

Cllr Carrington had written to English Heritage with photos showing current state – no response. Suggest a brown sign to show location. To speak to local residents first. Information board needs replacing. Information to be placed on website.

84/25.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations

a) Play Inspection Report

Clerk awaiting quote from Kompan re issues raised

b) Cumberland Planning and Options consultation – Local Plan
accepted

c) Assertion 10 – assessing compliance

The Clerk gave a quick overview as to what was required and requested that councillors only use PC email address for official business.

84/25.4 Sub Group Reports

a) Environment Group

Litter picking to recommence shortly

84/25.5 Councillor vacancies

Current representation The Green – 3 councillors, The Hill – 3 councillors, Lady Hall 2 councillors. To look for representation from outlying areas and agriculture.

85/25 To reports from representatives on outside bodies

Ghyll Scaur Quarry Liaison Committee

Cllr Savage reported that the rock park will be formally opened on 18 November 2025 at 10am, Children of Thwaites school to be invited.

Governance review of the Trust fund to be undertaken 11 December 2025 1.15pm. Clerk to send out Terms of Reference.

Still awaiting Lowther Estates Woodland Management plan

Copeland Community Partnership (GDF)

Cllr Bates attended the last meeting. Public expressed concerns at lack of opportunity to speak. Still planning public opinion survey. Awaiting Environment update. Next meeting 9 October 2025 on line. Cllr Savage to attend

List of future dates required.

86/25 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received that has not been previously circulated:

None

87/25 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- None

88/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 3 November 2025 The Hill Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2115hrs

89/25 Closed Session

Clerk's contract reviewed

Clerk's pay scale reviewed

Signed

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