

MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THE HILL
VILLAGE HALL ON 3 NOVEMBER 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 M Kitchingman
Lesley Cooper Clerk

90/25 Apologies for absence

None

91/25 Exclusion of Press and Public

Press and Public are excluded from Agenda item 17 – Closed Session Human Resources Issues

92/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

93/25 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 October 2025

The minutes were signed by the Chair

94/25 Police Liaison Report

Circulated.

95/25 Progress Report

Clerk's Report

Chased for the underpayment on the garage licence

Contacted school re proposed location for last bench – no response, Clerk to continue chasing.

96/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

97/25 Unitary Councillor Report

None.

98/25 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

98/25.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

4/25/2362/0F1 Low Shaw Farm, The Green

Construction of a new 465sqm Agricultural building to provide a covered slurry store.

Supported

98/25.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

98/25.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None.

99/25 FINANCIAL RECORDS

99/25.1 The following payment was approved

L Cooper	Clerks salary & expenses	£223.72
HMRC	PAYE	£ 47.40
L Cooper	reimburse Annual Microsoft Plan	£ 84.99
M Bates	reimburse Pinnel Hole map fee	£ 28.51
Kompan	repairs to play area	£766.80
Hill Village Hall	room hire	£310.00
Community Heartbeat	Annual Support fee	£162.00

99/25.2 To note the receipt of payments.

None

99/25.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 30 September 2025

Checked and verified by Cllr Kitchingman

99/25.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 October 2025 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required. Current Acct £21902.24, Deposit Acct £12108.93 Committed reserves £10277.40, General Reserve £12652.05

99/25.5 To receive the budget report and budget for financial year 2026/27

Resolved Budget spend set at £14737.44 for financial year 2026/27.

99/25.6 To approve the precept for the financial year 2026/27.

Resolved that the precept would remain at £12000 for the financial year 2026/27

100/25 PARISH MATTERS

100/25.1 Community Plan

a) Audit of Assets

Action plan now on website. Cllr Carrington working on footpaths to Duddon Furnace. **Pinnel Hole car parking**

Cllrs Pogrel and Bates presented several options for the car park. To submit a final paper to the January meeting

b) To determine new entrance to play area.

Clerk to chase funding application. Option to approach CGP

100/25.2 Parish Projects

i) Active Transport

Cllr Calsy reported that an application to GDF fund to be submitted in January

ii) Lights

Clerk awaiting proforma invoice. Report required by Pc as to why failed.

iii) Duddon Iron Furnace

Cllr Carrington reported that he had no response, so written to head office. Clerk to investigate cost of brown sign.

100/25.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations

a) Play Inspection Report

Quote received from Kompan re issues raised – to proceed

b) New proposed Mayor

Cllr Wright expressed concerns re proposal for a mayor for Cumberland

c) CALC Board member

No nominations presented.

d) 2026 Meeting Dates

Clerk presented dates for 2026 – approved, venues booked.

100/25.4 Sub Group Reports

a) Environment Group

Cllr Calsy reported that the school children are looking at planning up the old play area.

100/25.5 Councillor vacancies

The Clerk reported that 2 expressions of interest had been received. Awaiting formal application.

101/25 To reports from representatives on outside bodies

Copeland Community Partnership (GDF)

Cllr Savage gave feedback from the last meeting. Moving to bimonthly meetings. Next meeting 5 November – to send apologies.

102/25 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received that has not been previously circulated:
None

103/25 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- Cllr Savage asked that the Millom Town Deal be placed on the January agenda
- Cllr Savage reminded that there is a Governance Review of Ghyll Scaur Quarry Fund on 11 December
- Cllr Savage requested that a copy of the Thwaites VH agreement re the play park be forwarded to himself and Cllr Kitchingman

- Cllr Savage asked for the Development of the Website to be placed on the January agenda.
- Cllr Savage requested that all copies of Out and About be placed on the website.
- Cllr Carrington requested that the Website provider supply a simple guide to setting up emails on devices.

104/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 5 January 2026 Thwaites Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2048hrs

105/25 Closed Session

HR issues discussed. Clerk's contract and new pay scale agreed.

Signed ..C. Carrington.

Date...12 January 2026.