

**MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT
THWAITES VILLAGE HALL ON 2 MARCH 2026 COMMENCING AT
7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr C Carrington (Chair), Cllr B Wright, Cllr Bates, Cllr V Pogrel, Cllr M Kitchingman, Cllr S Atkinson, Cllr D Savage
Lesley Cooper Clerk

137/25 Apologies for absence

Cllr I Lockwood (Personal), Cllr A Calsy (Family), Cllr A Pratt, Cumberland Council

138/25 Exclusion of Press and Public

Press and Public are excluded from Agenda item 16 – Closed Session Human Resources Issues

139/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

140/25 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 February 2026

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair

141/25 Police Liaison Report

Circulated. No comments

142/25 Progress Report

Clerk's Report

None

143/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

144/25 Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr Pratt had submitted a report in his absence which was accepted. The Clerk was instructed to contact Cllr Pratt with regards to the outstanding matters from the last meeting and request an update on actions.

145/25 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

145/25.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

4/26/2049/0F1 Old Dunningwell House, The Green

Construction of a single storey rear extension to create an access porch, and replacement roof covering over the existing wood store from slate to Marley Eternit Rivendale slates

Supported no comments

7/2026/BP014 Old Broadgate Farm Buildings and cottage, Thwaites

Building Preservation Order

For information only

7/2026/BP015 Old Broadgate Farmhouse, Thwaites

Building Preservation Order

For information only

7/2026/BP016 Low Broadgate Steading, Thwaites

Building Preservation Order

For information Only

145/25.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

145/25.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None

146/25 FINANCIAL RECORDS

146/25.1 The following payment was approved

L Cooper	Clerks salary & expenses	£231.96
HMRC	PAYE	£ 49.00
Information Commissioner	Data Protection fee	£ 52.00
V E Falconer	Audit of Clerk's holiday entitlement	£ 45.00

146/25.2 To note the receipt of payments.

None

146/25.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 31 January 2026

Checked and verified by Cllr Kitchingman

146/25.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 28 February 2026 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required. Current Acct £11338.60, Deposit Acct £12108.93 Committed reserves £10277.40. The Clerk reported that there would be a small underspend at the end of the financial year.

146/25.5 To consider S137 Donations

RESOLVED To donate £200 to the North West Air Ambulance Proposed Cllr Bates
Seconded Cllr Pogrel

RESOLVED to donate £100 to Barrow Food Bank to be used for the residents of Millom and its surrounds.

147/25 PARISH MATTERS

147/25.1 Community Plan

a) Audit of Assets

Cllr Pogrel reported that she visited one site which was not suitable and will be viewing another with the school head teacher. Cllrs Bates, Pogrel and Carrington to attend the school's open day.

b) Pinnel Hole car parking

Cllr Pogrel reported that the camper van had now been removed but the trailers were still there. It was noted that a garage licence owner was advertising their property for sale along with a garage. Clerk to write to Licence holder reminding them that the garage licence is nontransferable.

c) To determine new entrance to play area.

The Clerk reported that an application had been submitted but the funders required other quotes and additional information.

Resolved to submit an application for funding to Ghyll Scaur Quarry Community Fund.

d) Website Development

Fixed header rolling up. Town Deal website link needs updating. Link to PC Facebook page. Road works notifications to be put on website.

147/25.2 Parish Projects

i) Active Transport – Barrow to Esk Active Travel

Cllr Calsy had sent a report in her absence which was accepted. Awaiting funding application decision.

ii) Lights

Cllr Pogrel reported that she was investigating local suppliers to maintain. To check with local suppliers if they were able to purchase and install streetlights.

iii) Duddon Iron Furnace

Cllr Carrington reported that LDNP own the Furnace. Awaiting a response re maintenance responsibility.

147/25.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations

a) Play Inspection Report

Kompan confirmed that the swings were not checked. Cllr Kitchingman reported that the wrong piece of equipment had been replaced.

Cllr Kitchingman to investigate email trial.

147/25.4 Subgroup Reports

a) Environment Group

Cllr Calsy had sent a report that awaiting improved weather to resume work with thwaites School on a garden/wild area.

147/25.5 Councillor vacancies

Two vacancies remaining.

147/25.6 Annual Parish Meeting

To be held Monday 18 May 2026, and agenda to be confirmed

148/25 To reports from representatives on outside bodies

Copeland Community Partnership (GDF)

Cllr Pogrell reported that winter bird survey – awaiting report. Community Impact study to take 6 months. Cllr Pogrell to attend June meeting. Clerk to contact Chair re lack of future dates.

149/25 Correspondence

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

- Notification from Grass contractor increasing cost by £5 per cut
- Pensions Regulator – re-enrolment and re-declaration notice

150/25 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- Cllr Pogrell has received complaints re Styleside and the Pinnel Hole especially with regards to being able to pass safely on the road.
- Cllr Pogrell had received requests for dog poo bins by the Marshes. To be placed on next Agenda for discussion
- Cllr Savage had received a request from a resident to remove fallen trees in Sandhalls wood and maintain the wood in recompense. To be placed on April agenda for discussion, Clerk to ascertain ownership.
- Cllr Wright enquired who was responsible for PROW gates. To report on Highways HiMs system.
- Cllr Wright enquired if the clerk had received notification re road impact by pylon reconstruction at Lady Hall, clerk confirmed that nothing had been receive as yet.
- Cllr Bates reported that there had been some shooting in Crag field wood. It was confirmed that there has been some deer stalking taking place.
- Cllr Atkinson stated that she had received complaints re motorcycles racing around the Duddon Valley especially at weekends. To advise residents to report to police immediately.

151/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 13 April 2026 The Hill Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2110hrs
Clerk then left the meeting

151/25 Closed Sessionaid

Resolved to accept Internal Auditors report and to reimburse the Clerk.

Signed

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