

MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THWAITES VILLAGE HALL ON 11 MAY 2026 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr C Carrington(Chair), Cllr D Savage Cllr B Wright, Cllr V Pogrel, Cllr M Kitchingman, Cllr I Lockwood, Cllr M Bates
Lesley Cooper Clerk
1 member of public

1/26 Election of Chair: Proposed by Cllr Pogrel, Seconded Cllr Savage
Cllr Carrington elected as Chair. Acceptance signed

2/26 Election of Vice Chair: Proposed by Cllr Pogrel, Seconded Cllr Lockwood
Cllr Savage elected as Vice Chair. Acceptance signed

3/26 Apologies for absence
Cllr A Calsy (Family)

4/26 Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 12 May 2025. Approved and signed.

5/26 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To appoint members of the Council to serve on the following outside bodies:

- South Copeland Partnership - Cllr Savage
- South Copeland Community Partnership (GDF) – Shared responsibility
- Ghyll Scaur Quarry Liaison - Cllrs Savage, Lockwood, Bates
- CGP Trust Fund - Cllrs Kitchingman, Carrington, Pogrel, Bates
- Ghyll Scaur Quarry Fund – Cllrs Savage, Lockwood, Wright, Calsy
- Thwaites Village Hall – Cllr Kitchingman
- Thwaites School – Cllr Pogrel
- Millom Marshes – Cllrs Calsy & Bates

6/26 To reaffirm that the Parish Council meets the conditions under section 8(2) of the Localism Act 2011 and The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 and therefore may act under the General Power of Competence.

There being no other business, the ordinary meeting continued.

7/26 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

8/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

9/26 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 April 2026

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair. Agenda item 161/25.4 General Reserve should read £12492.14

10/26 Police Liaison Report

Circulated. No comments

11/26 Progress Report

Clerk's Report

Bamboo had been sprayed. Received a letter from HMRC that a cheque had not been signed and therefore destroyed. Cheque requires re-issuing.

12/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident apologised for the parking of trailers on the Pinnel Hole. He reported that he is keeping the footpath at the back of his property clear of weeds etc. Reported that the public footpath sign was not secure but being managed by the homeowner.

The Chair thanked him for this report.

13/26 Unitary Councillor Report

No report. Clerk to contact re matters outstanding.

14/26 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

14/26.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

14/26.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

14/26.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None

15/26 FINANCIAL RECORDS

15/26.1 The following payment was approved

L Cooper	Clerks salary & expenses	£231.96
HMRC	PAYE	£ 49.00
HMRC	PAYE April replacement	£ 48.80
V E Falconer	Internal Auditors fee	£ 85.00
KMC Grafix Ltd	Notice for play area	£ 10.71
L Butcher	Spraying of bamboo	£ 60.00

15/26.2 To note the receipt of payments.

None

15/26.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 30 April 2026

Not received

15/26.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at April 2026 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None Required

15/26.5 To approve the Internal Auditors report and note any actions

Approved, actions noted

15/26.6 To complete and approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26

Completed and Approved

15/26.7 To approve the Accounting Statement for 2025/26

Accepted and approved

15/26.8 To confirm that the Parish Council meets all requirements to submit a Certificate of Exemption for the financial year 2025/26 and to authorise the chair to sign as such.

All criteria met, Chair approved to sign

16/26 PARISH MATTERS

16/26.1 Community Plan

a) Audit of Assets

Bench to be donated to school, Clerk to arrange delivery. Garages licences to be removed from asset register.

Cllr Kitchingman had produced a condition survey for all assets. Clerk to obtain costs for undertaking works on those assets identified.

Cllrs Wright & Savage to investigate minor works improvements for access to a seat at Lady Hall.

b) Pinnel Hole car parking

Cllr Pogrel reported that a consultation document had been produced showing 2 options for improvements. To speak to garage owners first, then to wider community. Proposed to hold a community consultation event to discuss Pinnel Hole, play area and solar lights.

c) To determine new entrance to play area.

Clerk reported that the bespoke accessible gate should be completed by end of June. Clerk to contact contractor re other works required.

d) Website Development

Cllr Wright is experiencing problems accessing emails, Clerk to contact Webmaster. Cllr Savage stated that Out & About was out of date on website.

Clerk stated that they are not being sent through to her.

16/26.2 Parish Projects

i) Active Transport – Barrow to Esk Active Travel

Cllr Calsy had sent a report in her absence stating that funding had been received for the feasibility study.

ii) Lights

Cllr Pogrel reported that a local supplier had been contacted. 3 quotes to be obtained for procurement/installation/maintenance. Final consultation to be undertaken re location of lights.

iii) Duddon Iron Furnace

Cllr Carrington reported that LDNP & Historic England were disputing responsibility for the site.

iv) Dog Poo Bins

Clerk to contact Cllr Pratt re costs etc.

v) Sandhalls wood, removal of wood and fallen trees

Clerk reported that the wood is not owned by the Council. Clerk to bring maps to June meeting re land ownership by PC

vi) Annual Parish Meeting 18 May 2026

Report back on Community Plan, update on progress, project development. Clerk to source light refreshments,

16/26.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations

a) Play Inspection Report

To await next report.

16/26.4 Subgroup Reports

a) Environment Group

No report.

16/26.5 Councillor vacancies

Two vacancies remaining. To be raised at Annual Parish Meeting

17/26 To reports from representatives on outside bodies

Ghyll Scaur Quarry

Complaints received of lorries backing up on road at lay bye (usually Monday). GSQ staff to monitor. Complain received re blasting, blast monitor to be moved. Ponds – survey and to clear out in phases.

Concerns that there are no longer any specialist mineral planners within Cumberland Council. Concerns that the traffic management plan is not working.

Copeland Community Partnership (GDF)

No further updates.

17/26 Correspondence

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

- Email from resident re concerns over bamboo growth. Clerk to respond.

18/26 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- Cllr Lockwood raised concerns of the state of the road to Underhill. To be reported
- Cllr Pogrel reported that the light by the Pump House had now been repaired

19/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 1 June 2026 The Hill Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2116hrs

Signed

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