

**Draft MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THE
HILL VILLAGE HALL ON 1 JUNE 2026 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr C Carrington(Chair), Cllr B Wright, Cllr V Pogrel, Cllr M Kitchingman, Cllr I Lockwood, Cllr M Bates, Cllr A Calsy, Cllr S Atkinson

Lesley Cooper Clerk

Cllr A Pratt (Cumberland Council)

1 member of public

20/26 Apologies for absence

Cllr D Savage (Holiday)

21/26 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

22/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

23/26 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 May 2026

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

24/26 Police Liaison Report

Not received

25/26 Progress Report

Clerk's Report

Road from A5093 to Underhill crossing reported to Highways.

AGAR had been submitted to external auditors and acknowledgement of receipt received.

Vat claim submitted

26/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident apologised for the parking of trailers on the Pinnel Hole and that they would all be removed this week. He has been researching potential lighting for The Green and also wished to present some general suggestions for parking at the Pinnel Hole.

27/26 Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr Pratt gave the following report:

South Cumberland meeting 6 June 10am, discussing new flood alleviation scheme.

Planning officers and Highways visiting Dunningwell Hall this week.

Buckman's Brow – failed bits to be replaced July/August along with Whicham Valley Road. There will be partial closures with traffic lights. Cllrs Calsy & Wright asked that the junction with Lady Hall be closed off to prevent it being used as an alternative route. Cllr Pratt to investigate.

Terry Wallace – new Highways contact.

Still seeking new Dog bins and prices.

A rod had been lost in a drain within The Hill by Cumberland contractors and needed an update.

The reported broken gate is to be repaired/

There is still funding available in the South Cumberland Community Fund.

Cllr Bates asked if there would be any link between the Millom Flood retention and work being done by Millom Marshes group.

The Chair thanked Cllr Pratt for his report.

28/26 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

28/26.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

28/26.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

28/26.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None

29/26 FINANCIAL RECORDS

29/26.1 The following payment was approved

L Cooper Clerks salary & expenses £231.96

HMRC PAYE £ 49.00

Thwaites VH Room Hire £200.00

29/26.2 To note the receipt of payments.

Grant for new entrance to play area £2000

29/26.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 30 April 2026

Checked and verified by Cllr Kitchingman

29/26.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 May 2026 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None Required C/A £21228.49. D/A £12445.42 Committed reserves £14737.24, General Reserve £18936.67

30/26 PARISH MATTERS

30/26.1 Community Plan

Audit of Assets

Bench to be donated to school, Clerk to arrange delivery.

Clerk reported that paint for phone box would be £125.79 plus delivery and vat. Agreed to purchase paint.

Review an accessible route to bench at Lady Hall at July meeting.

Pinnel Hole car parking

Clerk reported that requested quote to resurface car park as is. Consultation events to be arranged

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Clerk awaiting date for fitting.

Website Development

Clerk to check that all information is being placed on website.

30/26.2 Parish Projects

Active Transpo

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– Barrow to Esk Active Travel

Cllr Calsy reported that there is a meeting end of June to move the project forward and will be attending local shows to promote.

ii) Lights

Cllr Pogrel reported that they were reviewing previous requests for lights and producing a tender document.

iii) Duddon Iron Furnace

Cllr Carrington reported that no progress had been made. Suggested planned tours of the site.

Iv) Dog Poo Bins.

Application made.

v) Sandhalls wood, removal of wood and fallen trees

Maps checked and the wood owned by the PC is opposite Sandhalls wood. Correspondent to be informed of council's policy of managing woodland.

vi) Dunningwell Hall

Planning to attend this week.

vii) Broken Gate

Reported and being mended

viii) Annual Parish Meeting - Feedback

Points raised – viable footpath between village halls – to be placed on future agendas for discussion and viability.

Solar lights – the Hill – to be included in next phase.

Wheelchair access footpaths – to consider where these can be improved.

Community involvement to take meetings out to smaller communities.

30/26.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations

Play Inspection Report

To await next report.

30/26.4 Subgroup Reports

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No report.

16/26.5 Councillor vacancies

Two vacancies remaining. To be raised at Annual Parish Meeting

31/26 To reports from representatives on outside bodies.

Copeland Community Partnership (GDF)

Meeting this week.

32/26 Correspondence

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

Letter received from HNMRC confirming that no monies are owed to the PC.

33/26 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

Cllr Lockwood raised concerns

re

the state of

Middle Cut. Suggested write to landowners reminding them of their responsibilities. Clerk to obtain list of landowners.

Cllr

Atkinson sought clarification of the boundary of the parish.

Cllr Pogrel had received complaints of speeding through The Green and could the speed limit be reduced to 20mph.
Cllr Pratt to make enquiries.

Cllr Carrington would like the promotion of things of interest within the parish to be placed on next agenda for discussion.

34/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 6 July 2026 Thwaites Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2058hrs

Signed Date.....