

Allhallows Parish Council

A meeting of the Allhallows Parish Council was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Messrs. M. Abbott, J. Mansfield, K. Faulder, B. Williamson, J. Pegler, M. Bowness, S. Barton, and G. Marr

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk) and a resident

Apologies: K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor)

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

1/2025 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

None

2/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

3/2025 DISPENSATIONS

None.

4/2025 MINUTES

On the proposal of J. Mansfield and seconded K. Faulder it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

5/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present, and no matters were raised on their behalf.

6/2025 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items on the agenda which required the exclusion of the press or public.

7/2025 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence have been received since the last meeting and circulated to members for their information: -.

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – December 2024

A letter from Cumbria Community Foundation seeking a donation to Cumbria Winter Warmth Appeal.

Invitation to Cumbria Coastal Route 200 (CCR200) workshop

Help this winter 2024 leaflet.

ACT Update – November 2024

Bus Services Survey

You're invited to the Lake to Sea Active Travel Community Network Event – 17.1.25.

Influencing Rural Issues Survey 2024

Have your say on the council's 2025/6 budget.

Urgent Copyright issues for Parish Council Websites

Cumbria Local Nature Partnership News

CALC News – September & October 2024

VE Day 80 – 8th May 2025

All aboard for change: Shape Cumberland's bus routes with 5 million investment.

CALC and Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Events

8/2025 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a brief report on matters that had arisen since the last meeting which included: -

- i) As the result of a resident contacting him as the result of the closure of the B5299 at Mealsgate for 49 days he had asked Cumberland Council Highways to grit the Fletchertown to Leegate road, but they have refused.
- ii) The defective streetlight on George Moore Avenue has now been fixed.
- iii) A letter of thanks for the fingerpost sign painters had been received by Highways.

9/2025 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

A written report has been received and circulated. K. Faulder advised that the AGM will be held on the last Friday of the month (31st).

10/2025 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Thurlow had tendered his apologies.

11/2025 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

OUT/2024/0002	Outline permission for 3 single story dwellings Between Allhallows Church and Leaside, Fletchertown, CA7 1BS	No Objections
FUL/2024/0239	Earth bank slurry lagoon with a liner and Floating cover Baggrow farm, Aspatria, CA7 3QF	No Objections
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(b) Decisions

None

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(c) Appeals

None

(d) Planning related correspondence

None.

12/2025 ACCOUNTS

i) The payment of the accounts since the last meeting were ratified, and remainder were approved for payment: -

Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (October)	£300.00
Water Plus	Water rates (October)	£10.93
W & B Powley	Hedge cutting	£140.00
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
T. Gear	Clerks Account (Nov./Dec.)	£602.81
HMRC	Income Tax (Sept/Oct.)	£128.05
T. Gear	Printer Inks	£44.61

ii) Balances as at

13.1.25	Current Account	£6,031.51
13.1.25	Deposit Account	£4,851.48

13/2025 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

i) Allotments: M. Abbott said that the allotments were very wet. The clerk advised that the rents were due next month, and all agreed that the rents were to remain the same as last year. Also, it is now a requirement that the keeping birds and poultry has to be registered with DEFRA and a letter to that effect has been sent to all hen pen tenants.

ii) Play Park: K. Faulder stated it is very wet at present.

iii) Flooding: S. Barton stated that the flood gates had been deployed but there were no issues.

iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield attended Fells and Solway Community Panel at Caldbeck and found it rather intimidating. The next meeting is in March.

14/2025 HEDGES TO THE FRONT OF WEST STYREET

Following complaints the clerk had reported the hedges which overhang the footway to highways. They have reported back to say that there are no hedges overhanging the footway.

15/2025 BAGGROW LONNING

Work is ongoing. The contractors have now located the pipe leading to the beck which they intend to jet to complete the work.

16/2025 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

This is an ongoing project, and more trees will be planted in spring.

17/2025 SPEEDING MEALSGATE AND CUMBERLAND COUNCIL 20MPH POLICY

The clerk advised that Cumberland Council are yet to purchase a speed indication device and that the council's request for 20mph will be considered in 2026.

18/2025 DRAINAGE – PLAY PARK, FLETCHERTOWN

The clerk advised that the work to the willow will be carried out in spring.

19/2025 GRASS CUTTING IN TH PARISH 2025

A quote had been received from the contractor for cutting the grass in the parish for the forthcoming season which was accepted.

19/2025 ODD JOBS IN THE PARISH

The Chair gave a verbal update on the work of the odd job person including the seat outside of the allotments has been removed for painting before being re-sited.

20/2025 STREET LIGHT REMOVAL - OUTSIDE ROSEDENE, MEALSGATE

Highways have advised this will be replaced before the end of this financial year.

21/2025 ODD JOB PERSON

Work is ongoing when weather permits

22/2025 VE DAY 80 – 8th MAY 2025

It was agreed J Mansfield would arrange a meeting with the Church and Community Centre to arrange event(s).

23/2025 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Information on Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council had been circulated.

24/2025 HEDGES NEAR ALL SAINTS CHURCH

This has been reported to highways which has been acknowledged but no action has yet been taken.

25/2025 PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR

A local contractor has moved the defibrillator to near to the entrance of the Community Centre. On the proposal of M. Abbott and seconded by K. Faulder it was agreed to donate £50 as an appreciation for his work. The damaged payphone box will be removed soon.

26/2025 CUMBERLAND WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

Whilst information regarding the review had been circulated. The clerk advised members that the purpose of the review was to increase the number of Cumberland Councilors from 46 to 55 which would also result in some wards boundary changes.

27/2025 .gov WEBSITE

The clerk advised that Parish Councils were coming under government pressure to have .gov websites for security purposes. This was discussed but it was felt that at this stage the council should continue with the present website

28//2025 PROGRESS REPORTS

- (i) Any items for the next newsletter should be forwarded to the Clerk by 15th. February 2025 for delivery early March 2025.

29/2025 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Baggrow Lonning
- Restoration of bonfire site
- Play Park
- Fibus
- VE Day 80 Celebrations
- Dog Fouling

30/2025 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5th March 2025 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed.....
Chair