

Allhallows Parish Council

A meeting of the Allhallows Parish Council was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 7.00pm.

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

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk), K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor) and two residents (Public Participation)

Apologies: None

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

108/2025 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

K. Faulder (personal) tendered her apologies, which were accepted.

109/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

110/2025 DISPENSATIONS

None.

111/2025 MINUTES

On the proposal of J. Pegler and seconded J. Mansfield it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

112/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of the public present who raised the following issues: -

1. There had been a meeting on 13th August 2025 with Karl Melville, Cumbria Highways and Marcus Campbell-Savours MP during which it was claimed that highways were unaware of any speeding issues on the B5299 Mealsgate being raised by the Parish Council. The clerk to write to both parties and correct that statement.
2. The bench at George Moore Avenue had now been installed but the other seat required attention.
3. Grit bin had not been installed.
4. Seats are required in front of the bungalows at George Moore Avenue

113/2025 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

114/2025 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 – July and August 2025

CALC News May/June 2025

Local Resilience Plans

Flood Resilience Survey for Parish & Town Councils (Deadline 29 August)

Cumbria People and Nature Network news

Village Hall could become refuge during power cuts, thanks to investment.

Town and Parish Councils' Update Devolution

Cumbria Local Nature Partnership News and Recovery Strategy Public Consultation

Celebrate Your Leaders – NALC Star Councillor of the Year Nominations Now Open

Invitation: Introduction to Age-friendly Communities Webinar – 10th September

Cumberland Local Plan Briefing

Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Newsletter – Summer (2)

Carbon Literacy Action Day 2025 is on the horizon.

Invitation: Presentation by Alex Scott, Cumbria's Lord Lieutenant – 8 September

115/2025 CLERKS REPORT

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

- i) Letter of thanks had been received Wigton Baths for the council's donation.
- ii) An e-mail and document had been received from CALC entitled Important Update – New Assertion 10 in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide which came into effect in April 2025. The document had been circulated and required the council to update its website and provide dedicated e-mails for each councillor from a .gov or .org domain along with several other documents to be published on the website. This has been forwarded to the webmaster for advice and costings.
- iii) There had been a parking issue at the entrance to Fletchertown which had been referred to the Police and Parking Service at Cumberland Council

116/2025 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

A brief written report had been received which was read. (copy attached)

117/2025 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Thurlow addressed the meeting and went through some of the highway issues below and advised that he would not be preparing a report for council as requested.

118/2025 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

None

(b) Decisions

None

(c) Appeals

None

(d) Planning related correspondence

(i) Notification under regulation 5 – Part 16 Electronic communication code operators from Fibrus regarding the proposal to erect 1 x 9 metre pole at Next to West House, Wigton, CA7 3QF.

(ii) An email entitled Cumberland Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation had been circulated.

119/2025 ACCOUNTS

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

T Gear	Printer Ink	£44.77
Top Mark Pest Sols.	Pest Control	£55.00
Printpoint	Newsletter	£50.00
Wigton Baths	Donation	£75.00
Mike Dowling Cont. Ltd	Grass cutting (June)	£630.00
Water plus	Water Rates	£9.44
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
Mike Dowling Cont. Ltd	Grass cutting (July)	£630.00
T. Gear	Clerks Account (July/Aug.)	£570.00
HMRC	Income Tax (May/June)	£121.18
Water Plus	Water Rates	£9.67
Mike Dowling Cont. Ltd	Grass cutting (August)	£630.00

ii) Balances as at

3.9.25	Current Account	£9,857.83
3.9.25	Deposit Account	£5,040.77

120/2025 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

i) Allotments: M. Abbott said that the allotments were being worked but one hen pen was overgrown

ii) Play Park: K. Faulder had tendered her apologies

iii) Flooding: S. Barton stated that there were no issues and that she had completed the ACRE/NALC survey. Storage box now in place.

iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield was unable to attend any outside bodies.

121/2025 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members received an update from the clerk on the following highway matters: -

- (i) Baggrow Lonning - Ongoing
- (ii) Water across road at King Gate – EI/238551 – Being investigated.
- (iii) Street Name Sign – Watch Hill -EI/244665 – No response from Highways
- (iv) Baggrow/Blennerhasset Sign, Baggrow -EI/244662 – No response from highways
- (v) Bush – Gowrie EI/239512 – Has been cut.
- (vi) Damaged Fingerpost Sign – Harby Brows – EI253726 – No response from highways
- (vii) Defective Light – Mealsgate – EI223977 – Highways say it ENW and ENW say they are awaiting an order from highways.
- (viii) Obscured, worn out signage and overhanging hedges – Mealsgate - EI/246062 – Poor response from highways.
- (ix) Pole erected in highway verge close to road – King Gate -EL248806 Highways say it meets requirements. Complaint to Fibrus

122/2025 UNTIDY SITE

An untidy site in Fletchertown was raised and there has been no improvement over the past months. The clerk to report to Environmental Health at Cumberland Council

123/2025 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

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

124/2025 GRIT BIN

The promised grit bin in Fletchertown has not materialized. Information suggests it will be in place for winter.

125/2025 ODD JOBS IN THE PARISH

The Chair gave a verbal update on the work of the odd job person.

126/2025 SPEEDING – B5299 GOWRIE

A resident has raised concerns regarding this issue. Members agreed it is an issue, and the clerk was asked to report to highways.

127/2025 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The latest Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council had been circulated.

128/2025 B5299 - MEALSGATE

These issues had been discussed many times and will be raised again with Karl Melville, Assistant Director of Highways.

129/2025 CLERKS NATIONAL PAY AWARD 2025/26

The clerk advised that there had been a national pay award for clerks which was accepted.

130/2025 COUNCILLOR CONDUCT: RESPECT, SOCIALMEDIA AND REFRESHER TRAINING

Cumberland Council had circulated information, guidance, and good practice together with slides which had been circulated to all members. No questions were raised.

131/2025 FUNDING REQUEST

A funding request had been received from Citizens Advice Allerdale. It was agreed to donate £50.00 to this worthy cause.

132/2025 PROGRESS REPORTS

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

133/2025 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Baggrow Lonning
- Restoration of bonfire site
- Grit bin Fletchertown
- Highway matters
- Untidy Site – Fletchertown
- Condition of Footpath 211009
- Maintenance Issues

134/2025 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 6th November 2025 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown at 7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed.....

Chair