

Allhallows Parish Council

A meeting of the Allhallows Parish Council was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 7.00pm.

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

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

Apologies: None

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

31/2025 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

None

32/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

33/2025 DISPENSATIONS

None.

34/2025 MINUTES

On the proposal of J. Mansfield and seconded K. Faulder it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

35/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following items were raised by residents: -

- i) Grit bin in Fletchertown and road to Leegate near High Aikten Farm
- ii) Seat at George Moore Avenue
- iii) Parish Christmas Tree
- iv) Firework display
- v) Removal of the main late post box in Aspatria

36/2025 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

37/2025 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 – January and February 2025

CALC and Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Events

New Flood Warning Service Testing

Refugee Locality Group (West) Meeting.

The latest from Fells and Solway Community Panel

Planning Policy Event for Town and Parish Council.
 Agencies issue advice ahead of Storm Eowyn
 Opportunity to make a difference: Free NHS App Champion Workshop.
 Scam Leaflet
 Devolution Update – Government consultation now live
 CALC News – November & December 2024
 Reminder ACT Rural Survey – Presentation and Discussion
 LSE/NALC emergency planning survey – request to complete/promote. (Clerk to complete)
 Council Code of Conduct
 Waste Matters

38/2025 CLERKS REPORT

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

- i) The response from Fibrus regarding matters raised at the last meeting.
- ii) The Data Protection Fee is due and is collected by Direct Debit of £52.00 which is discounted by £5.00.
- iii) There is a brand-new defibrillator in the box at the Community Centre thanks to the MW Ambulance Service and a grant from Aspatria Charity Shop.

39/2025 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

A comprehensive written report had been received, the highlights were mentioned and the full report circulated by e-mail.

40/2025 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Thurlow addressed the meeting and advised members of his endeavors to have Baggrow Lonning completed. He also advised members of the Council Tax for 2025/26

41/2025 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation
None

(b) Decisions
None

(c) Appeals
None

(d) Planning related correspondence
None.

42/2025 ACCOUNTS

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

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| NWAS NHS Trust | Defibrillator | £599.00 |
| Unity Trust Bank | Service Charge | £6.00 |
| T. Gear | Clerks Account (Jan./Feb.) | £565.40 |
| HMRC | Income Tax (Jan./Feb.) | £112.18 |

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| Cumberland Council | Play Park Inspection | £72.00 |
| Water Plus | Water Rates | £7.73 |
| M. Eve | Defibrillator | £50.00 |
| Allhallows Centre | Room Hire | £57.00 |
| Print Point | Newsletter | £50.00 |
| Ministry of Doing | Website maintenance | £280.00 |

ii) Balances as at

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| 5.3.25 | Current Account | £5,958.25 |
| 5.3.25 | Deposit Account | £4,851.48 |

iii) The effectiveness of the 2023/24 audit was discussed and Mrs. J Rae was appointed Internal Auditor for the forthcoming 2024.25 audit.

43/2025 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

- i) Allotments: M. Abbott said that the allotments were very wet. The clerk advised that most rents had been paid and that reminders would be sent to the remainder.
- ii) Play Park: K. Faulder stated it is very wet at present and that there had been the independent Annual Play Park Inspection. The report raises issues which are to be remedied by the odd job person when the weather improves.
- iii) Flooding: S. Barton stated that there were no issues and that she had registered under the new Flood Warning Service.
- iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield attended the CALC and Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Event. She gave a verbal report and had found the event very interesting.

44/2025 HIGHWAY MATTERS

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

- i) Request for a grit bin in Fletchertown. - Highways advise that this does not meet the criteria
- ii) Hedge near All Saints Church – This has been cut but cutting remain on the footway
- iii) Drain outside of Allhallows Centre – This has been jetted.
- iv) Water across B5299 King Gate – Ditches have been cleared but problem remains.

45/2025 PLAY PARK ANNUAL INSPECTION

The report had been circulated, and remedial works will be carried out soon.

46/2025 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

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

47/2025 RISK ASSESSMENT 2025

The draft assessment had been circulated and was adopted.

48/2025 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 repair and painting before being re-sited.

49/2025 VE DAY 80 – 8th MAY 2025

J Mansfield advised that there had been an informal meeting of interested parties and articles prepared for the newsletter and Binsey Link.

50/2025 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

There was no new information.

51/2025 CUMBRIA CONSTABULARY NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING PLEDGE

This has been circulated and discussed. M. Abbott and S. Barton were appointed as the council's representatives.

52/2025 PROGRESS REPORTS

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

53/2025 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Baggrow Lonning
- Restoration of bonfire site
- Play Park
- Dog Fouling
- Grit bin Fletchertown
- Speed of traffic, Fletchertown
- Hedges – West Street, Fletchertown
- Untidy Site – Fletchertown

54/2025 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th May 2025 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown at 7.00pm** (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed.....

Chair