

**Waberthwaite & Corney Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Parish Meeting held at Waberthwaite & Corney District**  
**Village Hall,**  
**7.30 pm on 14 April 2026.**

Present

Chairman: Cllr N. Southward  
 Cllrs: R Thornton, E Wilson, J Varden  
 Clerk: G Savage

Minute Number	Item
1/26	<b>Apologies for absence</b> – Cllrs: M Steele, A Hadwin. These were accepted and approved by the Council. Cllr A Pritt – No apologies given.
2/26	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> – None
3/26	<b>Minutes</b> - It was proposed by Cllr R Thornton, seconded by Cllr E Wilson and resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026, minutes signed.
4/26	<b>Public Participation</b> – None
5/26	<b>Progress Reports</b>
	<p><b>Highways</b> 5/1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EI/258590</b> - Grass verge running from CA18 1RS to CA18 1RI affecting sight lines and needs cutting back. Clerk reported that this has been passed to a team for action. Work not completed but has been assigned to a contractor by Highways. Cllr A Pratt advised that the work is scheduled but no update yet.</li> <li>• <b>EI/293717</b> - Excessive water running down the hill on the southbound carriageway on Alley Hill. During heavy rain the surface water runs like a torrent down the hill from ///elbowing.stove.holiday it misses all the 4 gully drains until it runs into the 5<sup>th</sup> drain at point ///marshes.fiery.fear which is adjacent to Esk Villa. Reply from Highways stating that the drains are working, no flooding and case closed. Cllrs do not agree with Highways, problem started after roadworks. Clerk to discuss with Cllr A Pratt.</li> <li>• <b>EI/293721</b> In front of Croft House ///plausible.clocks.output the new road surface is higher than grass verge, it requires some alteration to the grass verge. Highways closed case, stating no problem with the road. Require photographs of site showing correct area.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road Sweeper – Has not been present in the Parish for several years and road widths are decreasing in many areas. Refer to Cllr Andy Pratt.</li> <li>• <b>EI/281010</b> Broadoak footpath – Requires attention, stone washed onto path and not accessible in places. This has now been resolved.</li> <li>• <b>EI/281015</b> School Warning Flashing lights – Not been working for some time. No update.</li> <li>• <b>EI/293722</b> Curb stone at Croft Villas LA19 5YH is out of place, requires reporting to Highways. This has been resolved.</li> <li>• Road deteriorating top of Alley Hill North bound to Amity and requires repairing. No update.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
	<b>5/2 Corney Telephone Box</b> – Parish resident has offered to paint the phone box but need volunteer to prepare the telephone box before work carried out. Chair to make enquiries.
	<b>5/3 Bin Collections Hall Waberthwaite – Frequently being missed.</b> No further reports from residents.
	<b>5/4 Corney Fell Road/ Oversized vehicles</b> – A member of the community has raised the issue about oversized vehicles using the fell road, which are prohibited. One suggestion put forward was to install signs before the exits at both sides, directing traffic away from the fell road. Motorists not familiar with the area following sat navs are directed over the fell road and correct signage may help alleviate this problem. Clerk reported to Cllr Andy Pratt. No update.
<b>6/26</b>	Unitary Councillor report: No update from Cllr A Pratt. Councillors N Southward, M Steele, R Thornton met with Cllr Andy Pratt on 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 to discuss issues within the Parish. Councillors have requested Cllr Andy Pratt to attend our meeting on a regular basis, in order that Parish matters can be discussed in person. They have also requested that a member of Cumberland Highways attends one of the Parish Council meetings to discuss Highway matter – to speak to Cllr A Pratt regarding this matter.
<b>7/26</b>	<b>Finance</b>
	<b>7.1 To consider the statements of accounts –</b> Current a/c £4115.07 BBM a/c 7,111.90 – 7/4/2026  It was proposed by Cllr E Wilson, seconded by Cllr J Varden and resolved that the accounts be accepted.
	<b>7.2 To consider the following payments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerks April salary 2026 - £116.70</li> <li>• HMRC / PAYE – April 2026 £29.20</li> <li>• Hugofox fee March &amp; April - £20.99,each month.</li> <li>• ICO – Data Protection Fee £52</li> <li>• Printer paper £6.99</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Printer ink £22.66</li> </ul> <p>It was proposed by Cllr E Wilson, seconded by Cllr J Varden and resolved that the payments be accepted.</p>
	<p><b>7.3 To note the following payments/credit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMRC / PAYE 29.20 – 31/03/2026</li> <li>• Clerks' March salary £116.70 – 31/03/2026</li> <li>• Hugofox fee £20.99 March – 30/03/2026</li> <li>• 1/04/2026 - £4000.00 credit Cumberland Council, precept.</li> </ul> <p>Noted</p>
<b>8/26</b>	<p><b>Clerk's report on any actions taken under delegated powers.</b></p> <p>None</p>
<b>9/26</b>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident of the Parish has raised concerns about the safety of the route from Barras Meadow to Brown Cow, the designated bus stop in the area. Is the council able to do anything about this access as number of children use this route. It was resolved that the clerk would speak to Cllr Andy Pratt regarding this matter.</li> <li>• Emails circulated to councillors for information.</li> </ul>
<b>10/26</b>	<p><b><u>Planning Applications</u></b></p> <p>None received.</p>
<b>11/26</b>	<p><b>Parish Matters, Council Priorities.</b></p> <p><b>11.1 Email account.gov.uk</b> – Councillors have been issued with new .gov emails and will need to be activated by the end of March to comply with assertion 10 regulations. Some Cllrs have not activated their email accounts, stating that they will continue to use their personal emails for council business. This is contrary to the advice offered by the clerk and CALC. The clerk highlighted the potential risks of their own personal emails accounts being exposed if the Parish Council received a FOI request.</p> <p><b>11.2 Councillor vacancy</b> – The role for the vacancy has been published in various public places – no response to date.</p> <p><b>11.3 Policies</b> – The following policies were reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessibility statement</li> <li>• Freedom of Information Policy</li> <li>• Data Protection policy</li> </ul> <p>It was proposed by Cllr R Thornton and seconded by Cllr E Wilson and resolved that these policies be accepted.</p>

	<p><b>11.4 Asset Register updated</b> – It was proposed by Cllr R Thornton and seconded by Cllr E Wilson and resolved that the asset register be accepted.</p> <p><b>11.5 Annual Parish Council Meeting.</b> It was proposed by Cllr R Thornton and seconded by Cllr E Wilson and resolved that the meeting be held on Tuesday 12 May 2026 starting at 7.30 pm.</p> <p><b>11.6 End of year Audit</b> – To be carried out by Fiona Roberts, clerk to arrange.</p> <p><b>11.7 St Johns defibrillator</b> – This has now been resolved, there was a fault on the door.</p> <p><b>11.7 Stagecoach X7 new bus service</b> – Clerk spoke to Stagecoach to establish where the bus stops in Waberthwaite as not displayed on the timetable. Stagecoach advised that it is best to use the app to plan your journey and this will inform residents where the nearest bus stop is to their location. There is a stop outside Brown Cow Inn, Waberthwaite and Broadoak Farm. The Stagecoach website also states that: <b>In urban areas, you can only get off at marked bus stops. However, in rural areas with no fixed bus stops, our bus drivers will happily stop on request if it's safe to do so.</b> <b>Our biggest concern is your safety and the safety of the other customers and driver. This is why, once a driver has shut the bus doors and started driving, they're not able to stop.</b> Clerk spoke to resident regarding this matter. Cllr stated in the meeting that new timetable has now been issued allowing extra time for the drivers.</p>
12/26	<p><b>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.</b> <b>12/1</b> Cllr N Southward mentioned about the wall near bus shelter which has been damaged. <b>12/2</b> Cllr E Wilson raised about the consultation regarding the closing of laybys/time restrictions to HGV's Calderbridge to Silcroft.</p>
13/26	<p><b>Date of next Parish meeting.</b> It was resolved that the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 12th May 2026 in Waberthwaite, Corney &amp; District Village Hall after the Annual Parish Council meeting which starts at 7.30pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.