Waberthwaite & Corney Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Meeting held at Waberthwaite& Corney District Village Hall,
7.30 pm on 8th September 2026.

Present
Chair: Cllr N. Southward
Vice Chair: M Steele
Cllrs: R Thornton, A Hadwin, A Pritt, E Wilson, J Varden
Clerk: G Savage,

Minute Number	Item
55/26	**Apologies for absence –** Cllr M Knowles. This was accepted and approved by the Council.
56/26	**Declaration of Interest** – None.
57/26	**Minutes -** It was proposed by Cllr A Hadwin, seconded by Cllr R Thornton and resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th July 2026, minutes signed.
58/26	**Public Participation –** Non present.
59/26	**Progress Reports**
	Highways **59/1** • **EI/258590** - 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. Work has been carried out to cut back some of the vegetation but needs further work as still affecting sight line. Clerk to reported to highways, report has been updated. Cllr A Pratt to contact Highways for further update. **No further update from Highways, however this has now been resolved by a member of the community carrying out the required work.** • **EI/293717** - 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 gulley drains until it runs into the 5th 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 previously spoke to Cllr Andy Pratt, Highways have advised him that further work will be carried out so that the rain

	water will hit the first drain to prevent the current problem reoccurring. Clerk spoke to Highways today, this case has been closed. Cllr A Pratt to contact Highways as further work is required to resolve this matter. **No further update.** • **EI/281010** Broadoak footpath **–** Requires attention, stone washed onto path and not accessible in places. This has now been resolved, but there is a further problem on the corner and needs new report submitting to Cumberland. Cllr A Pratt to report again to Highways as this case closed and further repairs are required. **Highways have carried out some repairs to the footpath, case closed.** • **EI/299147** Road deteriorating top of Alley Hill – No update, Cllr A pratt to contact Highways. **No Further update.** • **EI/305566** Overgrown hedgerow causing pedestrians to step onto the A595. **Matter resolved by the landowner, report closed.**
	59/2 Corney Telephone Box – Poster requesting assistance repainting the telephone box has been prepared by clerk and placed in public places.
	59/3 Damaged wall near bus shelter – Adam Jackson to repair.
60/26	**Unitary Councillor report**: No update.
61/26	**Finance**
	61.1 To consider the statements of accounts – Current a/c £152.75 BBM a/c 10,843.07 – 01/09/2026 It was proposed by Cllr A Hadwin, seconded by Cllr J Varden and resolved that the accounts be accepted.
	61.2 To consider the following payments: • Clerks September salary 2026 - £116.90 • HMRC / PAYE – July & August 2026 £29.00 • Hugofox fee September - £20.99, each month • J Geer grass cutting - £144.00 • Safelincs/Defibrillator Pads - £64.19 It was proposed by Cllr A Hadwin, seconded by Cllr J Varden and resolved that the payments be accepted.
	61.3 To note the following payments: • Hugofox fee £20.99 July – 28/7/2026 • Clerks July salary £116.70 – 5/8/2026 • Joe Geer Ltd £144.00 – 25/8/2026 • Hugofox fee £20.99 August – 28/8/2026 • HMRC / PAYE August £29.20 – 1/9/2026 • Clerks' August salary £116.70 – 1/9/2026 Noted
62/26	**Clerk's report on any actions taken under delegated powers.** None to report
63/26	**Correspondence:** • Emails circulated to councillors for information.

64/26	**<u>Planning Applications</u>** None received.
65/26	**Parish Matters, Council Priorities.** **65.1 Bus stop Brown Cow, access to Barrass Meadow – Access is unsafe as no footway for part of the route which is used frequently by children in the Parish.** Cllr Andy Pratt to forward request to Cumberland Council for consideration. No update. **65.2 Bank Account, dual control.** Clerk has added Cllr M Steele to online banking, process ongoing.
66/26	**Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.** Cllr M Steele has reported that the sign at top of Broadoak has been knocked down, requires reporting to Highways. Cllr Steele also reported that the defibrillator at Corney has been offline due to regular checks not being carried out and the cabinet not opening. Cllr Steele has fixed the unit and will pass details to the clerk of 2 parishioners who have volunteered to check the defibrillator on a monthly basis.
67/26	**Date of next Parish meeting.** It was resolved that the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 13th 2026 in Waberthwaite, Corney & District Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.