Waberthwaite & Corney Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Meeting held at Waberthwaite& Corney District Village Hall,
7.30 pm on 13th October 2026.

Present
Chair: Cllr N. Southward
Cllrs: R Thornton, E Wilson, J Varden, M Knowles
Clerk: G Savage,

Minute Number	Item
68/26	**Apologies for absence –** Cllrs M Steele, A Pritt, A Hadwin. This was accepted and approved by the Council.
69/26	**Declaration of Interest** – None.
70/26	**Minutes -** It was proposed by Cllr J Varden, seconded by Cllr R Thornton and resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th September 2026, minutes signed.
71/26	**Public Participation –** Non present.
72/26	**Progress Reports**
	Highways **72/1** • **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, this case has been closed. Cllr A Pratt to contact Highways as further work is required to resolve this matter. **No further update.** • **EI/299147** Road deteriorating top of Alley Hill – No update, Cllr A pratt to contact Highways. **No Further update, clerk to contact Highways.** • **E1/316839** Broadoak Hill Road sign knocked down and needs reinstating – No update.

	• **EI/318473** 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. Stone has now washed onto the A595 and the footpath. Cllrs have requested that a member of Highways visit the site to establish how they can address this problem which keep reoccurring after heavy rain due to drainage issues. Clerk to contact Highways and Cllr A Pratt.**
	72/2 Corney Telephone Box – Poster requesting assistance repainting the telephone box has been prepared by clerk and placed in public places. No volunteers have come forward. Cllr E Wilson proposed that the Parish Council should pay for the phone box to be painted, there was no support from other Councillors. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Cllr Pratt and establish if grants were available for this project.
	72/3 Damaged wall near bus shelter – Adam Jackson to repair,no update.
73/26	**Unitary Councillor report**: Cllr A Pratt provided the following update for October: Cumberland now have a new CEO. Jo Atkinson taking over at Xmas Jo is an internal appointment but no plans on how her role will be replaced Director of Children's Services left. Chris Jones King Director of Adult Social Care and Housing is filling in until a replacement can be appointed. Cumberland have called in external auditors re finances and ongoing plan for Cumberland. New electoral boundaries now in place in preparation of next year's elections. 595 road snagging is still ongoing under contractors' warranty The DSD repairs on the A595 at Waberthwaite are programmed for the 11th to 15th January under traffic lights with a road closure for one night on the 15th January. The section of the A595 Drigg to Muncaster is programmed for 15th - 27th March under nighttime road closures. I have logged again the road to the bridge past Newbiggin and also multiple carriageway defects on the road to Waberthwaite Church after being contacted by a resident also the ongoing issues on of water on the footpath between the Village and Corney Fell Road end GDF – awaiting Secretary of State decision staff are still out in the community attending events we are hopeful for an announcement before Xmas (but I will not commit to say which Xmas that might be) Any other issues please let me know Andy Pratt

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74/26	**Finance**
	74.1 To consider the statements of accounts – Current a/c £185.86 BBM a/c 10,678.05 – 05/10/2026 It was proposed by Cllr J Varden, seconded by Cllr M Knowles and resolved that the accounts be accepted.
	74.2 To consider the following payments: • Clerks' salary October 2026 Pay rise back dated to 1/4/2026 & last yearly increment 1/9/2026 as previously agreed – Gross back pay £26.40 & Gross October salary £153.10 – Net after tax £143.50 • HMRC / PAYE – October 2026 £36 • Hugofox October fee – £20.99 each month. • Zurich Insurance renewal £214.00 • Microsft Fee £84.99 It was proposed by Cllr J Varden, seconded by Cllr M Knowles and resolved that the payments be accepted.
	74.3 To note the following payments: • HMRC / PAYE September £29.00 – 27/9/2026 • Hugofox fee £20.99 – 28/9/2026 • Clerks September salary £116.90 – 29/9/2026 Noted
75/26	**Clerk's report on any actions taken under delegated powers.** None to report
76/26	**Correspondence:** • Emails circulated to councillors for information.
77/26	**<u>Planning Applications</u>** **Reference: 7/2026/4059** **Location: Prospect Hill, Waberthwaite, Millom, LA19 5YN** **Proposal: Change of use from a detached converted garage that is currently being used as an additional room or studio as part of our property to be used as a location for short term holiday letting.** **Reply by: 30 October 2026** **Reply to: planning@lakedistrict.gov.uk** Clerk to report to Planning that the work/change of use has already been completed before planning permission application.
78/26	**Parish Matters, Council Priorities.** **78.1 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 – 13/10/2026

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	78.2 Bank Account, dual control. Clerk has added Cllr M Steele to online banking, process ongoing. **78.3 Financial Policy Updates-** Ongoing **78.4 Draft Budget –** Clerk circulated budget report, account statements & draft budget for Cllrs to consider and approve at the next meeting. **78.5 Corney defibrillator cabinet –** Cabinet lock jammed and can't open unit. The defibrillator has been taken offline while repair undertaken. Clerk has emailed the supplier/manufacturer but no response yet.
79/26	**Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:** Cllr E Wilson reported that the culvert on Corney Fell Road is blocked,to obtain what three word location to report to Highways and Clerk will add to next months agenda.
80/26	**Date of next Parish meeting.** It was resolved that the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 10th November 2026 in Waberthwaite, Corney & District Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.58 pm.

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