Waberthwaite & Corney Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Meeting held at Waberthwaite& Corney District Village Hall,
7.30 pm on 15th July 2026.

Present
Chair: Cllr N. Southward
Cllrs: R Thornton, A Hadwin, E Wilson
Clerk: G Savage
Cllr A Pratt

Minute Number	Item
41/26	**Apologies for absence –** Cllrs M Steele, A Pritt, J Varden, M Knowles. This was accepted and approved by the Council.
42/26	**Declaration of Interest** – None.
43/26	**Minutes -** It was proposed by Cllr R Thornton, seconded by Cllr A Hadwin and resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th June 2026, minutes signed.
44/26	**Public Participation –** Non present.
45/26	**Progress Reports**
	Highways **45/1** • **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. • **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.

	• Road Sweeper – Clerk emailed Open Spaces, Cumberland to request service. neil.dixon@cumberland.gov.uk, not had any response. Cllrs reported that the road sweeper has been operating in the Parish, case closed. • **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. • **EI/281015** School Warning Flashing lights – Not been working for some time. Cllr Pratt forwarded email update from Cumberland as follows :The team has attended site and attempted to reprogramme the units manually, but frustratingly have been hampered by the technology. They are working closely with the supplier to resolve the problem as quickly as possible. It was reported that the school lights were operating today. **Problem resolved.** • **EI/299147** Road deteriorating top of Alley Hill – No update, Cllr A pratt to contact Highways. • Clerk received email from Highways stating that they could not attend Junes' meeting. Ricki Crawford offered to meet Councillors or attend the next meeting. Clerk requested attendance at the July meeting. No reply from Highways.
	46/2 Corney Telephone Box – The Parish Council has received a complaint from a member of the community regarding the telephone box. At the last meeting the PC resolved that they would not pay for the painting of the telephone box, although materials would be provided. The local resident expressed their concerns about this decision and felt that the PC should pay for the painting work. The letter of complaint was discussed but the PC resolved that this work should be done on a voluntary basis and not paid work. Update – Chair has handed letter to local resident, they have requested that the Parish Council advertise for volunteers to paint the telephone box. It was resolved that the clerk would arrange for the advertisement to be posted in local public areas.
	46/3 Corney Fell Road/ Oversized vehicles – The police have replied stating that the signage is clear and will make sure that units pay some attention to the road and deal with anyone breaking the rules accordingly. Cllr Pratt stated that Highways are going to install extra signage to assist in alleviating this problem.
	46/4 Damaged wall near bus shelter – No update
	46/5 United Utilities complaint – Matter closed, UU responded explaining reasons for the extended use of traffics light operation,emailed circulated.
	46/6 Planned Power Cuts – Resolved, power cuts went ahead as planned.
47/26	**Unitary Councillor report**: Cllr A Pratt updated the Parish Council on future roadworks affecting the Parish: **<u>July</u>** July: A595 Calderbridge – Traffic lights Mon 13th- 17th Fri 17th road closure 20.00 pm to 5 am.

	<u>August</u> A595 Eskholme corner 17th August -21st August – Traffic lights A595 Waberthwaite – Traffic lights 24th – 27th August & road closure Friday 28th August 20.00pm to 22.00pm A595 September Drigg to Muncaster **<u>September</u>** Traffic lights Tuesday 1st-4th September Road closure(phased) 20.00pm to 5.00am Tuesday 1st -12th September Parish Councillors raised concerns about contractors employed by Cumberland Highways not cutting back vegetation sufficiently in the Parish, which is causing potential safety issues. Cllrs requested that this be raised with Highways.
48/26	**Finance**
	48.1 To consider the statements of accounts – Current a/c £630.53 BBM a/c 10,843.07 – 6/7/2026 It was proposed by Cllr E Wilson, seconded by Cllr A Hadwin and resolved that the accounts be accepted.
	48.2 To consider the following payments: • Clerks July & August salary 2026 - £116.70 each month. • HMRC / PAYE – July & August 2026 £29.20 each month. • Hugofox fee July & August - £20.99, each month. It was proposed by Cllr E Wilson, seconded by Cllr A Hadwin and resolved that the payments be accepted.
	48.3 To note the following payments: • HMRC / PAYE £29.20 – 20/6/2026 • Clerks' June salary £116.70 - 27/6/2026 • Hugofox fee £20.99 May – 29/6/2026 Noted
49/26	**Clerk's report on any actions taken under delegated powers.** None
50/26	**Correspondence:** • Emails circulated to councillors for information.
51/26	**<u>Planning Applications</u>** None received.
52/26	**Parish Matters, Council Priorities.** **52.1 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.

	52.2 Bank Account, dual control. Clerk has added Cllr M Steele to online banking, process ongoing.
53/26	**Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.** Cllr M Steele has reported the following case to Highways: Enquiry reference: EI/305566 Date Submitted: 22-June-2026 Problem Description: Overgrown hedgerow causing pedestrians to step onto A595
53/26	**Date of next Parish meeting.** It was resolved that the next Parish Council meeting would be Wednesday 8th September 2026 in Waberthwaite, Corney & District Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.