

Hesket Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Hesket Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 7.30pm at Low Hesket Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors:

Gillian Campbell, John Everingham, Elaine Martin (Chair), David Ryland, Shaun Long (Vice-Chair), Maxine Graham, Dawn Pollock, Gillian Gibson, Kelley Peacock

Westmorland and Furness

Councillor:

Hilary Carrick

Officers:

Lisa Beken (Clerk)

Two members of the public were also present.

- 05/25/1 Election of Chair: RESOLVED** that Councillor Elaine Martin was unanimously elected as Chair of the Parish Council for 2025-2026. (Nominated by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Waugh)
- 05/25/2 Election of Vice-Chair: RESOLVED** that Councillor Shaun Long was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for 2025-2026. (nominated by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Everingham)
- 05/25/3 Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that the following apologies were received;**
a) Councillor Dowes, due to prior commitment.
b) Councillor Campbell, due to prior commitment.
- 05/25/4 Co-option: RESOLVED** to co-opt John Harris and Ruth Murray as Parish Councillors.
- 05/25/5 Declaration of interests: RESOLVED** that no declarations were made.
- 05/25/6 Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2025 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair
- 05/25/7 Matters arising from the minutes: RESOLVED** that there were no matters arising.
- 05/25/8 Chair's announcements: RESOLVED** that no issues were raised.
- 05/25/9 Public Participation: RESOLVED** that there were no matters raised.
- 05/25/10 Annual Accounts: RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Accounts for 2024-2025, as reviewed by the Internal Audit, and to authorise the Chair to sign.
- 05/25/11 Policy Updates: RESOLVED** that Council policies had been reviewed by the Clerk, and the following updates were presented and agreed:
a) **RESOLVED** to adopt the new Asset Register.
- 05/25/12 Land at Aiketgate: RESOLVED** that Councillors were informed that the agreement with the tenant was ongoing.
- 05/25/13 Westmorland and Furness Report: RESOLVED** that Councillor Carrick updated the Council with regard to the following matters.
- Devolution Priority Programme – on 11th April a response was submitted from Westmorland and Furness Council, regarding the possibility of a Cumbria Mayor. This listed benefits as well as uncertainties and unknowns. The final decision will be taken by central government in September.
 - In April Westmorland and Furness Council, working with Cumberland Council, launched the Travel Actively Cumbria website, which encourages alternative travel modes. This is a contribution to the government ambition that 50% of journeys are taken by active travel.
 - Lighting Policy – this has now been harmonised across the council area.
 - Call for sites for the Local Plan – sites submitted for consideration are due to be published imminently., with consultation later in the year.
 - Councillor Carrick has been contacted by a resident regarding Fibrus and the installation of poles between Southwaite and Mellguards, and has confirmed that their location is considered acceptable by Westmorland and Furness Council.

- 05/25/14** **Cumbria Police Report: RESOLVED** that PC Labram had provided an update, circulated to Councillors.
- 05/25/15** **SIDS Device: RESOLVED** that the Clerk was waiting for a response from Highways regarding siting of final poles.
- 05/25/16** **Footway Lighting: RESOLVED** that following publication of the new Footway Lighting Policy from Westmorland and Furness, the Parish Council would accept their offer to readopt all footway lighting, and assume full responsibility for them.
- 05/25/17** **Assets: RESOLVED** that Councillors and the Clerk had reviewed assets owned by the Council, and agreed the following priorities for the coming year;
- a) **Noticeboards:** The boards at Armathwaite High Hesket and Low Hesket all need replacing. The Clerk was requested to order a new board for High Hesket.
 - b) **Benches:** Two wooden ones in Armathwaite require attention, as do the two metal ones at Plumpton, and the coronation bench at Calthwaite. The ones at High Hesket, Southwaite, Brackenburgh, Low Hesket and on the A6 at the Southwaite junction will require attention in the longer term.
 - c) The Clerk was requested to find quotes for repairs to the metal benches at Plumpton.
- 05/25/18** **Grants: RESOLVED** to award the following grant donations;
- a) **Plumpton PCC** - £400
- 05/25/19** **Milestone Marker: RESOLVED** that the Council were informed that repairs had been carried out to a milestone marker in Low Hesket, and a request had been made for £60 to cover the cost, which the Council agreed to pay.
- 05/25/20** **Right of Way: RESOLVED** that Councillors were informed of a residents attempts to reclaim a right of way in Ivegill. It was agreed that the route in question was in Skelton Parish.
- 05/25/21** **Woodland Management Plan: RESOLVED** that Councillors were informed of woodland management plans at Nelson Hill Woodland, Armathwaite, which were due to be submitted for Countryside Stewardship support.
- 05/25/22** **Planning applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments submitted on planning applications in the Parish;
- a) **2025/0453/HOU** Garth Cottage, Calthwaite, Penrith, CA11 9PP. Proposed single storey rear extension, re-submission of 2024/1896/FPA.
- Objection** – Support comments from Highways.
- 05/25/23** **Planning decisions notices: RESOLVED** that the Council was informed of the following planning decisions made in the Parish since the last meeting of the Parish Council.
- a) **2025/0031/FPA** Wragmire Head, Cotehill, Carlisle, CA4 0DB. Proposed demolition of 2no sheds, erection of a replacement livestock building and roofing over part yard.
GRANTED
 - b) **2024/1762/FPA** Jasmine Cottage, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0EW. Replacement of existing septic tank with a waste water treatment plant.
GRANTED
 - c) **2024/1709/LBC** 2 Wayside Terrace, Calthwaite, Penrith, CA11 9QL. Listed Building Consent for the replacement of 2no soft wood single glazed windows with hard wood conservation glazed windows
GRANTED
 - d) **2025/0318/FPA** Monkcastle Farm, Monkcastle, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0PZ. Erection of a like-for-like replacement livestock unit to replace fire damaged building.
GRANTED
 - e) **2025/0325/FPA** Ellerton Grange, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0LF. Proposed Agricultural Building.
GRANTED
- 05/25/24** **Financial matters: RESOLVED** that the payments as listed in the payment schedule were approved.
- 05/25/25** **Correspondence: RESOLVED** that correspondence as detailed in the attached schedule was acknowledged. Further **RESOLVED** to pay £60 to replace a
- 05/25/26** **Parish Maintenance; RESOLVED** that the following items were raised;

- Councillor Pollock reported issues with potholes and drains.
- At Plumpton the flashing footway light has been reported. Need to report again.
- It was acknowledged that the new white lines in Low Hesket had improved road safety.
- At Plumpton Foot Mill, Brackenbrugh, there are still no white lines.
- The white lines at Hazel Cottage have also still not been painted.
- It was suggested that the Luge planning application at Blaze Fell could be considered at the Strategic Planning Committee in July, but this has not been confirmed.
- The Clerk was requested to check on the status of the Castle Farm, Low Hesket planning application.

05/25/27

Council matters: RESOLVED that the following matters were raised;

- To hold an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss the Local Plan, was consultation is launched.

05/25/28

Date of the next meeting– Tuesday July 8th 2025 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9:12 pm

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