

Hesket Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Hesket Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7.30pm at Armathwaite Old School Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors:

Elaine Martin (Chair), John Doves, Gillian Gibson, Maxine Graham, Kelley Peacock, Gillian Campbell, Shaun Long, Andrew Williamson

Westmorland and Furness

Councillor:

Hilary Carrick

Officers:

Lisa Beken (Clerk)

One member of the public was also present.

- 03/25/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that the following apologies were received;**
a) Councillor Ryland, due to prior commitment.
b) Councillor Pollock, due to prior commitment.
c) Councillor Waugh, due to vacation.
d) Councillor Everingham, due to illness (apologies received following the meeting).
- 03/25/2** **Declaration of interests: RESOLVED** that there were no declarations of interest to be made.
- 03/25/3** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 03/25/4** **Matters arising from the minutes: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised;
• Councillor Williams offered apologies for absence from previous meeting.
• Highways had contacted the Clerk regarding signage for the Eden Valley Mineral Water Company, which would be erected on the A6, to avoid issues with the signs at the top of Station Road Armathwaite. These are also scheduled to be replaced/re-sited.
- 03/25/5** **Chair's announcements: RESOLVED** that no announcements were made.
- 03/25/6** **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that no issues were raised.
- 03/25/7** **Westmorland and Furness Report: RESOLVED** that Councillor Carrick updated the Council with regard to the following matters;
a) Westmorland and Furness held its' budget meeting and agree a 4.99% total increase in Council Tax, with charges increasing by a nominal 1.7%.
b) Following a joint application to central government for consideration of priority status for devolution by Westmorland and Furness and Cumberland Councils, a public consultation has been regarding the creation of a Cumbrian Mayoral Authority.
- 03/25/8** **Cumbria Police Report: RESOLVED** that PC Labram had provided a report, which had been circulated to Councillors.
- 03/25/9** **Speed Indicator Device: RESOLVED** that Councillors were informed the device is now up in Plumpton. However, one of the poles in Plumpton was too close to a building to install the device, and the pole in Armathwaite was deemed unsuitable to hold the device as it was too narrow. Highways have acknowledged that the error was on their part, and will cover the costs of locating the poles, as well as any additional installation costs from the manufacturer. It was further **RESOLVED** that the Council wished to have the second device placed in a location as previously agreed in Plumpton, and that the repeater sign should be reinstalled on the current pole. The Clerk was further requested to confirm a timescale for installation of new poles, and to request consideration of a graduated speed limit reduction scheme in Southwaite.
- 03/25/10** **Place Action Group: RESOLVED** that the Chair and the Clerk had attended the meeting, where funds of £6,000 had been allocated as follows - £3,000 to resurface recycling centre at Lazonby, £1,500 to develop a waymarking map at Great Salkeld and £1,500 to investigate green waste composting schemes at Hesket and Skelton. The Chair has also raised the issue

of safe walking routes to Armathwaite School, which the group coordinator would raise with Officers, and report back.

03/25/11

Green Waste Skip at Calthwaite: RESOLVED that this would continue as in previous years.

03/25/12

Parish Council Assets: RESOLVED

- a) That the Council passed its thanks to Alison Birkett for installing the new noticeboard at Calthwaite.
- b) That Councillors agreed to inspect and photograph Parish Council assets, as per maps distributed, in order to assess condition.

03/25/13

Annual Parish Meeting: RESOLVED to hold the meeting prior to the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 13th May at 7pm, at Low Hesket Village Hall.

03/25/14

Cumbria Constabulary Meeting: RESOLVED to that the Council wished to be represented, and that the Clerk would confirm attendance once the date and time of the meeting was provided.

03/25/15

Planning applications: RESOLVED that;

- a) The following comments submitted on planning applications since the last meeting of the Parish Council were acknowledged;
 - i. **2025/0031/FPA** at Wragmire Head, Cotehill, Carlisle, CA4 0DB for the proposed demolition of 2no sheds, erection of a replacement livestock building and roofing over part yard.
No objections
 - ii. **2024/1762/FPA** at Jasmine Cottage, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0EW for the replacement of existing septic tank with a waste water treatment plant.
No objections
 - iii. **2025/0036/FPA** at High Oaks Farm, Calthwaite, Penrith, CA11 9QZ for the erection of livestock building for calf housing
No objections
 - iv. **2024/2393/RMA** on Land South of Village Hall, Southwaite Road, Low Hesket, Carlisle, CA4 0ES for a Reserved Matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, attached to approval 21/0370
No objections
- b) **Planning applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments were agreed on application currently open for comment;
 - i. **2025/0318/FPA** at Monkcastle Farm, Monkcastle, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0PZ for the erection of a like-for-like replacement livestock unit to replace fire damaged building.
NO OBJECTIONS
 - ii. **2025/0325/FPA** at Ellerton Grange, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0LF for a Proposed Agricultural Building
NO OBJECTIONS
- c) **Planning decision notices: RESOLVED** that the following planning decisions, made since the last meeting of the Parish Council were noted;
 - i. **2024/1829/FPA** 1 Council Houses, Thieveside, Calthwaite, Penrith, CA11 9RG. Two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension and widening of existing access and parking area.
GRANTED
 - ii. **2024/2291/FPA** Blacksykes Farmhouse, Calthwaite, Penrith, CA11 9PP. Replacement of existing two storey flat roof extension with new two storey extension to the rear, demolition of existing office and bedrooms and erection of a two-storey side extension.
REFUSED
 - iii. **2024/2061/FPA** Thackwood Farm, Monkcastle, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0PZ. Erection of a building over an existing silage clamp.
GRANTED

d) **Other planning matters: RESOLVED** that there were no other matters to note at this time.

03/25/16 Financial matters: RESOLVED that the payments as presented in the payments schedule were approved.

03/25/17 Correspondence: RESOLVED that correspondence as detailed in the correspondence was acknowledged.

03/25/18 Parish Maintenance; RESOLVED that the following matters were raised;

- a) A tree has fallen down in the wind at Armathwaite Play Area. This has now been cleared by the contractor previously engaged to conduct tree work done.
- b) The Chair was concerned about the land behind the play area, as some of these trees have come down in the high winds. The Chair has been in touch with new owners to alert of them of the concern.
- c) Barrock Park Bridge is now open.
- d) The Clerk was requested to look at options for repairs to the wall at Gillians Well.
- e) The footway light at Plumpton, near Brockley More farm is flickering, Clerk to report.

03/25/19 Council matters: RESOLVED that the following matters were raised;

- a) Following a recent accident involving a school bus, lines at Ivegill junction need repainting. Chair to meet with highways, in conjunction with Skelton Parish Council.
- b) Between Low Street Farm and Hallrigg Farm there is a large pothole.
- c) The drain at Pettril Bridge, Plumpton is not working, Clerk to report.
- d) Stonework at Petteril Bridge is damaged, Clerk to report
- e) Signs at ford in Southwaite are still causing an obstruction.
- f) A request was made for "Cars Turning" signs to be situated near to Court Thorn Surgery.
- g) Between the Golden Fleece and Low Hesket there are lots of bottles or urine left behind by lorry driver. Clerk to request consideration of no parking signs or litter bins.
- h) It was agreed to discuss a formal opening at Armathwaite Play Area at the May meeting.

03/25/20 Date of the next meeting– Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 7.30pm at Low Hesket Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 20:56pm

Hesket Parish Council

Financial Officer's Report March 2025

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| Cash Book Balance carried over from 14th January 2025 | £34,407.53 |
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Receipts

Monies received at 8th January 2025:

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| Interest | £22.82 |
| Grant (from Westmorland and Furness, for movement of SID) | £500.00 |
| Total | £522.82 |

Payment Schedule

| VN | Chq No. | Payee | Budget Heading | Amount |
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| <i>Pre approved payments made since 14th January RFO report</i> | | | | |
| 24-25/48 | SO | L Beken | Staffing | £421.94 |
| 24-25/49 | DD | Cumbria Payroll Services | Staffing | £17.40 |
| 24-25/50 | DPC | Came and Company | Insurance | £1,648.80 |
| 24-25/51 | SO | L Beken | Staffing | £421.94 |
| Total | | | | £2,510.08 |

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| <i>Payments to be approved at 11th March meeting</i> | | | | |
| 24-25/52 | DD | Cumbria Payroll Services | Staffing | £17.40 |
| 24-25/53 | DPC | Greenbarnes Ltd | Asset purchase | £1,539.95 |
| 24-25/54 | DPC | Rocket Sites | Website | £168.00 |
| 24-25/55 | SO | L Beken | Staffing | £421.94 |
| 24-25/56 | DPC | L Beken | Clerk expenses | £23.29 |
| 24-25/57 | DPC | L Beken | Administration | £14.25 |
| 24-25/58 | DPC | AOSH | Hall hire | £25.00 |
| Total | | | | £2,209.83 |

Allocated Reserves

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| Armathwaite Play Area | £6,617.37 |
| Footway Lighting | £2,895.92 |
| Speed Indicator Device | £1,500.00 |
| Total | £11,013.29 |

Projected Cashbook Balance

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| Estimated Cashbook Balance at 11th March 2025 | £30,210.44 |
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| Approved as DPC payments - Minute Number | 03/15/16 |
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Hesket Parish Council

Correspondence register – March 2025

| Date | Content | Format | Action |
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| Westmorland and Furness Council | | | |
| 29/01 | Green Waste Skips, Calthwaite | Email | Clerk signed form |
| 20/02 | Electoral Review to harmonise Parish and Council elections | Email | |
| 25/02 | Penrith Neighbourhood Plan notice | Email | |
| 05/03 | Community Governance Review briefing - 13/03 | Email | Ask councillors re attendance |
| 06/03 | Sockbridge and Tirril Neighbourhood Plan notice | Email | |
| 07/03 | Community Governance Review – new warding arrangements | Email | Forward to Councillors after meeting |
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| 22/01 | Update on consultation on waster services | Email | |
| 29/01 | NALC Legal update | Email | Clerk noted |
| 05/02 | Trading Standards leaflet on doorstep sellers | Email | Clerk retained |
| 18/02 | Devolution update – consultation open | Email | Forward to Councillors, post online. |
| 18/02 | LSE Emergency Planning survey | Email | Clerk completed |
| 19/02 | Contact guide for Westmorland and Furness Council | Email | Forward to Councillors |
| 25/02 | Sexual Harassment Policy guidance | Email | To add to May agenda |
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| Other | | | |
| 06/03 | Friends of Settle-Carlisle railway update | Email | |
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