

# Hesket Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Hesket Parish Council held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 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, Vivien Waugh, Ruth Murray, Andrew Williamson, John Harris, John Dowes

Westmorland and Furness

Councillor:

Hilary Carrick

Officers:

Lisa Beken (Clerk)

Two members of the public were also present

- 09/25/1**      **Apologies for absences: RESOLVED** that there were no apologies to be received.
- 09/25/2**      **Declarations of interest: RESOLVED** that Councillor Harris declared an interest in items 9 (minute number 09/25/9) and 11 (minute number 09/25/11) on the agenda.
- 09/25/3**      **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 09/25/4**      **Matters arising from the minutes: RESOLVED** that Councillor Graham questioned whether comments were submitted by the Parish Council on a planning application at Brockley Moor, Plumpton, Clerk to clarify.
- 09/25/5**      **Chair's announcements: RESOLVED** that there were no announcements made.
- 09/25/6**      **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that there were no matters raised.
- 09/25/7**      **Westmorland and Furness Report: RESOLVED** that Councillor Carrick informed the meeting of the following matters;
- Devolution – The outcome of the statutory consultation has now been published, with the majority of respondents against the creation of a mayoral authority. The proposal is moving forward, and central government have agreed to a request to defer any election from 2026 to 2027. Westmorland and Furness Council will be holding a special meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September to agree to creation of mayoral authority.
  - Waste review - Cabinet will be meeting to discuss harmonised waste collections across the council area. They are likely to recommend fortnightly alternate collections. The final decision will be made in February regarding charging for green waste.
  - Call for sites for the Local Plan – no indication at present when consultation will open.
  - SID – As installation in Armathwaite, and the second unit in Plumpton, continue to be delayed, the device will move to Calthwaite next. Councillor Ryland noted that the delay in installation in Armathwaite was particularly regrettable given the communities active role in petitioning the Parish Council to purchase a device.
  - Councillor Harris queried as to whether Westmorland and Furness Council were instigating action to divest from association with Israeli associated firms, in particular in relation to pensions. Councillor Carrick confirmed that opinions are to be discussed at an upcoming meeting of the pensions committee. Councillor Harris wished his objection to local councils concerning themselves with international matters better suited to national government be noted.
- 09/25/8**      **Cumbria Police Report: RESOLVED** that PCSO Labram had provided an update, which was circulated to Councillors. PCSO Labram also encouraged all residents to report stolen number plates, as these can be used in major crimes.
- 09/25/9**      **Calthwaite Recycling Centre: RESOLVED** that Councillor Harris had met with Officers at Calthwaite to discuss relocating the recycling centre, as it is currently encroaching on the public house car park. Councillor Harris has found three potential alternative sites. However, officers

advised that new groundwork and fencing would be required for a new site, and as bring sites would be under review in the near future, funding would not be readily available at this time.

**09/25/10 Green Waste: RESOLVED** that progress has currently stalled regarding provision of compost bins for residents not currently in receipt of green waste bins.

**09/25/11 Gillians Well, Calthwaite: RESOLVED** that Councillor Harris had met with residents of the new development, and been informed of two issues. Firstly, issues with the wall at the well itself, and secondly issues related to building compliance, leading to a dispute with residents and the management company. Westmorland and Furness Councillor Carrick has been raising the latter matter with Building Control, and the Clerk was requested to send a letter supporting residents concerns. The Parish Council has agreed to repair the wall at the well, and a quote has been received, however it was agreed to obtain further quotes. Councillors to pass on details of contractors to the Clerk.

**09/25/12 Plumpton bench: RESOLVED** that two quotes had been received, with one specifying powder coating, the other unclear. Councillors requested the Clerk to confirm if the second quote included powder coating, and if so, to authorise the work.

**09/25/13 Warding arrangements: RESOLVED** that Councillors agreed a restructuring of wards would be more appropriate for the Parish, and proposed five wards of three Councillors each. This will be fed into an upcoming review to be conducted by Westmorland and Furness Council.

**09/25/14 Play area: RESOLVED** that the contractor had purchased a new gate fixing to resolve the issue. Due to an increase in disposal costs, the Clerk was requested to investigate further funding for the path.

**09/25/15 Grant request: RESOLVED** to award the following grants donations;

- a) Inglewood News and Notes -£400
- b) Armathwaite PCC - £400

**09/25/16 Planning matters:** The following item were discussed and agreed;

- a) **Planning applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments were agreed on planning application currently open in the Parish;
  - i. **2025/1518/FPA** Street Head Farm, Low Braithwaite, Ivegill, Carlisle, CA4 0NG for construction of slurry lagoon.  
**NO COMMENT**
  - ii. **2025/1503/HOU** Woodlea, Low Hesket, Carlisle, CA4 0EU for replacement of existing two storey extension with single storey extension on south elevation.  
**NO COMMENT**
  - iii. **2024/1884/RMA** Land adj to Brackenridge, High Hesket, Carlisle, CA4 0HU for reserved Matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, attached to appeal approval APP/H0928/W/21/3283769 LPA ref 21/0189.  
**OBJECTION** – in support of residents' views, concerns regarding waste collection, continue to request removal of footpath from plans.
  - iv. **2025/1441/FPA** Beck House, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0PY for erection of two broiler units and associated works/units.  
**NO COMMENT**
  - v. **2025/1287/FPA** Beckstones Farm, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0PY for erection of a roof over an existing muck midden.  
**NO COMMENT**
  - vi. **2025/1275/FPA** Lambsceugh, Calthwaite, Penrith, CA11 9PR for proposed conversion of barn to additional living accommodation including part retrospective consent for unauthorised works.  
**NO COMMENT**
  - vii. No further applications were received since publication of the agenda.
- b) **Planning decision notices: RESOLVED** that the following planning decision made in the Parish since the last meeting of the Parish Council were acknowledged;
  - i. **2025/1085/FPA** at Monkcastle Farm, Monkcastle, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0PZ for the erection of 3no covered slurry stores to replace existing slurry lagoons.  
**GRANTED**

- ii. **2025/1030/HOU** at 1 Barrow Mill Cottages, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0LX for the erection of a two-storey side extension and a single storey rear extension. **GRANTED**
  - iii. **2025/1078/HOU** at Eden View, Armathwaite, Carlisle, CA4 9SL for a proposed pitched over-roofing of existing flat roof, together with single storey rear infill extension to provide sun room (part retrospective). **GRANTED**
  - iv. **2025/1197/HOU** at 14 Brockley Moor, Plumpton, Penrith, CA11 9NT for the demolition of prefabricated detached garage and front porch, and addition of single storey front and side extension. **GRANTED**
  - v. No further notices were received since publication of this agenda.
- c) **Other planning matters: RESOLVED** that there were no other planning matters raised at this time.

**09/25/17 Financial matters: RESOLVED** to agree the following matters;

- a) To pay the accounts as per the payment schedule.

*The meeting was temporarily closed to members of the public for discussion of the following item*

- b) To defer the annual increase in the Clerk's salary, to allow for a meeting with the Chair and Vice-Chair to take place first.

*The meeting was reopened to members of the public*

**09/25/18 Correspondence: RESOLVED** that the correspondence register was acknowledged, with the following matters of note raised;

- a) Resident concerns over siting of Fibrus poles.

**09/25/19 Parish Maintenance: RESOLVED** that the following issues were raised;

- a) Councillor Campbell - the triangle school sign at the bottom end of High Hesket is upside down.
- b) Councillor Campbell - the red school road markings at High Hesket have worn away.
- c) Councillor Campbell – the path between High Hesket and Court Thorn surgery has become very worn, with potholes.
- d) Councillor Campbell – raised issues erecting the noticeboard in High Hesket, with concerns over liability. It was agreed to authorise payment to have it put up.
- e) Councillor Waugh – noted that a new light pole had been sited in Southwaite.
- f) Councillor Martin – a light in High Hesket that had fallen after apparent damage has been removed.
- g) Councillor Pollock – the footpath along the A6 is obstructed by weeds.
- h) Councillor Graham – noted the work of a resident who voluntarily cut the grass at Petteril Green, Plumpton. It was agreed to send a thank you card.
- i) Westmorland and Furness Councillor Carrick informed the meeting that they had been contacted by a resident regarding traffic and damage at Crook Bridge. Concerns over signage had also been reported.

**09/25/20 Council matters: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised;

- a) Councillor Waugh raised resident's concerns over the smell from muck spreading near Southwaite. Residents to be advised to contact Environmental Health if ongoing concerns.
- b) Councillor Ryland wished to confirm that the recent solar farm application, with a Calthwaite address, is in fact in Skelton Parish.

**09/25/21 Date of next Ordinary Meeting – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at Armathwaite Old School Hall.**

**Meeting closed at 21:50**