

Hesket Parish Council

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

Present: Parish Councillors:

Gillian Campbell, Elaine Martin (Chair), Shaun Long (Vice-Chair), Dawn Pollock, Gillian Gibson, Kelley Peacock, Vivien Waugh, Ruth Murray, John Harris,

Westmorland and Furness

Councillor:

Hilary Carrick

Officers:

Lisa Beken (Clerk)

Two members of the public were also present

11/25/1 Apologies for absences: **RESOLVED** that the following apologies were received;

- a) Councillor Dowes, apologies received.
- b) Councillor Everingham, due to ill health.
- c) Councillor Williamson, due to prior commitment.
- d) Councillor Ryland, due to prior commitment.
- e) Councillor Graham, due to prior commitment.

11/25/2 Declarations of interest: **RESOLVED** that Councillors Campbell and Waugh declared an interest in item 11/25/17, with regard to a grant for High Hesket PCC. Councillor Peacock declared an interest in item 11/25/8, and Councillor Gibson declared an interest in planning item 11/25/18 (b ii).

11/25/3 Minutes: **RESOLVED** that a minor change to the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 was requested, to be approved at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

11/25/4 Matters arising from the minutes: **RESOLVED** that there were no matters arising.

11/25/5 Public Participation: **RESOLVED** that there were no matters raised.

11/25/6 Westmorland and Furness Report: **RESOLVED** that Councillor Carrick informed the meeting of the following matters:

- Devolution – the creation of a new mayoral combined authority has been approved by both Westmorland and Furness and Cumberland Councils. An initial body will be set up from February 2026 which will possess responsibility for strategic planning relating to transport, etc. across Cumbria. Responsibility for Police, Fire & Crime will be subsumed within this new authority. A sum of £1 million per annum has been granted for the first three years to establish the new authority. As the Mayoral election for Cumbria has been delayed until May 2027 the Leaders and Deputy Leaders of both Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness Councils will oversee the establishment of this new authority in the first instance.
- The Chief Executive of Westmorland and Furness Council is stepping down. The appointment of Miranda Cannon, presently Salford's Executive Director of Resources and Transformation, as replacement has been approved with effect from the middle of January next year.
- At Calthwaite, progress on a road safety scheme around the school is ongoing. Safety schemes in and around the school are being considered, with speeding and accident records being taken into consideration. It is thought that a drop-in session for wider public consultation would be helpful.
- Following speeding incidents in Low Hesket and safety concerns at Court Thorn Surgery, Highways have commissioned a third party to conduct a road traffic study from the boundary with Carlisle on A6, to Stoneybeck roundabout, to include the road to the bottling plant. This will look at a range of issues including speeding,

accident record, topography, and bring forward suggestions for how to resolve issues.

- Councillor Carrick confirmed that Barrock Park has not been earmarked for any asylum use.
- Councillor Harris asked if any further information was available regarding the Call for Sites for the Local Plan, which there was not.
- Councillor Harris asked about advice from the pensions committee. Councillor Carrick confirmed that the committee had emphasised that it prioritised fiduciary duties in its decision making.

11/25/7 **Cumbria Police Report:** **RESOLVED** that PCSO Labram had provided an update, which was circulated to Councillors. Councillors requested that the Clerk ask for a PCSO patrol in Armathwaite.

11/25/8 **Memorial bench at Armathwaite:** **RESOLVED** to sign the agreement with Westmorland and Furness for the siting of the bench in memory of Billy Robley, and to sign the agreement with a local resident for maintenance of the bench.

11/25/9 **Gillian Well, Calthwaite:** **RESOLVED** that Councillor Harris updated the meeting on actions taken by Building Control. He confirmed that Genesis Homes had acknowledged to the officer that they had caused the damage to the wall. The Clerk was requested to write to Genesis Homes to request a contribution to the repairs and the cost of the replacement bench. It is hoped that issues at the site will be fully resolved by the new year. Repairs to the wall at Gillian Well commenced this Monday, and are expected to be completed by the end of the week.

11/25/10 **Plumpton bench:** **RESOLVED** that the work on the bench has been completed, and it is now back in place. Thanks were passed on for the excellent work.

11/25/11 **Community Governance Review:** **RESOLVED** to request that the Parish be split across five wards, of Armathwaite, Calthwaite, Hesket, Plumpton and Southwaite, each represented by three Councillors. Owing to their low number, Ivecill households will be included in the Southwaite Ward.

11/25/12 **Road safety, Ivecill School:** **RESOLVED** that following a request from Skelton Parish Council to support a proposal to fund fencing around Ivecill Primary School, Councillors decided not to support the proposal.

11/25/13 **Speed Indicator Device:** **RESOLVED** that the Council was informed that this has now been rotated to Calthwaite.

11/25/14 **Armathwaite Play Area:** **RESOLVED** that following repairs in the summer, further damage has taken place, with a number of planks removed from the play area fence. The Clerk was also asked to source new signage, for both gates, to include a no dogs sign. Councillors agreed to check with contractor for costs to replace planks, and to add new bark at swings.

11/25/15 **Noticeboard:** **RESOLVED** that the Council was informed that the new board had been put in place at High Hesket. The Clerk was requested to source a notice asking that notices be a maximum A5, and to request users be respectful. It was agreed the two further boards are required, for Armathwaite and Low Hesket, which should be three bays wide.

11/25/16 **Policy update:** **RESOLVED** that the following policies were agreed, as amended:

- a) Financial Regulations
- b) General Privacy Notice
- c) Complaints Procedure
- d) Freedom of Information Policy
- e) Grants Policy

11/25/17 **Grant requests:** **RESOLVED** to award the following grants donations;

- a) Ivecill PCC - £200
- b) High Hesket PCC - £500
- c) Fellrunner – Councillors requested further information, and would reconsider the request at the January meeting.

Councillors also agreed to pay an additional £100 to Armathwaite and Plumpton PCC's respectively, in respect of grants already awarded this financial year.

11/25/18 **Planning matters:** The following item were discussed and agreed:

- a) **Planning applications:** **RESOLVED** that the following comments submitted on planning applications since the last meeting of the Parish Council were acknowledged:
 - i. 2025/1753/FPA at Stonegarth, Plumpton, Penrith, CA11 9PA for proposed replacement light industrial building. **No objections**
- b) **Planning applications:** **RESOLVED** that the following comments were agreed on planning applications currently open in the Parish:
 - i. 2025/1638/FPA at Packhorse, Plumpton, Penrith, CA11 9NP for change of use of barn to dwellinghouse, alignment of existing dwelling first floor internal wall with ground floor wall, and associated parking and access.
No objection at present.
 - ii. 2025/1988/FPA at land to the North of Elm Close, High Hesket, Carlisle, CA4 0JA for the erection of 25 dwellings and associated infrastructure.
Objections - Concerns over highways access capacity, sewerage, local amenities, extra cars through the village. Also, should there be provision for a play area.
 - iii. 2024/2272/FPA at Elm House Cottage, High Hesket, Carlisle, CA4 0HS, for retrospective change of use of ancillary annexe accommodation to holiday let accommodation.
No objections
 - iv. No further applications were received since publication of the agenda.
- c) **Planning decision notices:** **RESOLVED** that the following planning decisions made in the Parish since the last meeting of the Parish Council were acknowledged:
 - i. **2025/1518/FPA** Street Head Farm, Low Braithwaite, Ivelgill, Carlisle, CA4 0NG for construction of slurry lagoon. - **GRANTED**
 - ii. **2025/1503/HOU** Woodlea, Low Hesket, Carlisle, CA4 0EU for replacement of existing two storey extension with single storey extension on south elevation. - **GRANTED**
 - iii. **2025/1287/FPA** Beckstones Farm, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0PY for erection of a roof over an existing muck midden. - **GRANTED**
 - iv. **2025/1275/FPA** Lambsceugh, Calthwaite, Penrith, CA11 9PR for proposed conversion of barn to additional living accommodation including part retrospective consent for unauthorised works. - **GRANTED**
 - v. **2024/0827/FPA** Land to the rear of Low Street Cottage, Plumpton, Penrith, CA11 0JD for proposed erection of an affordable, local occupancy dwelling. - **FINALLY DISPOSED OF**
- d) **Other planning matters:** **RESOLVED** that the following matters were considered:
 - i. Design code – Councillors to comment individually as appropriate.
 - ii. Solar Farm application - It was confirmed that this is not in Hesket Parish, it is in Skelton Parish.

11/25/19 **Financial matters:** **RESOLVED** to agree the following matters:

- a) Payments of accounts as per the payment schedule.
- b) Acknowledgement of payments made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.
- c) Acknowledgment of the cashbook balance.
- d) To partially fund GDPR training for the Clerk.
- e) The proposed budget for 2026/2027 was discussed.
- f) To increase the Precept by 4% to £16,120.17 in 2026/2027.

11/25/20 **Correspondence:** **RESOLVED** that the correspondence register was acknowledged.

11/25/21 **Parish Maintenance:** **RESOLVED** that the following issues were raised:

- a) Councillor Gibson – Harrington Ling Road top to Petteril bank, issues with potholes.
- b) The Clerk was requested to contact Westmorland and Furness Council to increase green waste skip collections.

11/25/22 **Council matters:** **RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised:

- a) Councillor Campbell – the school sign and road painting at High Hesket.
- b) Councillor Peacock – issues with parking at Low Hesket bus stop.
- c) Councillor Peacock – drains on A6 not been cleared.

11/25/23

Date of next Ordinary Meeting – Tuesday 13th January 2026 at Low Hesket Village Hall.

11/25/24

Staffing matters: RESOLVED that Councillors were updated that the Chair was working to produce an updated contract for the Clerk.

Meeting closed at 21:50

Action Points

| Minute number | Action | Actioner |
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| 11/25/9 | <i>Measure the concrete plinth, as well as the spacing of the holes and their size, for the replacement bench at Gillian Well</i> | <i>Councillor Long</i> |
| 11/25/9 | <i>Check location of plaque for bench and inform Clerk</i> | <i>Councillor Waugh</i> |
| 11/25/9 | <i>Purchase new bench, for delivery to Councillor Harris, via the Globe Inn</i> | <i>Clerk</i> |
| 11/25/11 | <i>Inform Westmorland and Furness of requested change to wards</i> | <i>Clerk</i> |
| 11/25/14 | <i>Order new signage for play area</i> | <i>Clerk</i> |
| 11/25/14 | <i>Ask for quote for work at play area from previous contractor</i> | <i>Clerk</i> |
| 11/25/15 | <i>Obtain notice for noticeboards</i> | <i>Clerk</i> |
| 11/25/19 | <i>Contact Westmorland and Furness about increased skip collections</i> | <i>Clerk</i> |

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Financial Officer's Report November 2025

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| Cash Book Balance carried over from 2nd September 2025 | £37,367.88 |
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Receipts

Monies received at 6th November 2025:

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| Interest | £28.84 |
| | Total £28.84 |

Payment Schedule

| VN | Chq No. | Payee | Budget Heading | Amount |
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| <i>Pre approved payments made since 2nd September RFO report</i> | | | | |
| 25-26/29 | DPC | Cumbria Payroll Services | Staffing | £18.90 |
| 25-26/30 | DPC | Hesket News | Section 137 | £400.00 |
| 25-26/31 | DPC | PPC Armathwaite | Section 137 | £400.00 |
| 25-26/32 | DPC | L Beken | Staffing | £421.94 |
| 25-26/33 | DPC | Cumbria Payroll Services | Staffing | £18.90 |
| 25-26/34 | DPC | L Beken | Training | £16.00 |
| 25-26/35 | DPC | P Atkinson | Asset purchase | £140.00 |
| 25-26/36 | DPC | HMRC | Staffing | £1.48 |
| 25-26/37 | DPC | SRW Welding Ltd | General maintenance | £435.00 |
| 25-26/38 | SO | L Beken | Staffing | £421.94 |
| 25-26/39 | DD | Cumbria Payroll Services | Staffing | £18.90 |
| 25-26/40 | DPC | PlaySafety Ltd | Recreation | £124.80 |
| | | | Total | £2,417.86 |

| <i>Payments to be approved at 11th November meeting</i> | | | | |
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| VN | Chq No. | Payee | Budget Heading | Amount |
| 25-26/41 | DPC | L Beken | Clerk Expenses | £23.11 |
| 25-26/42 | DPC | L Beken | Administration | £15.30 |
| 25-26/43 | DPC | Low Hesket Village Hall | Hall hire | £80.00 |
| 25-26/44 | DPC | Armathwaite Old School Hall | Hall hire | £25.00 |
| 25-26/45 | DPC | The Poppy Appeal | Section 137 | £69.00 |
| | | | Total | £212.41 |

Projected Cashbook Balance

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| Estimated Cashbook Balance at 11th November 2025 | £34,766.45 |
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Allocated Reserves

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| Armathwaite Play Area | £6,617.37 |
| Footway Lighting | £2,923.60 |
| Speed Indicator Device | £1,500.00 |
| Place Action Group | £1,500.00 |
| | Total £12,540.97 |

Projected Cashbook Balance minus allocated reserves

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| Estimated Cashbook Balance minus reserves at 11th November 2025 | £22,225.48 |
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| Approved as DPC payments - Minute Number | 11/25/18 |
| Date | 11/11/2025 |

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Correspondence register – November 2025

| Date | Content | Format | Action |
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| Westmorland and Furness Council | | | |
| 02/10 | Community Governance Review of Parishes | Email | Added to agenda |
| 10/10 | Draft licensing policy | Email | Forwarded to Councillors |
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| CALC | | | |
| 03/10 | CALC AGM cancelled | Email | |
| 16/10 | CALC notification of next year's charge | Email | Incorporated in budget |
| 16/10 | Design code briefing | Email | Forwarded to Councillors |
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| Other | | | |
| 17/09 | Hesket news – letter of thanks for grant | | |
| 17/09 | Armathwaite PCC – letter of thanks for grant | | |
| 17/09 | Request from resident to site memorial bench | Email | Added to agenda |
| 15/10 | National Grid consultation | Email | Forwarded to Councillors |
| 21/10 | Resident concerning hedge at High Bell Garth, High Hesket | Email | Clerk following up |
| 22/10 | Grant request – Ivecill PCC | Email | Added to agenda |
| 31/10 | Carrs Billington enquiry about noticeboards, for tractor run on 30 th November | Email | Clerk replied |
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