

Hesket Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Hesket Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7.30pm at Armathwaite Old School Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors:

Vivien Waugh, Shaun Long (Vice-Chair), Ruth Murray,
David Ryland, Maxine Graham, John Dowes, Andrew
Williamson, Gillian Gibson, Dawn Pollock

Westmorland and Furness

Councillor:

Hilary Carrick

Officers:

Lisa Beken (Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

07/26/1. **Apologies for absence: RESOLVES** that the following apologies were received;

- Councillor Everingham, due to annual leave
- Councillor Campbell, due to prior commitment
- Councillor Peacock, due to prior commitment
- Councillor Harris, due to prior commitment
- Councillor Martin, by prior arrangement

07/26/2. **Declarations of interest: RESOLVED** that the Councillor Long declared an interest in item 15 on the agenda (minute number 2026/07/15).

Meeting closed at 7.40pm - Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press were excluded from this section of the meeting. Westmorland and Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick and the Clerk, Lisa Beken, left the room.

07/26/3. **Council membership: RESOLVED** that Councillors agreed a good faith proposal to grant a six-month sabbatical to Councillor Elaine Martin.

Clerk's note: Subsequent to the meeting, advice was received from CALC that, pursuant to section 84 of the Local Government Act 1972, the resignation originally submitted by Councillor Elaine Martin took effect upon receipt by the Council and could not subsequently be withdrawn. Accordingly, Councillor Elaine Martin ceased to be a councillor on 11th June 2026.

The Council's resolution at Minute 07/26/3 to grant a six-month sabbatical is therefore null and void as Councillor Martin was no longer a member of the Council at the date of the meeting.

The meeting was reopened at 8.15pm to members of the public and press.

07/26/4. **Charing arrangements: RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Long as interim-Chair (proposed by Councillor Williamson, seconded by Councillor Graham). Further **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Ryland as interim-Vice-Chair (proposed by Councillor Waugh, seconded by Councillor Long).

Clerk's note: The resolution at Minute 07/26/4 concerning the appointment of an interim Chair/Vice-Chair should be read in the context of the resulting vacancy in the office of Chair at minute 07/26/3. At the meeting, these appointments were made on an interim basis, but due the resignation of Councillor Martin, these will be for the remainder of the Financial year.

07/26/5. **Minutes** - To authorize the Chair to sign minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2026, following amendment to item 15/25/19 which noted a closed item at that meeting. (Proposed by Councillor Ryland, seconded by Councillor Dowes).

07/26/6. **Matters arising from the Minutes: RESOLVED** that the following updates were received.

Minute number	Action	Status
05/26/1	Arrange for signing of Acceptance of Office	Completed
05/26/2	Arrange for signing of Acceptance of Office	Completed
05/26/5	Purchase of bench at Plumpton	In progress
05/26/8 (d)	Follow up VAT refund	Completed
05/26/9 (a)	Amend and distribute Standing Orders	Completed

05/26/9 (b)	Bring Financial Regulations to Finance Committee	Completed
05/26/9 (c)	Amend and distribute Risk Assessment	In progress
05/26/13	Book meetings for Low Hesket Village Hall	Completed
05/26/16	Follow-up repairs at play area	In progress
05/26/20	Arrange payment to resident for green waste bin	Completed
05/26/21	Report highways matters	In progress

Councillor Ryland had also passed images onto to Westmorland and Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick regarding issue with drainage near to Hazel Cottage, Armathwaite. Councillor Carrick confirmed that work had been scheduled to clear the drain, fill the void and repair the road.

With regard to the new bench on the A6 at Plumpton, Councillor Harris had offered to remove the old bench and install the new one, which would be delivered to Councillor Pollock

07/26/7. **Public participation: RESOLVED** that there were no members of the public present.

07/26/8. **Westmorland and Furness Council Report: RESOLVED** that Councillor H Carrick gave the following update:

- An Action Plan in response to a review of council and financial issues has been developed as a transformation plan, addressing five key areas. This will also see a reduction in staffing, starting at top level.
- The official notice for the new Local Plan was submitted notice to government on 30th June and a scoping consultation has started.
- Central government funding means that the Holiday Activity and Food Summer Programme. Will run from 17th July.
- Concerns around speeding along the 30mph zone between Armathwaite and the Drybeck junctions have been raised, with an accident between a tractor and vehicle highlighted. Highways conducted a seven-day traffic count and found no speeding in the area, so no further action will be taken.
- The traffic study between Stoneybeck and Scalesceugh Hall along the A6, including past Court Thorn Surgery has been ongoing. Local consultation should be upcoming.

07/26/9. **Speed Indicator Device: RESOLVED** that Councillors agreed a permanently sited device would be a better option, starting with Armathwaite. The Clerk was requested to obtain options for pricing directly from the vendor, and then update Councillors, and to investigate possible funding options. It was further **RESOLVED** to keep the pole in Southwaite, as an option for a future device.

07/26/10. **Local Plan: RESOLVED** that Councillors were informed of the ongoing scoping consultation on the Local Plan, and that the Clerk was requested to submit a request that Hub status be removed from settlements in the Parish.

07/26/11. **Finance Committee: RESOLVED** that Councillor Graham gave an update to the Council. It was noted that minutes of the meeting had not yet been received by committee members. Councillor Williamson requested that his concerns about repeated financial irregularities in the reports being given to the Parish Council be recorded in the minutes. It was also noted that an alternate internal auditor should be sought, due to a potential conflict with the Financial Regulations with the current auditor. Councillor Ryland thanked the committee for their work with regard to the finances. It was further **RESOLVED** to approve the following policy changes.

- Amendments to Financial Regulations, as previously circulated.
 - Amendments to Terms of Reference, as previously circulated.
- (Proposed by Councillor Ryland, seconded by Councillor Long)

07/26/12. **Policies: RESOLVED** that the following matters related to policy were agreed:

- Amendments to Standing Orders, as previously circulated.
- Adoption of Communications Policy, to be deferred to the September meeting.
- Adoption of Service Level Agreement with Clerk, to be deferred to the September meeting.

The Council thanked Councillor Murray for her work in regard to HR matters.

07/26/13. **Green Waste: RESOLVED** that following amendment to Westmorland and Furness Policy to now provided options for green waste collection to all villages in the Parish and cancel the green waste

skip scheme, the parish Council would no longer provide additional skips, and would return the grant funding received to the Place Action Group.

- 07/26/14. **Grass cutting, Gillian's Well: RESOLVED** that following a resident request for provision of a green waste bin to dispose of cuttings at Gillian's Well, Calthwaite, Councillors agreed that bins would not be provided for grass cutting on land not owned by the Parish Council. Councillor Waugh to inform resident.
- 07/26/15. **Calthwaite Play Area: RESOLVED** that following an offer from Councillor Harris to sell the land housing Calthwaite Play Area to the Parish Council for a nominal fee of £1, the Parish Council would adopt the play area. The current Calthwaite Play Area Committee had agreed to cover all legal costs incurred by the Parish Council associated with the transfer. (Proposed by Councillor Williamson, seconded by Councillor Ryland)
- 07/26/16. **Meeting location: RESOLVED** that the Clerk would enquire further with Councillor Harris regarding costs and permissions, and that further discussion would be deferred to the September meeting.
- 07/26/17. **Calthwaite highways proposal: RESOLVED** to agree to the traffic restrictions as outlined, but not to the central reservation at this time.
- 07/26/18. **Planning matters: RESOLVED** that the following matters related to planning were agreed.
- a) **Planning applications:** The following comments submitted on behalf of the Parish Council since the last Ordinary Meeting were acknowledged:
 - i. **2026/0779/FPA** at Monkcastle Farm, Monkcastle, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 OPZ for Erection of a replacement livestock shed. **No objections**
 - ii. **2026/1011/HOU** at 2 Howfield Cottages Southwaite Carlisle CA4 OLQ for Ground floor side and rear extension. **No objections**
 - iii. **2026/1007/FPA** at Romanway Plumpton PENRITH CA11 9NS for Erection of a building over an existing collecting yard. **No objections**
 - b) **Planning applications:** The following comments on planning application currently open in the Parish were agreed;
 - i. **2026/1222/HOU** at Blacksykes Farmhouse, Calthwaite, PENRITH, CA11 9PP for Replacement of an existing flat-roof with pitched roof, reconfiguration of the attached former bothy, infill extension between the farmhouse and bothy, internal alterations, refurbishment works and associated external works. **No objections**
 - ii. **2026/1148/FPA** at The Old Vicarage, Ivegill, CARLISLE, CA4 OPA for Part-retrospective planning application for stabling and change of use of land to private equestrian use. **No objections**
 - iii. **2026/0953/FPA** at Barn at Mellguards Farm, Mellguards, Southwaite, CARLISLE, CA4 OLE for Erection of a dwelling and associated development. **Objections** – With regard to Local Plan Policies LS1 and HS2, due to Southwaite's status as a Smaller Village and Hamlet, and National Planning policy in relation to use of prior development legislation.
 - iv. **2025/1477/LBC** at The Manor, Barrock Park, Southwaite, CARLISLE, CA4 OJS for Listed Building Consent for retention of alterations previously carried out including installation of uPVC double glazed windows and doors, rooflights, internal layout changes, installation of kitchens and bathrooms, and associated works. **Comment** – Request that the Conservation Officer looks at window changes.
 - v. **2026/1191/LBC** at Petteril Crook Bridge for Listed building consent for repair to bridge parapet. **No objections**
 - vi. **2026/0641/HOU** at The Stable, Plumpton, Penrith, CA11 9NS for Proposed two storey rear extension – Reconsultation. **No objections**
 - c) **Planning decisions:** No planning decision notices have been made in the Parish since the last meeting of the Parish Council
 - d) **Other planning matters:** Councillors were informed of the following matters:

- i. That planning application 2025/1988/FPA on Land to the North of Elm Close, High Hesket, Carlisle, CA4 0JA for Erection of 25 dwellings and associated infrastructure would be going to committee.
- ii. Councillor Waugh raised a concern regarding a field gate, and whether it required planning permission, and had raised this with the Building Control Officer.

07/26/19. **Financial matters: RESOLVED** that the following matters related to finance were agreed:

a) To authorise the payment of accounts as per the payment schedule;

Payee	Particulars	Amount
L Beken	Administration	£13.95
Westmorland and Furness	Rotation of Speed Indicator Device	£498.00
Armathwaite Old School Hall	Hall hire	£25.00
CALC	Annual subscription	£517.95

The Clerk was requested to ensure all vendors provide invoices for payments.

b) To amend the Banking Mandate to add Councillor Harris and Councillor Graham.

07/26/20. **Correspondence: RESOLVED** that correspondence received, as per correspondence register was acknowledged. A concern raised by a resident regarding the footpath at Armathwaite Manor, in Ainstable Parish, had been forwarded to the landowner.

07/26/21. **Parish maintenance: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised:

- Councillor Gibson raised ongoing concerns regarding the Oak tree at Low Hesket Village Hall – Clerk to follow up.
- Councillor Gibson raised a concern about a pot hole form Ling top to Petteril Bridge footbridge.
- Councillor Waugh raised an issue on the road to Wreay and would confirm location with Clerk post meeting.
- Videos behind the causeway to Wreay illustrating issues to be forwarded to Westmorland and Furness Councillor Carrick.
- At Southwaite river bridge, with three arches, the third arch is gravelled up, and floods the road.
- Councillor Pollock raised a concern with the road surface at Beckside, Plumpton.

07/26/22. **Council matters: RESOLVED** that no further matters were raised.

07/26/23. **Date of next Ordinary Meeting** – September 8th 2026 at 7.30pm, to be held at Low Hesket Village Hall.

Meeting closed: 10:45pm

Actions carried over from previous meeting

Minute number	Action	Actioner
05/26/5	Purchase of bench at Plumpton	Clerk
05/26/9 (c)	Amend and distribute Risk Assessment	Clerk Councillor Murray
05/26/16	Follow-up repairs at play area	Clerk
05/26/21	Report highways matters	Clerk

Actions arising from July meeting

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07/26/9	Contact vendor for prices for SID	Clerk
07/26/9	Provide update to Highways	Clerk
07/26/10	Provide feedback to Local Plan consultation	Clerk
07/26/11	Circulate Finance Committee minutes	Clerk
07/26/13	Arrange refund to PAG	Clerk
07/26/14	Inform resident regarding green bin	Councillor Waugh
07/26/15	Begin process for Play Area transfer	Councillor Long Councillor Harris Clerk
07/26/16	Discuss meeting location proposals	Clerk Councillor Harris
07/26/17	Relay response to highways	Clerk
07/26/19	Amend banking mandate	Clerk
07/26/21	Follow up regarding Oak tree at Village Hall	Clerk
07/26/21	Send details to Clerk	Councillor Waugh
07/26/21	Report highways issues	Clerk

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Correspondence register – July 2026

Date	Content	Format	Action
Westmorland and Furness Council			
22/05	Cancellation of green waste service	Email	Forwarded to Chair
25/05	Calthwaite road changes	Email	Forwarded to Councillors
CALC			
20/05	Changes to waste collections	Email	Forwarded to Councillors
01/07	Local Plan Scoping Consultation	Email	Forwarded to Councillors
Other			
26/05	Concern over footpath at Armathwaite manor	Email	Clerk contacted landowner
03/06	MOTO service grants	Email	Forwarded to Councillors
02/06	Resident regarding green waste in High Hesket	Phone	
11/06	Resident regarding green waste in Plumpton	Email	

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