

KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kirkbampton Parish Council held on Monday 5th January 2026 at 7.30p.m.

Present: C Christie (CCh), C Clark (CCI), M Cunliffe (MC), and TH Rudd (HR).

In Attendance: Clerk / RFO, A Dawes (AD), M Johnson (MJ), + 2 (two) Members of the public

045/01/26 Apologies for Absence: S Edgar (SE),

046/01/26 Requests for Dispensations & Declarations of Interest

No requests for dispensations were received and no declarations of interest were made.

047/01/26 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3rd November 2026

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.

048/01/26 Public Participation

One member of the public present asked if we could help with the situation regarding "Watchtree" traffic using the minor road via Flat. The MOP provided a map which indicates that a more sensible route would be from Kirkbampton via Thurstonfield. [Map attached to these minutes]

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that AD would forward the request to MJ regarding the possibility of "signage" being provided at points A and B marked on the Map as well as looking at potential for sign reducing traffic flowing through Flat from Thurstonfield.

Also **RESOLVED** that AD would contact Watchtree to see if anything could be amended regarding travel instructions on their Website to suggest NOT FOLLOWING SATNAV (as this takes the route through Flat).

Another MOP in attendance was seeking Council assistance regarding the "speeding" traffic along the Thurstonfield – Kirkbride road through Kirkbampton.

MJ suggested that the most important aspect of all these incidents is that the Data is recorded

Report from Unitary Authority Councillor

No Unitary Authority Councillor present.

Report from the Chair

MC indicated that approaching the Lord Lieutenant with regard to funding may prove fruitful.

039/11/25 Administrative and Village Matters

Little Bampton

Update on Play Area - CCI reported that she and AD had completed the application for Grant assistance from Cumberland Council and the Council had received £4,000 but were unsure why the grant hadn't been for the application figure of £6,000.

Fund provider [CWMET] application completed by CCI and AD who met on the 8th September 2025 fulfil the requirements of the documentation and await result of the assessment meeting. to attempt the Application.

Studholme

No progress reported regarding signage.

Council instructed Clerk to send yet another letter regarding the erection of the fence.

040/11/25 Review of Policies and Procedures

Clerk provided an index of policies required but was yet to produce a proposed Annual Timetable.

041/11/25 Highways matters – no further update on outstanding item especially the speed warning sign outside the school.

042/11/25 Finance Matters

RESOLVED to receive the reconciliation of the balance at the bank.
AD provided the regular Finance Reports.

RESOLVED to ratify payment of invoices/authorise payment as per schedule presented at the meeting.

RESOLVED receive an updated Budget V Actual Report together with Forecasted out-turn.

RESOLVED agree 2026 – 2027 Budget papers and Precept request of £12,125.

RESOLVED Donation requests - Village hall request for donation towards new curtains £250.00 Health event hosted by Croft Surgery Patient Participation Group - £200

043/11/25 Correspondence

AD spoke about procuring a replacement Web Site and the purchase of relevant e-mail addresses for all council members.

As part of the exercise in setting the precept for the 2026/2027 Financial year AD had received indicative costs from 3 suppliers regarding creation of a website that would be legally compliant. After much debate Budget figures were included at 042/11/25 above and AD will continue to pursue the requirements and proceed to “purchase” the site in due course.

044/11/25 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting(s) of the Parish Council will be held in Kirkbampton Village Hall on Monday 5th January 2026 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.