

Waberthwaite & Corney Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Meeting held at Waberthwaite & Corney District
Village Hall,
7.30 pm on 9th June 2026.

Present

Chair: Cllr N. Southward

Vice Chair: Cllr M Steele

Cllrs: R Thornton, A Pritt, J Varden, A Hadwin

Clerk: G Savage

2 members of the public

Minute Number	Item
27/26	Apologies for absence – Cllr E Wilson. This was accepted and approved by the Council.
28/26	Declaration of Interest – Cllr N Southward declared an interest regarding the councillor vacancy which a family member has applied for. Cllr N Southward declared that he would abstain from voting and the Vice Chair would have the casting vote if required.
29/26	Councillor Vacancy Interview There were 2 applications for the councillor vacancy. Following a vote the Chair officially declared Michael Knowles as duly elected to fill the vacancy on Waberthwaite & Corney Parish Council.
30/26	Minutes - It was proposed by Cllr J Varden, seconded by Cllr R Thornton and resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 th May 2026, minutes signed.
31/26	Public Participation – 1 member of the Parish attended the meeting.
32/26	Progress Reports
	Highways 32/1 EI/258590 - Grass verge running from CA18 1RS to CA18 1RI affecting sight lines and needs cutting back. Clerk reported that this has been passed to a team for action. Work not completed but has been assigned to a contractor by Highways. Work has been carried out to cut back some of the vegetation but needs further work as still affecting sight line. Clerk to reported to highways, report has been updated. EI/293717 - Excessive water running down the hill on the southbound carriageway on Alley Hill. During heavy rain the surface water runs like a torrent down the hill from ///elbowing.stove.holiday it misses all the 4 gulley drains until it runs into the 5th drain at point ///marshes.fiery.fear which is adjacent to Esk Villa. Reply from

	Highways stating that the drains are working, no flooding and case closed. Cllrs do not agree with Highways, problem started after roadworks. Clerk previously spoke to Cllr Andy Pratt, Highways have advised him that further work will be carried out so that the rain water will hit the first drain to prevent the current problem reoccurring. Clerk spoke to Highways today, this case has been closed, clerk to register this case again on the Highways system. • Road Sweeper – Clerk emailed Open Spaces, Cumberland to request service. neil.dixon@cumberland.gov.uk, not had any response. Cllrs reported that the road sweeper has been operating in the Parish, case closed. • EI/281010 Broadoak footpath – Requires attention, stone washed onto path and not accessible in places. This has now been resolved, but there is a further problem on the corner and needs new report submitting to Cumberland. Clerk to report again on HIMS as this case closed. • EI/281015 School Warning Flashing lights – Not been working for some time. Cllr Pratt forwarded email update from Cumberland as follows :The team has attended site and attempted to reprogramme the units manually, but frustratingly have been hampered by the technology. They are working closely with the supplier to resolve the problem as quickly as possible. It was reported that the school lights were operating today. • EI/299147 Road deteriorating top of Alley Hill – No update. • Clerk received email from Highways stating that they could not attend tonight's meeting. He offered to meet Councillors or attend the next meeting. It was resolved that clerk should request attendance at the July meeting.
	32/2 Corney Telephone Box – The Parish Council has received a complaint from a member of the community regarding the telephone box. At the last meeting the PC resolved that they would not pay for the painting of the telephone box, although materials would be provided. The local resident expressed their concerns about this decision and felt that the PC should pay for the painting work. The letter of complaint was discussed but the PC resolved that this work should be done on a voluntary basis and not paid work. Clerk to write to the resident.
	32/4 Corney Fell Road/ Oversized vehicles – The police have replied requesting photographs of signage relating to the fell road. They would then liaise with Highways to see if signage improvement could improve this situation.
33/26	Unitary Councillor report: Cllr A Pratt has offered to attend the July meeting if the date can be moved to Wednesday 15th July. It was resolved that the PC would move the next meeting to this date.
34/26	Finance
	34.1 To consider the statements of accounts – Current a/c £958.75 BBM a/c 10,811.90 – 3/6/2026 It was proposed by Cllr M Steele, seconded by Cllr J Varden and resolved that the accounts be accepted.

	34.2 To consider the following payments: • Clerks June salary 2026 - £116.70 • HMRC / PAYE – June 2026 £29.20 • Hugofox fee June - £20.99,each month. • Fiona Roberts Audit Fee £95.00 It was proposed by Cllr M Steele, seconded by Cllr J Varden and resolved that the payments be accepted.
	34.3 To note the following payments/credit: • HMRC VAT credit £1,112.00 – 15/5/2026 • Fiona Roberts Audit Fee £95.00 – 15/5/2026 • HMRC / PAYE £48.60 – 24/5/2026 • Clerks' May salary & extra hours £186.84 - 27/5/2026 • Hugofox fee £20.99 May – 28/5/2026 Noted
35/26	Clerk's report on any actions taken under delegated powers. None
36/26	Correspondence: • Emails circulated to councillors for information. • Letter received from a member of the Parish relating to Corney telephone box – see 32.2
37/26	<u>Planning Applications</u> None received.
38/26	Parish Matters, Council Priorities. 38.1 Corney Defibrillator - Chair visited Guardian and they are happy to continue the defibrillator checks. 38.2 Grass cutting – Clerk did not receive any invoices, the grass cutting service has commenced, clerk to contact Joe Greer. 38.3 Bus stop Brown Cow, access to Barrass Meadow – Access is unsafe as no footway for part of the route which is used frequently by children in the Parish. Clerk spoke to Cllr Andy Pratt and requested further details to forward to Cumberland Council for consideration. No update. 38.4 Bank Account, dual control. Clerk has added Cllr M Steele to online banking, process ongoing.
39/26	Councillors' reports and items for future agenda. • Cllr J Varden raised concerns about the planned future power cut. • Cllr A Pritt reported that the temporary repair on Alley Hill is cracking EI/299147
26/26	Date of next Parish meeting. It was resolved that the next Parish Council meeting would be Wednesday 15th July 2026 in Waberthwaite, Corney & District Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm.