

**Waberthwaite & Corney Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Parish Meeting held at Waberthwaite & Corney District**  
**Village Hall,**  
**7.30 pm on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

Present

Chairman: Cllr N. Southward  
 Cllrs: R Thornton, E Wilson, J Varden  
 Clerk: G Savage

Minute Number	Item
14/26	<b>Apologies for absence</b> – Cllrs: A Hadwin. These were accepted and approved by the Council. Cllr A Pritt – No apologies given.
15/26	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> – Cllr N Southward declared an interest regarding the councillor vacancy which a family member has applied for.
16/26	<b>Minutes</b> - 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 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2026, minutes signed.
17/26	<b>Public Participation</b> – None
18/26	<b>Progress Reports</b>
18/1	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EI/258590</b> - 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 report to highways.</li> <li>• <b>EI/293717</b> - 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 gully drains until it runs into the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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.</li> <li>• <b>EI/293721</b> In front of Croft House ///plausible.clocks.output the new road surface is higher than grass verge, it requires some alteration</li> </ul>

	<p>to the grass verge. Highways closed case, stating no problem with the road. Require photographs of site showing correct area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road Sweeper – Has not been present in the Parish for several years and road widths are decreasing in many areas. Clerk spoke to Cllr Andy Pratt and clerk to contact Open Spaces, Cumberland to request service. neil.dixon@cumberland.gov.uk</li> <li>• <b>EI/281010</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>EI/281015</b> School Warning Flashing lights – Not been working for some time. No update.</li> <li>• <b>EI/293722</b> Curb stone at Croft Villas LA19 5YH is out of place, requires reporting to Highways. This has been resolved.</li> <li>• Road deteriorating top of Alley Hill North bound to Amity and requires repairing. Resolved.</li> <li>• <b>EI/299147</b> Road deteriorating top of Alley Hill – No update.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>18/2 Corney Telephone Box</b> – Parish resident has offered to paint the phone box but need volunteer to prepare the telephone box before work carried out. Chair reported that a volunteer has offered to paint the telephone box for £200. It was resolved that this offer was not accepted by the Councillors.</p>
	<p><b>18/3 Bin Collections Hall Waberthwaite – Frequently being missed.</b> No further reports from residents. No further action.</p>
	<p><b>18/4 Corney Fell Road/ Oversized vehicles</b> – A member of the community has raised the issue about oversized vehicles using the fell road, which are prohibited. One suggestion put forward was to install signs before the exits at both sides, directing traffic away from the fell road. Motorists not familiar with the area following sat navs are directed over the fell road and correct signage may help alleviate this problem. Clerk reported to Cllr Andy Pratt. No update. Clerk to contact local Police.</p>
<b>19/26</b>	<p>Unitary Councillor report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The informal consultation regarding the restricted parking in laybys from Holmrook to Silecroft has now been completed. There will be a formal consultation later. Cllr Pratt stated that HGV's will not be prevented from stopping if they are on their compulsory breaks, allowing overnights stays.</li> <li>• It was proposed by several councillors in the meeting that a member of Cumberland Highways and Cllr Andy Pratt should attend one of the Parish Council meetings to discuss Highway problems within the Parish, Clerk has already requested attendance from Highways but not had any response yet. Clerk will speak to Cllr A Pratt regarding this matter.</li> </ul>

20/26	<b>Finance</b>
	<p><b>20.1 To consider the statements of accounts –</b> Current a/c £196.18 BBM a/c 10,811.90 – 2/5/2026</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr E Wilson, seconded by Cllr J Varden and resolved that the accounts be accepted.</p>
	<p><b>20.2 To consider the following payments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerks May salary 2026 - £116.70</li> <li>• HMRC / PAYE – May 2026 £29.20</li> <li>• Clerks 6 hours assertion 10 compliance work £87.54</li> <li>• Hugofox fee May - £20.99,each month.</li> <li>• CALC membership fee - £161.33</li> </ul> <p>It was proposed by Cllr E Wilson, seconded by Cllr J Varden and resolved that the payments be accepted.</p>
	<p><b>20.2 To note the following payments/credit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMRC / PAYE 29.00 – 28/4/2026</li> <li>• Clerks’ March salary £116.90 – 29/4/2026</li> <li>• Hugofox fee £20.99 March – 28/4/2026</li> <li>• ICO Fee - £52.00 – 2/5/2026</li> </ul> <p>Noted</p>
	<p><b>20.3 To consider signing the Accounting Statements for the year 2025/26 –</b> Accounts verified by internal auditor.</p> <p><b>20.4 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 31 March 2026 this statement forms part of the Internal Audit review for financial year end.</b> It was proposed by Cllr J Varden, seconded by Cllr E Wilson and resolved that these be accepted.</p> <p><b>20.5 To consider the report from the Internal Auditor and act on actions raised.</b> No action required.</p> <p><b>20.6 To consider the Budget Comparison Report 2025/6 –</b> No action required.</p> <p><b>20.7 To approve the accounting statement and submission.</b> It was proposed by Cllr E Wilson, seconded by Cllr J Varden and resolved that the be accepted and that the council fulfilled all requirements to submit a Certificate of Exemption.</p>
21/26	<p><b>Clerk’s report on any actions taken under delegated powers.</b> None</p>

22/26	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emails circulated to councillors for information.</li> </ul>
23/26	<p><b><u>Planning Applications</u></b> None received.</p>
24/26	<p><b>Parish Matters, Council Priorities.</b></p> <p><b>24.1 Email account.gov.uk</b> – Councillors have been issued with new .gov emails, some emails still require activating.</p> <p><b>24.2 Councillor vacancy</b> – 2 candidates have applied for the vacancy. It was resolved to invite both candidates to next month’s meeting for an introduction to the Parish Council.</p> <p><b>24.3 End of year audit:</b> Now completed by Fiona Roberts.</p> <p><b>24.4 Corney Defibrillator-</b> Clerk reported that the defibrillator checks were not being carried out on a regular basis. Chair to contact Guardian.</p> <p><b>24.5 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.</b> Clerk spoke to Cllr Andy Pratt and requested further details to forward to Cumberland Council for consideration. Clerk to send further details to Cllr Pratt.</p> <p><b>24.6 Bank Account, dual control.</b> Clerk recommended dual control for the online banking and wanted Cllrs to authorise payments. It was proposed by Cllr E Wilson and seconded by Cllr J Varden that Cllr N Southward and Cllr M Steele be added to the online banking authorisation schedule. Clerk to make arrangements with the bank.</p>
25/26	<p><b>Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda.</b></p> <p>Cllr M Steele raised about changing the meeting night back to Monday during the summer months so Cllr A Pratt could attend. It was resolved that the clerk would invite Cllr A Pratt to the July meeting on a different night so that he could attend the meeting.</p>
26/26	<p><b>Date of next Parish meeting.</b></p> <p>It was resolved that the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 9th June 2026 in Waberthwaite, Corney &amp; District Village Hall after the Annual Parish Council meeting which starts at 7.30pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.