

Waberthwaite & Corney Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Meeting held at Waberthwaite& Corney District Village Hall,
7.30 pm on 8th July 2025

Present
Chairman Cllr N. Southward
Vice Chair Cllr M Steele
Cllrs: R Thornton, A Pritt, J Varden, E Wilson
Clerk: G Savage
1 member of the public present

Minute Number	Item	Action
40/25	Apologies for absence – Cllr A Clegg. The apology was accepted and approved by the Council. Cllr A Hadwin – No apology received.	
41/25	Declaration of Interest – None	
42/25	Minutes - It was proposed by Cllr R Thornton, seconded by Cllr M Steele and resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 th June 2025.	
43/25	Public Participation – A member of the Waberthwaite & Corney Village Hall Committee attended the meeting. They stated that they were unaware that the Waberthwaite & Corney village hall was the meeting point on the Parish Council's emergency plan and did they need to take any extra measures as result of this? The Parish Council stated that they had to have a meeting point if there was ever an emergency in the Parish and the village hall was the obvious place for the community. The clerk will make enquiries to establish if any further action needs to be taken.	
44/25	Progress Reports	
	Highways 44/1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EI/237229 – Rubble opposite Lowther Street Waberthwaite & Triangle area, Village Hall. Reported to Highways and they have replied stating the contractors would deal with the removal of the rubble – It was reported that none of the rubble has been removed. Cllr M Steele reported the matter to Highways in March. No further update, clerk to contact Highways. • E1/243886 – Japanese Knotweed on the grass verge, A595 opposite Lowther Street. No Update. • Railings located opposite side to Brown Cow, near Waberthwaite school, damaged after crash on A595. Cllr Hadwin reported that Highways have visited the site and the matter is being dealt with through insurance, which could be a lengthy process – Matter resolved, railings repaired. 	
	44/2 Corney Telephone Box – A volunteer from the community has offered to paint the telephone box, The Chair will make the necessary arrangements. No further update.	Chair to contact the volunteer.
	44/3 Parish Council car park/river bank repair. Cumberland Council have now advised that no permission is required but have stipulated certain conditions when carrying out the work. Clerk has informed the contractor that work can now commence and advised of the conditions. Clerk to monitor.	

45/25	Unitary Councillor report: No updates from Cllr A Pratt.	
46/25	Finance	
	46.1 To consider the statements of accounts – current a/c £510.24 BBM a/c £14,899.15 – 01/07/2025 It was proposed by Cllr R Thornton, seconded by Cllr J Varden and resolved that the accounts be accepted.	
	46.2 To consider the following payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerks July & August salary 2025 - £111.30 • HMRC / PAYE – July & August 2025 £27.80 • Joe Greer Grass cutting – No invoices received It was proposed by Cllr A Pritt, seconded by Cllr M Steele and resolved that the payments be accepted.	
	46.3 To note the following payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank monthly charge – June 2025 £8 – 8/6/2025 • Joe Geer Ltd £72 – 29/6/2025 • Clerks' June salary 2025 £111.30 – 28/5/2025 • HMRC / PAYE – June 2025 £27.80 – 25/6/2025 Noted	
47/25	Clerk's report on any actions taken under delegated powers. Nothing to report.	
48/25	Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank monthly charge - email from HSBC confirming that there will be no monthly bank account fee commencing 1/7/2025. • Emails circulated to councillors for information. 	
49/25	Planning Application: 49/1: Reference: 7/2025/4048 Location: Low Kinmont, Corney, Bootle, Millom, LA19 5TL Proposal: Construction of a 16x15m extension to an existing Agricultural Building to provide additional animal welfare facilities Reply by: 24 July 2025 Reply to: planning@lakedistrict.gov.uk There were no objections.	
50/25	Parish Matters, Council Priorities. 50/1 - Parish Council laptop – A new HP laptop costing £399 inc vat has been recommended by a PC retailer. There would be additional costs for the purchase of Microsoft office and anti-virus software. It was proposed by Cllr R Thornton, seconded by Cllr J Varden and resolved that the clerk would purchase the recommended HP laptop and would purchase the software required.	
51/25	Councillors' reports and items for future agenda. Cllr M Steele – Clerk circulated email asking if Parish Councils would be interested in Fibrous holding an event, Cllr Steele was in favour of such an event as it may benefit the community. Cllr Steele has made enquiries about the cost of registering common land in the Parish which should be discussed before the pending registration deadline. Cllr N Southward raised concerns about the grass verge running from CA18 1RS to CA18 1RI affecting sight lines and needed cutting back. The clerk will add these items to the next agenda.	

52/25	Date of next Parish meeting. It was proposed by Cllr A Hadwin, seconded by Cllr M Steele and resolved that the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 16 th September 2025 in Waberthwaite, Corney & District Village Hall at 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.