

# Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

**Held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 6.30pm in The Gather, Ennerdale Bridge**

**Present:** Cllr J Thursz (Chair), Cllr C Ayling, Cllr S Guise, Cllr M Lachlan, Cllr R Maxwell (RM), Cllr R Outhwaite from 18:58 (RO), Cllr S Parker (SP), Cllr B Wright (BW).

**Clerk:** J Ollerenshaw (JO).

**Members of the public:** 4

Meeting Started: 18:30

Minute Number	Item	Action
1228/11/25	<b>Apologies</b> RO had a prior meeting. He sent apologies that he would not make the start of the meeting.	
1229/11/25	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None	
1230/11/25	<b>To approve the minutes of the meeting of 16/09/2025</b> <b>Resolved</b> to approve the minutes.	JO
1231/11/25	<b>To receive the minutes of the staffing committee meeting of 04/09/25</b> Noted received.	JO
1232/11/25	<b>Exclusion of press and public.</b> <b>Resolved</b> to exclude the press and public from item 20 as this was a confidential matter relating to members of the public.	
1233/11/25	<b>Report from Cumberland Councillor.</b> Not present	
1234/11/25	<b>Clerk's Updates</b> The wayleave agreement had been received back just before the meeting, so there was no update to share yet. The automatic enrolment pension was due to be re-declared.	JO JO
1235/11/25	<b>Councillor Updates</b> I. Emergency Plan & Community led plan. SG said that they had a couple of busy months with the drop-in sessions at the beginning of November. She thanked all of those who had helped. The session had been shared with the community led plan and a number of people had taken away questionnaires. It was hoped to produce a householder booklet for early next year. A draft Emergency plan was anticipated to come before the Council around April time. An Emergency Response Group would need to be formed. The biodiversity policy may be part of the Community led plan. The phone box by the school was still operational for 999 calls. Sandbags are delivered quickly by Cumberland Council or bags which are filled with water could be purchased. The viability of the latter would be investigated. II. Dark Skies. The bulb by the school had been replaced, but the one by Ehen Garth was still out. BW still chasing. III. Neighbourhood Policing. Members of the public had passed issues on to BW but there had been two scheduled police desks	SG  SG BW

	which the police had not turned up for, and there was a Teams meeting arranged for 17 <sup>th</sup> November that both BW and JO had signed in for, but again, the police did not show.	
1236/11/25	<p><b>Reports from invited speakers</b></p> <p>Rachel Oakley from Wild Ennerdale gave thanks to volunteers. The work on the Riverlands project had been completed. The Galloway bridge had reopened. A new bridge would be installed at Loft Beck next spring. Some further works are planned around Bleach Green. Forestry England expect that felling will continue for a few more months. Some native tree planting is now underway in previously felled areas. Wild Ennerdale had been asked to provide more information in support of its expression of interest for rewilding beavers. United Utilities had carried out work to remove artificial channel constraints to improve habitat and extend the flood plain.</p> <p>RO arrived.</p> <p>The status of the mill interpretation board was queried and Jo Wilmott would look into this.</p> <p>Concerns were raised over weather damage recently caused to the new lake path. Natural England would investigate more enduring solutions.</p>	
1237/11/25	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>Jo Wilmott spoke of the planning application submitted and said that they were trying to make improvements to the paths, but the planning process was a slow one. They hoped to make use of the funding while they had it.</p>	
1238/11/25	<p><b>Planning applications.</b></p> <p>7/2025/4083 – New off-road multi-user bridleway. <b>Resolved:</b> To support the application, but to request that signage should be in place to warn road users that people would be crossing and on the condition that the bridge design is in keeping with others already in place.</p>	JO
1239/11/25	<p><b>Community Governance Review</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that no review would be requested.</p>	
1240/11/25	<p><b>Nominations to Directorship of CALC</b></p> <p>No councillors wished to be nominated.</p>	
1241/11/25	<p><b>Request for signs</b></p> <p>ML raised a recent incident when riders had been struck by a vehicle. JT said that there had also been several sheep killed. It was agreed that speeding in general was a problem. <b>Resolved</b> to write to Cumberland Highways and the police to invite them to meet with the Council to discuss the traffic situation and seek a way to resolve the current issues. To invite the chair of the Graziers' Association to also attend the meeting.</p>	JO
1242/11/25	<p><b>Bridge Park</b></p> <p>Deferred</p>	
1243/11/25	<p><b>Draft Budget 2026/2027</b></p> <p>JO presented and explained the draft budget. Councillors agreed some amendments to the draft. This would be finalised and confirmed in the January meeting.</p>	

1244/11/25	<div>Payments for approval</div> <div>A replacement cheque had been issued to Palmer for one that had been lost in the post. The bank mandate had now been updated. <b>Resolved</b> to agree the schedule of payments</div> <table><tr><td>Lamplugh &amp; Dist SC</td><td>Grant</td><td>£ 300.00</td><td>000751</td></tr><tr><td>Lamplugh with Enn PCC</td><td>Grant</td><td>£ 550.00</td><td>000752</td></tr><tr><td>Ennerdale Hub</td><td>Room Hire</td><td>£ 20.00</td><td>000753</td></tr><tr><td>Lamplugh with Enn PCC</td><td>Newsletter</td><td>£ 25.00</td><td>)000754</td></tr><tr><td>Lamplugh with Enn PCC</td><td>Newsletter</td><td>£ 25.00</td><td>) £50 total</td></tr><tr><td>TEEC Ltd</td><td>Website</td><td>£ 194.39</td><td>000755</td></tr><tr><td>J Thursz</td><td>Strimmer Line (Mill Garage)</td><td>£ 195.78</td><td>000756</td></tr><tr><td>J Ollerenshaw</td><td>Expenses</td><td>£ 76.15</td><td>000757</td></tr></table>	Lamplugh & Dist SC	Grant	£ 300.00	000751	Lamplugh with Enn PCC	Grant	£ 550.00	000752	Ennerdale Hub	Room Hire	£ 20.00	000753	Lamplugh with Enn PCC	Newsletter	£ 25.00	)000754	Lamplugh with Enn PCC	Newsletter	£ 25.00	) £50 total	TEEC Ltd	Website	£ 194.39	000755	J Thursz	Strimmer Line (Mill Garage)	£ 195.78	000756	J Ollerenshaw	Expenses	£ 76.15	000757	JO
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1245/11/25	<div>Councillor matters</div> <div>BW had met a Cumberland Council member of staff during the drop-in sessions and they were assisting with issues related to road markings, speeding and parking. She had been unable to make progress relating to dog fouling but would continue to try.</div> <div>RO said that there had been a LDNP cluster meeting. It had been suggested in the meeting that a walk around with representatives from Cumberland Council would be beneficial as the parish was in both authorities' areas. This was agreed and RO was asked to relay this back to the LDNPA.</div> <div>RM said that there had been fly tipping. He would report online again. It was confirmed that the more people that reported an issue, the more likely it was to be dealt with quickly.</div> <div>JT had spoken to the contractor regarding hedge cutting and he had held the price for this year. The strimmer line had been purchased as the contribution towards the work from the probation services. The signs regarding motorcycles had reduced the activity, although not completely eliminated it. Thanks were given to Jo Wilmott for her efforts. The bus shelter origins had been uncovered. It had been built in around 1965 and was not funded by the parish council. It stands on National Trust land and it was questioned whether it should be on the asset register. JT offered thanks to Rev Ian Parker for his interest and input into parish affairs over the years, and all his assistance with checking defibrillators. He wished him well in his retirement.</div>	BW  RO  RM																																
1246/11/25	<div>Date of the next meeting</div> <div>Confirmed as 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026. This was a variation from the scheduled date of 20<sup>th</sup> January.</div>	JO																																
	Members of the public left the meeting																																	
1247/11/25	<div>Confidential session</div> <div>The council reviewed the sanctions in place against two members of the public. It was agreed that the sanctions should remain in place.</div>																																	

Meeting closed at 20.32

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