

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 13th January 2026 at 6.30pm in The Gather, Ennerdale Bridge

Present: Cllr J Thursz (Chair), Cllr C Ayling, Cllr M Lachlan, Cllr R Maxwell (RM), Cllr R Outhwaite (RO), Cllr S Parker (SP).

Clerk: J Ollerenshaw (JO).

Members of the public: 1

Meeting Started: 18:30

Minute Number	Item	Action
1248/01/26	Apologies Cllrs Guise and Wright had sent apologies. Resolved to accept apologies and approve absences.	
1249/01/26	Declarations of Interest None	
1250/01/26	To approve the minutes of the meeting of 18/11/2025 Resolved to approve the minutes.	JO
1251/01/26	Exclusion of press and public. Resolved to exclude the press and public from item 18 as this was a confidential matter relating to members of the public.	
1252/01/26	Reports from invited speakers. An email with updates had been submitted by Jo Willmot and would be circulated to members. Rachel Oakley had confirmed that she would attend the March meeting.	
1253/01/26	Report from Cumberland Councillor. Cllr Jones-Bulman had sent apologies.	
1254/01/26	Clerk's Updates The wayleave agreement – images were still to be received. The redeclaration to the Pensions Regulator had been submitted. There had been no response to the request for a police & highways meeting. Clerk would follow up and copy in the Cumberland Councillor. A circular had been received from Hugo Fox regarding websites. The clerk would look into this and bring some information back to the next meeting. The Council had been invited to comment on plans for the North Pennines but declined to respond. Cumberland Council had invited people to comment on their budget proposals. The Ennerdale Horseshoe race would be on 6 th June. Cumberland Council's boundary review had been placed on hold.	JO JO JO
1255/01/26	Councillor Updates I. Emergency Plan & Community led plan. RO said that there had been no meeting. The proposed questions would be brought to the next meeting. II. Neighbourhood Policing. Cllr Wright had attended but was not able to be present to report back this evening.	RO
1256/01/26	Public Participation None	

1257/01/26	<p>Planning applications.</p> <p>1) 7/2025/4019 – Erection of polytunnels at Beckfoot Farm. A number of concerns were raised which included the visibility of the tunnels, commercialisation of the garden, removing another dwelling from available housing stock. Other sites were thought to be more suitable. Resolved to recommend refusal on the grounds mentioned.</p> <p>2) 7/2025/4083 – Note permission granted 7/2025/4097 – Note permission granted</p> <p>3) 7/2025/4097 – Ratify delegated response.</p>	JO																												
1258/01/26	<p>Bridge Park</p> <p>Resolved that a five-year lease would be pursued.</p>	JT																												
1259/01/26	<p>LDNPA Consultation on Sites</p> <p>The walk around the parish would be postponed until there was a draft Community Led Plan. RO to send wording for Clerk to respond on behalf of the Council.</p>	RO JO																												
1260/01/26	<p>New Woodland Creation</p> <p>The Council did not wish to comment.</p>																													
1261/01/26	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>The budget comparison report was shared. The current bank balance was £15,281.49 with £1573.15 in cheques still to be presented, which will leave a balance of £13,708.34 once they are cleared.</p>																													
1262/01/26	<p>Budget 2026/2027</p> <p>The budget was agreed as presented. Total planned expenditure £15,087.30.</p>																													
1263/01/26	<p>Precept 2026/2027</p> <p>The precept required to meet the projected budget spend, with reserves held at 6 months' of expenditure, plus earmarked reserves towards 2027 projected election costs was agreed at £11,738. This is a 54.9% increase on the 2025/26 precept but still represents a reduction against 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 precepts. The band D household charge for 2026/27 is estimated to be £61.81.</p>	JO																												
1264/01/26	<p>Payments for approval</p> <p>Resolved to agree the schedule of payments</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Cheque number</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>The Gather</td> <td>Room Hire</td> <td>£ 40.00</td> <td>000758</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lamplugh we PCC</td> <td>Newsletter</td> <td>£ 25.00</td> <td>000759</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Ollerenshaw</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td>£ 72.10</td> <td>000760</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Messrs Mattinson</td> <td>Hedge Cutting</td> <td>£ 360.00</td> <td>000761</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Ollerenshaw</td> <td>Wages</td> <td>£ 860.85</td> <td>000762</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>PAYE/NIC</td> <td>£ 215.20</td> <td>000763</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee	Description	Amount	Cheque number	The Gather	Room Hire	£ 40.00	000758	Lamplugh we PCC	Newsletter	£ 25.00	000759	J Ollerenshaw	Expenses	£ 72.10	000760	Messrs Mattinson	Hedge Cutting	£ 360.00	000761	J Ollerenshaw	Wages	£ 860.85	000762	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	£ 215.20	000763	JO
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1265/01/26	<p>Councillor matters</p> <p>RO asked for Highways to be contacted to ensure that routes into the village were gritted. JT said that the road closed signs could also be mentioned as these were very confusing.</p> <p>ML mentioned that there had been another incident with the riding school and vehicles. Clerk is still chasing for a meeting as previously mentioned.</p>	JO																												
1266/01/26	<p>Date of the next meeting</p> <p>Confirmed as 17th March 2026.</p>																													

	Members of the public left the meeting	
1267/01/26	<p>Confidential session – Unacceptable Behaviour</p> <p>The council reviewed correspondence from a member of the public. This member of the public was aware of the Unacceptable Behaviour Policy and had been reminded of it when they had committed an earlier breach. The Council agreed that the manner in which the email had been sent was using a shotgun approach but suspended sanctions on this occasion.</p> <p>Authority was delegated to the Clerk to determine in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair if any future correspondence from this person represents a further breach, triggering sanctions.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to confirm the Council's decision to the member of the public and to inform them that any further breach would result in the Council ceasing to communicate with them.</p>	JO

Meeting closed at 20.38

Chairman's
signature.....Date.....