

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 S Guise (SG), Cllr M Lachlan, Cllr R Maxwell (RM), Cllr R Outhwaite (RO), Cllr S Parker (SP), Cllr B Wright (BW).

Clerk: J Ollerenshaw (JO).

Members of the public: 6

Meeting Started: 18:30

Minute Number	Item	Action
1268/03/26	Apologies None	
1269/03/26	Declarations of Interest None	
1270/03/26	To approve the minutes of the meeting of 17/03/2026 Resolved to approve the minutes.	JO
1271/03/26	Exclusion of press and public. Resolved to exclude the press and public from item 25 as this was a confidential matter relating to members of the public.	
1272/03/26	Reports from invited speakers. Updates were received from United Utilities, Wild Ennerdale and the Lake District National Park Authority, on various projects in the parish.	
1273/03/26	Report from Cumberland Councillor. Not present.	
1274/03/26	Clerk's Updates A response regarding the speeding was expected soon. There had been a report of a timber lorry operating outside of agreed hours. SG said that they had also been speeding.	
1275/03/26	Councillor Updates I. Emergency Plan – still moving forward. SP has a draft plan and resilience document. He will circulate to the other councillors for feedback. II. Dark skies – nothing to report. III. Community Led Plan – RO said that a walkabout would be helpful. SG referenced the layers of engagement suggested by ACTion Cumbria. JT asked if there was a timeline/routemap. SG would bring this to the next meeting. IV. Regen – nothing to report. V. Neighbourhood Policing – BW said that kits had been circulated to farmers. There had been minor level antisocial behaviour and concerns were raised about damage to empty properties. Future meetings would be open to all councillors. ML raised concerns about speeding on Cold Fell. VI. Wild Ennerdale – nothing to report.	SP SG
1276/03/26	Public Participation None	
1277/03/26	Planning applications. One application had been responded to under delegated authority.	

1278/03/26	Risk Assessment Resolved to approve the risk assessment.																	
1279/03/26	Asset Register RO proposed that the wording that the common land cannot be sold should be removed. Agreed. Resolved to accept the asset register as amended.	JO																
1280/03/26	IT Policy Resolved to adopt the IT Policy.																	
1281/03/26	Council Mobile Phone Resolved to purchase a refurbished phone and a SIM only deal for continuity and connectivity.	JO																
1282/03/26	Ennerdale Forest Plan Amendment SP asked if there would be additional lorries. Rachael Oakley would ask the question. JO would ask if public information was available.																	
1283/03/26	Community Resilience Pilot Councillors felt that they were already looking into this through the Emergency Plan, but felt that other information might be available. Resolved Emergency Plan group to request to join the pilot.	SG																
1284/03/26	White Tailed Eagle Survey Resolved that the Council did not have sufficient information, so would not respond at this stage.																	
1285/03/26	Wayleave Agreement Additional photographs had been received, but wording still needed to be amended. This would be brought back to a future meeting. A map of the full route would be requested.	JO																
1286/03/26	Webmail/Domain/Emails This was deferred at the request of the Clerk																	
1287/03/26	Speed Limit Review A number of roads were mentioned. Resolved to request that speed limits are reviewed. Ennerdale Bridge to Lake, Ennerdale Bridge to Croasdale, Cold Fell Road, Longmoor to Wath Brow.																	
1288/03/26	Internal Auditor Resolved to appoint Jean Airey as internal auditor.																	
1289/03/26	Payments for approval Resolved to agree the schedule of payments																	
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1290/03/26	Councillor matters BW said that there was an ongoing problem with dog fouling. The land is owned by UU. Bins and education were suggested. BW would follow up with UU. BW asked about the tourist sign. JT had been unable to get a quote for the replacement. BW asked about the potholes by the bridge. She would report. BW asked if gritting on the road to Kirkland was happening. Gritters had been observed. RO said that the LDNP had adopted a strategy for engagement.	JO																

	ML said that he, CA and SP had been approached by a member of the public with a document regarding a letter. The Council agreed that unless it is addressed to the Council as the member of the public has been advised, then no response should be made. ML had received an email from a charity offering financial support classes and would pass the details to the Clerk to share.	
1291/03/26	Date of the next meeting Confirmed as 19 th May 2026.	
	Members of the public left the meeting	
1292/03/26	Confidential session – Freedom of Information Request A FOIA request for information had been refused due to time/costs that would be involved. The requestor had asked for the decision to be reviewed. The Clerk explained the criteria that had been used and a resampling of part of the results was carried out. Councillors considered the methods, results and calculations, and agreed that the decision to refuse was correct.	

Meeting closed at 21.03

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