

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on 28th July 2026 at 6.30pm in The Gather, Ennerdale Bridge

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

Clerk: J Ollerenshaw (JO).

Members of the public: 4

Meeting Started: 18:30

Minute Number	Item	Action
1321/07/26	Apologies Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Wright.	
1322/07/26	Declarations of Interest Cllr Ayling declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 as he was on the committee of an organisation applying for a grant.	
1323/07/26	To approve the minutes of the meeting of 19/05/2026 Resolved to approve the minutes subject to a clarification amendment proposed by RO to minute 1301/05/26.	JO
1324/07/26	Exclusion of press and public. Resolved to exclude the press and public from items 21 and 22 as these were confidential matters.	
1325/07/26	Reports from invited speakers. An update was received from Wild Ennerdale which was read out and is appended.	
1326/07/26	Report from Cumberland Councillor. Not present.	
1327/07/26	Clerk's Updates Visitor sign – Claim approved by insurers. RO asked for details of the proposed replacement. Audit Objections. The external auditors had considered objections that they had received from a few electors, all about the same matter. They concluded that what was raised did not require further investigation. Their time to consider these objections would still be invoiced and mean additional costs to be met by parishioners.	JO
1328/07/26	Councillor Updates I. Emergency Plan – SG - Waiting for formal written confirmation from The Gather board that they were happy to be listed as the emergency point. No comments had been received back regarding the details that were circulated for approval. They will be ready to register the plan once those matters are completed. II. Parish Enhancement – No report III. Community Led Plan – RO - No response from ACT regarding consultation. They need the questionnaire to move onto the next stage of community engagement. IV. Regen – RO said that the company had been closed so this could now be removed from the agenda. A £12,000 cheque had been received as a grant towards the footpath work discussed at the	

	previous meeting. RO would forward the grant application to the Clerk for the records. V. Neighbourhood Policing – BW had circulated a report. • Scrambler bikes on Cold Fell – areas would be targeted with drones and bikes could be seized. They urged the reporting of incidents. • Deteriorating road markings – the school markings had been done, but other markings had been added to the list for future works. • Dog Fouling at Bleach Green – Cumberland Council was trying to set up a meeting with UU. • Offroad path at Scarney Brow overgrown [noted now cut] • Condition of road to Bleach Green [covered by Wild Ennerdale report] VI. Wild Ennerdale – there had not been a meeting.	RO
1329/07/26	Public Participation • A member of the public complained that multiple requests for information about two councillors being replaced, that had been submitted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) had been refused. Several complaints to the Information Commissioner had been made and several others were being prepared. A major complaint had been sent to the external auditor about this year's accounts and financial declarations. Code of conduct complaints against councillors had been drafted and would be submitted shortly to the Monitoring Officer. They asked that whoever was blocking the FOIA requests be brought to account.	
1330/07/26	Planning applications. None.	
1331/07/26	Delegated Planning Responses 7/2026/4026 Dalegarth, Ennerdale, CA23 3AR. Responded to say no objections. Since determined – Approved with conditions.	
1332/07/26	Grant Applications Three grant applications were considered: Lamplugh with Ennerdale PCC for grass and hedge cutting. Lamplugh and District Sports Committee towards sporting events. ECRAG towards play equipment repairs. The total requested was more than the amount in the grant budget. After discussion the following grants were Resolved to be awarded within budget: Lamplugh with Ennerdale PCC - £640 Lamplugh & District Sports Committee - £300 ECRAG - £452	
1333/07/26	Insurance Resolved to accept the renewal schedule as appropriate and accept the quotation.	JO
1334/07/26	Footpath Consultation – Longmoor Bridge Resolved to respond to the questions posed by the Rights of way officer that a) No, councillors had not used the ford on foot recently, b) No, councillors did not expect to use the ford on foot in the future, c) The likelihood was considered low, but they would need to consult with the wider public if necessary.	JO

1335/07/26	Consultation on TROs Resolved That the council would not comment on the proposed orders.																									
1336/07/26	United Utilities Tour of Proposed Works Resolved to request Tuesday 8 th in the afternoon.	JO																								
1337/07/26	Wayleave Agreement Resolved that the Clerk reply to Viberoptix and request that they fund an independent survey and legal advice.	JO																								
1338/07/26	Quarterly Budget Report Councillors discussed where budget savings had been made and would bring any suggestions for virements of surpluses to a future meeting Resolved to note received.																									
1339/07/26	Payments for approval Resolved to agree the schedule of payments <table><tr><th>Payee</th><th>Description</th><th>Amount</th><th>Cheque number</th></tr><tr><td>Clear Insurance Management Ltd</td><td>Insurance</td><td>£598.62</td><td>000771</td></tr><tr><td>Ennerdale Hub</td><td>Room Hire</td><td>£40.00</td><td>000772</td></tr><tr><td>J Ollerenshaw</td><td>Wages</td><td>£820.87</td><td>000773</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>Wages</td><td>£205.00</td><td>000774</td></tr><tr><td>J Ollerenshaw</td><td>Expenses</td><td>£35.40</td><td>000775</td></tr></table>	Payee	Description	Amount	Cheque number	Clear Insurance Management Ltd	Insurance	£598.62	000771	Ennerdale Hub	Room Hire	£40.00	000772	J Ollerenshaw	Wages	£820.87	000773	HMRC	Wages	£205.00	000774	J Ollerenshaw	Expenses	£35.40	000775	JO
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1340/07/26	Councillor matters ML asked if there was any progress on the meeting with the police regarding the accidents with horses on Scarney Brow. SP was asked by a parishioner if the autoresponses from email accounts could be clearer. SP said that we now had a new priest in charge for the church. It was agreed that he would invite her to the next meeting. JT reported that the LDNP had cut the overgrown footpath.	SP																								
1341/07/26	Date of the next meeting Confirmed as 15 th September 2026.																									
	Members of the public left the meeting																									
1342/07/26	Freedom of Information Requests The Clerk reported that she had three FOI requests open. These were again from the same small group of individuals that had submitted them previously. One had been refused under section 12, but was now under review. The second had been responded to request clarification. The third was still ongoing and quite recent. Clerk to proceed as required. The Information officer from Cumberland Council was also reviewing a FOI request that they had received. Councillors considered the nature of a document and the circumstances under which it had been shared with Cumberland Council's Monitoring Officer team, and felt that it would be a serious breach of trust if that was released by them.	JO JO																								
1343/07/26	Subject Access Requests The Clerk reported that she had one subject access request currently live. She had already informed the requestors that additional time would be required due to how broad the request was.	JO																								

	She would attempt to provide the requested information, however as the request did not just refer to the subjects by name, but also indirect references, it was quite onerous. If the request proved to be too difficult, then the Clerk would offer to supply only information that named the subjects, if this was declined, then the request may have to be refused as excessive.	
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Meeting closed at 20.21

Chairman's

signature.....Date.....

Appendix

Update from Wild Ennerdale:

- Summer newsletter went out to all households (via 'Contact') providing an update. Thank you to Steve Parker for collecting & distributing.
- Loft beck bridge now installed by LDNPA & Fix the Fells teams at valley head as part of National Trail C2C upgrade.
- Smithy Beck route is currently closed due to the failure of the main beams on the Dry Beck Bridge. Forestry England have put signage out and are hoping to put in place a plan to reopen the path over the next couple of weeks.
- Bleach Green road potholes. Forestry England and United Utilities are jointly funding pothole repairs which is in planning, awaiting on discussions about methodology to protect the River Ehen during the works. Forestry England has erected a sign at the start of the unadopted road which says "The users of this unadopted highway do so at their own risk" to encourage users to take care and flag to them that this is not a public highway.
- Revetment removal works (phase 2) on River Ehen now complete by West Cumbria Rivers Trust.
- Additional chute on River Liza (phase 2) now complete by National Trust below Irish Bridge to help re-wet delta area at lake head. Previous work including the felling of spruce trees into the river led to increased spawning of charr last Autumn around one of the trees, which was an unexpected bonus.
- Species: Beaver engagement slower than hoped. Hayley continuing to engage with local stakeholders. Next water vole release due mid-August. Hairy wood ant nests are growing and multiplying after translocation last summer.
- Removal of timber & brash ongoing around Latterbarrow area by FE.
- St. Mary's church committee group valley visit arranged for early Sept.