

Holme Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19 May 2025 at Holme Parish Hall

Present: Sally Sagar (Chair), Alan Williams, Karen Mason, Jane Mildwater, Liz Dale, Dave Beetham

Westmorland and Furness Councillor Vicky Hughes

10 members of the public

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 30 June 2025

620	/25	Election of Chair: Chair noted that she wished to stand down for personal reasons and welcomed nominations. Cllr. Williams proposed that Cllr. Sagar continued as chair with support from Cllr. Beetham. RESOLVED that Cllr. Sagar to continue as Chair for 2025-2026.	
621	/25	Declaration of Acceptance of Office: Declaration to be signed at next meeting due to absence of Clerk.	
622	/25	Election of Vice-Chair: Cllr. Williams nominated and seconded. RESOLVED that Cllr. Williams continue as Vice-Chair for 2025-2026.	
623	/25	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to record the apologies from the Clerk.	
624	/25	Declarations of Interest: There were no interests to be declared.	
625	/25	Minutes of the meeting on Monday 28 April 2025: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 28 April 2025 be agreed as a correct record and a copy was signed by the chair.	
626	/25	Chairman's Remarks: Cllrs met with Westmorland and Furness Council regarding the pump track.	
627	/25	Westmorland and Furness Councillor Remarks: Cllr. Hughes noted that a meeting had taken place regarding the Public Rights of Way in the area and specifically getting people off the A6070. Cllr. Hughes is looking to see if funding is available. Noted that the Locality Officer from Westmorland and Furness Council had felt that the meeting regarding the pump track had been positive and it was suggested that a pop-up track might be an idea. Noted that the pothole on North Road had finally been filled in.	
628	/25	Public Session: A member of the public noted that the foot bridge over the canal at Burton Road was still in need of repair. Cllr. Hughes confirmed that Westmorland and Furness Council now had funding in place as well as permission from Canal and Rivers Trust to complete this work which was due to be done in June. North Road to Hillside – footpath still requires tarmacking. Clerk to make enquiries of Westmorland and Furness Council. Village Square – What is happening? Appointed contractor has not been able to start work so further work is required to bring plans up to date Noticeboard not up to date – Lock was broken and new key has been received. Noted that agendas could be made available for the public at the meeting. Chair advised that agenda is available on noticeboards and website. Dog Waste Bins – Noted that these were too small and were constantly overflowing. Unfortunately, they cannot be any bigger for health and safety reasons. Noted that the lengthsman has been emptying the bins twice per week on occasion. This item to be added to the agenda for June.	
629	/25	Annual Governance Statement: RESOLVED to approve and a copy will be signed by the Chair.	

Chairperson:.....

Date:.....

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630	/25	Annual Accounting Statement: RESOLVED to approve and a copy can be signed by the Chair.	
631	/25	Annual Internal Audit Report: RESOLVED to approve.	
632	/25	Finance: Account balances noted as: Current Account £22,997.86 Deposit Account £43,591.92 RESOLVED to authorise the following payments DH Forestry (Lengthsman Costs May 2025) £641.67 Scott Thornley (Salary May 2025) £680.23 Holme Parish Hall (Room Hire April 2025) £18.50 Scott Thornley (Expenses May 2025) £38.90	
633	/25	Planning: RESOLVED that there were no applications to consider or decisions to note.	
634	/25	Other Matters: <u>Armed Forces Covenant</u> – To be added to the June agenda as councillors had not had a chance to discuss. <u>Pump Track/Skate Park</u> – Meeting had taken place with Lyn Richardson regarding locations that may be available. Noted that a makeshift track has been made by the children which shows the need for this facility. Lyn Richardson to check if the kickabout area would be a suitable location. It was suggested that a pop-up pump track could be installed to see if there is a need. Cost is likely to be around £70k and grants are available. <u>Highways</u> – Meeting has still not happened. Cllr. Hughes was asked to provide Westmorland and Furness Councils policy on footways which she agreed to do. <u>Village Square</u> – A number of plans have been drawn up over a number of years. No work has ever been undertaken, and the next plan will be a public consultation. It was noted that the square is very different now to when the first plans were drawn up. The council now needs to understand what residents want. A public meeting was suggested, and it was felt that this was a good idea. <u>Allotment Lease</u> – Noted that a meeting had not taken place as yet and will be arranged as soon as possible. Noted that the area outside the allotment has now been filled with gravel. Cllr. Hughes noted the Call for Sites map with regard to the new local plan is now live.	
635	/25	Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 30 June 2025 at Holme Parish Hall to commence at 7.30pm. Meeting closed at 20.20	

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