

Holme Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 29 September 2025 at Holme Parish Hall

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

Westmorland and Furness Councillor Vicky Huges

4 members of the public

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 27 October 2025

669	/25	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to record the apologies from Cllr. Dale and the Clerk Scott Thornley.	
670	/25	Declarations of Interest: There were no interests to be declared.	
671	/25	Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 26 August 2025: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 26 August 2025 be agreed as a correct record and a copy was signed by the chair. Noted that there had been no resolution to support the Parish Hall. That the money can be found from other long held fund but would need to be replaced Cllr Sagar questioned the costs related to the dangerous Willow tree on Moss Lane by the Allotment entrance. VH noted this has been raised with Westmorland and Furness Highways and a response is awaited. Cllr. Hughes noted that if it is on the Parish Councils land the Parish Council will be responsible for it. It was considered that the land ownership is unclear Cllr. Williams noted that if it is adjacent to the allotment access it is likely to be owned by the PC, It was agreed that the most cost effective route is for the council to arrange 3 quotes and place an order direct rather than letting Westmorland and Furness Highways procure the work. Cllr Sagar noted that a company in Endmoor have provided a quoted £2600 + VAT for this work. It was RESOLVED that additional quotations are to be sought from Westmorland Tree Services and David Holmes Noted that the council have to vote on supporting the Hall. It was noted that the £3,500 in the minutes was about half of the un-funded cost. This figure was proposed by Cllr. Sagar and seconded by Cllr. Mildwater and RESOLVED to be provided to the Hall for the electrical repair. Cllr Mason reported having spoken with Tom Baxter over the Fireworks. These cost £4000 per year and have been part funded by the Holme Howler and the Quarry. The issue is the Westmorland and Furness Council paperwork which has had a June deadline in the past. Cllr Mason noted that Tom Baxter considered that it was too late to progress the application for this year. Cllr Williams reported the Clerk had said the current Westmorland and Furness procedure appears simpler. Enquiries are to be made of the process to ensure that this can be followed in a timely manner for next year. Cllr. Williams reported having contacted RG Parkin in Kendal to arrange the condition review of the access to the allotment. Cllr Beetham to forward Allotment Society details to Cllr. Williams so that the timing can be arranged and notified to the Allotment Society.	

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672	/25	Co-Option of New Councillor: Lynda Durrell had noted her willingness to become a councillor and here eligibility had been checked. The council voted unanimously to co-opt and it was RESOLVED that Lynda become a councillor	
673	/25	Chairman's Remarks: There were no remarks from the Chair.	
674	/25	Westmorland and Furness Councillor Remarks: Lyn Richardson has been emailed over the Pump \track and a response is awaited The Willow tree failure has been reported to Graham Nicholson at Highways and a response is awaited. It was noted that the Burton Road bridge works have been undertaken and appear to have concluded. Cllr. Hughes reported Highways had advised that their works on Station Road were complete and the notice closed. Cllr Hughes had inspected and was not satisfied and will reopen the case with them. Noted that a new Warehouse building has been given planning permission at J36 between the A6070 and the Motorway. There is no determination on the Canal Close planning application as it is awaiting an Ecology report. Noted that Westmorland and Furness Cabinet are minded to consent to devolution. The final decision on this will be on 14 Oct. Cllr Hughes reported she had taken a group of veterans to the National Arboretum. This will be funded by a Skydive she is doing. Noted that an application has been made to CIL to fund the remainder of the Canal towpath works Cllr Beetham expressed concern over the traffic queues to the UU works between Holme and Burton. Cllr. Hughes noted this was due to UU renewing the section of water pipe along that section. Noted there were sequencing issues with the lights over the weekend. Noted that it was fine other than at the weekend	
675	/25	Public Session: Pat Fell thanked the council for its support of the Parish Hall, and reported the electrical safety work was now nearing completion. Pat Fell requested that the C9ommunity plan involved / consult the parish hall. Avis Keen reported that a walker had commented on the unpassable nature of the footpath from the Pear Tree kick about area towards Pyes Bridge and the A6. Cllr. Hughes to email Westmorland and Furness Council.	
676	/25	Finance: Account balances noted as: Current Account £13,496.63 Deposit Account £43,834.06 RESOLVED to authorise the following payments DH Forestry (Lengthsman Costs September 2025) £641.67	

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		Scott Thornley (Salary September 2025) £701.26 Holme Parish Hall (Room Hire August 2025) £18.50 Scott Thornley (Expenses September 2025) £58.44 Playdale (50% deposit on repairs) £1207.00	
677	/25	Planning: There were no applications or decisions to note. Cllrs. Sagar and Mason questioned the extension at 14 Oxlands. This was reviewed and appears to have been approved.	
678	/25	Other Matters: <u>Pump Track/Skate Park</u> – A response is awaited from Lyn Richardson. <u>Highways</u> – clarification of the North Road crossing issue is to be provided to Cllr. Hughes so she can take this up. Cllr. Hughes noted she also needs chase on the SIDs. Cllr. Williams noted that the more significant issue was with the Alley way beside the School from North Road to Hillside. Cllr. Hughes is to chase this with Highways <u>Community Led Plan</u> – Cllr. Williams reported on the meeting of 22/9 attended by the Clerk, Cllrs Williams, Mason and Beetham. A notice is to be put into the next issue of the Parish Magazine and on the website asking those who are interested in actively participating in the development of the plan to attend a meeting (Scott we need to book the hall for this, can we make it a Monday?) Through discussion it was confirmed the plan will look at everything anything the villagers identify. <u>Employment Committee</u> – The formation of this was proposed by AW and Seconded by JM. It was RESOLVED to form the committee. <u>Lengthsman</u> - It was resolved to contact the lengthsman with regards to work round the war memorial and the Hall. It was considered that the tree to the village hall may need to be removed due to its impact on the adjacent wall and road. Confirmation of who maintains the verge on Sheernest Lane is required. This had been raised with Cllr Mason along with the verge between Sheernest and Home Mills not being cut. Cllr. Williams observed this is possibly due to the narrowness of the road and the health and safety implications. The trees overhanging the footpath on Burton Road were noted. It was commented that this had been addressed by those using the footpath. <u>Medwins Way</u> - It was confirmed route or routes are to be identified. Mollie to be contacted to ensure she is happy with the proposal. The initial intention is to have these on the website. Permanent marking could be considered in the future Cllr B suggested that QR codes are used for this and access to the Community led plan content. Conversation took place over more regular updates and changes to the content on the website and magazine. It was RESOLVED to do this.	
679	/25	Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 27 October 2025 at Holme Parish Hall to commence at 7.30pm.	

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