DUNDRAW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Wheyrigg Hall Hotel on Monday 16 March 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

J. Bennett (Chair)
J. Dockeray
G. Franks
C. Storey
Also Present:
K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor.
Members of the Public: Two
J. Rae (Clerk)

75 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr A. Austin. The reason for absence was noted and approved.

76 MINUTES 19 JANUARY 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2026 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received
No requests for dispensations were received

78 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public present to raise any matters of concern.

Two members of the public in attendance raised the ongoing issue of flooding at Waverbridge.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.24pm. The members of the public left the meeting.

79 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 19 JANUARY 2026

None.

80 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cumberland Councillor – Cllr K. Thurlow agreed to raise the flooding issue at Waverbridge with Cumberland Council. Cllr K. Thurlow also agreed to pursue Cumberland Council regarding the passing places requested by the Parish Council on the Dundraw to Waverbridge road.

Community Police Officer – The newsletter for the Maryport, Silloth Wigton area had been circulated prior to the meeting.

81 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Statement of Accounts

The income and expenditure account had been circulated with the agenda.

Balances as at 28 February 2026

Business a/c	£ 710.00
Treasurers a/c	£ 676.87

(b) Payment of accounts: The following accounts were approved for payment:

Wheyrigg Hall Hotel – Room Hire	£ 20.00
Clerk's account Quarter 4	£365.81
HMRC Quarter 4	£ 74.40

(c) Appointment of Internal Auditor/Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit

Members resolved to appoint Mr. T. Gear to carry out the internal audit of the financial accounts for 2025-26. The review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was noted by Members.

82 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received since the last meeting: None

(b) Planning Decisions: None

83 ROADS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS

Pot holes at Kelsick and on the B5302 had been reported to Highways.

84 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated by email.

CALC - Cumbria Combined Authority - briefing - 25 February
CALC - Community Emergency Hubs Launch
Cumberland Council - Supported Housing Strategy – Consultation
CALC - Royal Garden Party - Friday 8 May 2026
CALC - Connecting Cumbria Unveils Digital Infrastructure Strategy 2026–2030
CALC - Cumbria Community Transport Conference - 10th March, 10am - 4.00pm
Cumberland Council Newsletters
CALC News
Cumberland Council - Parish Council Shelters
CALC - Parish & Town Council Play Areas
Cumberland Council - Fells & Solway Community Panel Meeting
Environment Agency - Response- Case: ENQ2026/05036RI

85 FLOODING AT WAVERBRIDGE

The Parish Council had submitted an enquiry to the Environment Agency regarding the flooding at Waverbridge. The response advised:

"Thank you for your recent enquiry regarding the flooding in November that occurred to properties in Waverbridge.
We understand how unsettling flooding can be to communities and since the event we have been liaising with the affected residents.
We have explained that the Environment Agency does not carry out routine maintenance on the River Waver in Waverbridge. Responsibility for maintaining the river remains with the riparian owner. Further information about riparian responsibilities can be found on the website Owning a watercourse - GOV.UK .
Due to the nature of the recent flooding and the funding rules that determine how investment can be allocated, we have explained that we are currently considering a Property Flood Resilience scheme (property-level protection) for homes in Waverbridge and are currently working to identify the most realistic and effective options available.
We hope this provides some reassurance that we are committed to supporting the community and to pursuing appropriate opportunities to reduce flood risk in Waverbridge".

Cumberland Council had been notified of the flooded properties via the LFRM@cumberland.gov.uk email. It was proposed that the Parish Council should follow up with Cumberland Council if Highways are to take any action

86 PARISH PLAN

No additional items added to the Plan.

87 VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

No expressions of interest had been received.

88 DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL YEAR

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 18 May 2026
Bi-monthly Meetings 20 July, 21 September 16 November 2026
18 January and 15 March 2027 - Wheyrigg Hall Hotel 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed..... Date.....