

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14 8 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT St BEGA'S VILLAGE HALL, ESKDALE GREEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr M Shaftesley (Chair), Cllr L Hunt, , Cllr I Kirby, Cllr T Postlethwaite, Cllr D Porter

Mrs L Cooper – Clerk

In the absence of the Cllr Brown, Cllr Shaftesley took the Chair for the meeting.

35/26 APOLOGIES : Cllr R Brown (work), Cllr J Harrington (personal), Cllr A Rutherford (personal), Apologies were accepted.

36/26 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

37/26 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

38/26 To Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 14 July 2026.

Approved and signed by the Chair.

39/26 Police Liaison Report

A report had been previously circulated by the Clerk. No issues.

40/26 Progress Reports

40/26.1 Clerks Report

None

41/26 Public Participation

None

42/26 Cumberland Councillor's Report

none

43/26 Applications for Development

43/26.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

Not supported, support decision of refusal by LDNP as area prone to flooding

43/26.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

7/2026/4046 Fell View Garage, Eskdale

Dwelling - variation of conditions 1 (plans) on planning permission 7/2025/4030 to change the design of the dwelling

Supported

43/26.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

7/2026/4027 Low Birker Farm, Boot, Holmrook

Extension and alterations to farmhouse

Granted

7/2026/4039 8, Gatesyde Place, Eskdale

Proposed single storey extension to rear

Approved with Conditions

44/26 FINANCIAL RECORDS

44/26.1 To approve the following payments:

L Cooper	Clerks Salary & Expenses	£ 354.00
HMRC	PAYE	£ 71.80
J Harrison	Landscape maintenance	£2750.00
J Harrison	Repainting of road sign	£ 200.00
Community Heartbeat	Annual Support	£ 198.00

44/26.2 To note the receipt of payments:

None

44/26.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 31 July 2026.

Checked by Cllr Kirby

44/26.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 August 2026 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required. C/Act £12268.71, D/act £6595.20

44/26.5 To approve the National pay award for Clerks of 3.3%.

Approved

45/26 Parish Matters

45/26.1 Hard Knott Telephone Box

No issues.

45/26.2 Community Plan

Clerk to write to Cumberland Highways re extending the 30mph to Boot, to reduce the 30mph to 20mph within Eskdale village and to extend the gritting to Boot.

Defibs – Clerk to accrue monies to pay for replacement defibs donated by Fred Whitton event.

45/26.3 Environment

Clerk had received a quote for purchase of 2. Resolved to purchase 3no planters with words “Welcome to Eskdale” one for each entrance to area. Lengthsman has agreed to maintain them.

45/26.4 Japanese Garden

Clerk to chase for update.

45/26.5 Village Hall

Cllr Shaftesley reported that the Charity Commission have approved the new format. The hall has now been redecorated. The recent Heritage Weekend was well attended and there is a planned Caleigh for October.

46/26 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies.

None

47/26 Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion.

- A request from an ex-resident to replace an existing memorial bench with a new one. Granted, requester has to purchase bench. Lengthsman will install.

48/26 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Hunt stated she was impressed with the quick response to repair the broken stile which had been reported.
- Cllr Shaftesley was concerned at the proposed total road closure in November. Cllr Pratt attending a meeting with Cumberland Highways to discuss options.

49/26 The next meeting of the Parish Council 10 November 2026 at St Bega's Village Hall, Eskdale Green commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2018 hours.