

Plumbland Parish Council

A meeting of the Plumbland Parish Council was held in the Meeting Room at Plumbland Village Hall, Plumbland on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.25pm (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

PRESENT: Messrs. A. Rutherford, J. Collins, C. Watson, A. Mounsey, G. Bowe, and J. Barber

Also, present: T. Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: J. Perry (Cumberland Councillor)

Councillor A. Rutherford in the Chair

51/2025 APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS

N Eilbeck, (Personal) and R. Miller, (Personal) tendered their apologies and their absences were approved.

52/2025 ELECTION OF CHAIR 2025/26

On the proposal of J. Collins and seconded by A. Mounsey, A. Rutherford was elected Chair for the ensuing year.

53/2025 CHAIR TO SIGN THE ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

A. Rutherford signed the Acceptance of Office

54/2025 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR 2025/26

On the proposal of A. Rutherford and seconded by J. Barber, J. Collins was elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

55/2025 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following members were appointed to the following outside bodies: -

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| i) | Village Hall Committee | J. Barber |
| ii) | Cumbria Community Fund | C. Watson |
| | | L. Proudlock |
| iii) | Police Liaison | J. Collins |
| | | J. Barber |
| vi) | Sibson Trust | A. Mounsey |
| | | N. Eilbeck |
| | | R. Miller |

56/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

57/2025 DISPENSATIONS

None

58/2025 MINUTES

On the proposal of J. Collins and seconded by J. Barber it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

59/2025 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items where it was deemed necessary to exclude the press and public.

60/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present, but the following was raised on their behalf.

- i) The Village Hall Committee were requesting financial support for the Wi-Fi in the hall which is also a Community Hub in Emergencies. It was agreed to donate £100.00 to this worthy cause.
- ii) Financial support had also been requested for filling the tubs with bedding plants. at the entrances to the parish. It was agreed to donate £50.00 for this purpose.
- iii) The contact for FIBRUS has now changed and it is now Libby Batemen who has been asked to attend this meeting to discuss outstanding issues. She has declined preferring a one-to-one virtual meeting which the chair will arrange in due course

61/2025 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence have been received since the last meeting and circulated to members for their information: -.

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Cumbria in Bloom – A brand new Parish Councils Award 2025

Devolution Consultation materials to share

Shape future events and activities in Silloth

CCF Press Release

Litter Champions Event – Wednesday 02 April 2025

Briefing on the Government's Devolution Priority Programme

Food Cumberland Big Local Lunch funding

A Cumberland Council and CALC conversation – Local councils working together

Cumberland Council Housing Strategy – Formal Stakeholder Consultation

Hyperfast GB Connecting Cumbria

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – January and February 2025

CALC News – January & February 2025

Reminder PSPO and Dog Fouling Event – 01 May 2025 at 7pm

Cumbria Constabulary's Neighbourhood Pledge

DBAT campaign

Thriving Communities – Funding Event

62/2025 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a brief report on matters that had arisen since the last meeting including:

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- i) A date was requested for a Spring Clean. It was discussed and it was felt that the weekend of 21st/22nd June would be best.

63/2025 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

J. Perry had tendered her apologies but had supplied a brief report which was read to members (copy attached).

64/2025 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

FUL/25/0068	Ground Mounted Small Domestic Solar Panels Plumbland house, Aspatria, CA7 2HD	No Objections
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LBC/25/0010	Listed Building Consent for the above	No Objections
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Regulation 5	Installation of Subtended Headend Sidepod on to existing BT cabinet. i) O/S West House Farm, Plumbland CA7 2EZ ii) Opposite side to Toll Bar on B5301 Arkleby CA7 2BQ	No Objections
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(b) Decisions

None

(c) Appeals

None

(d) Planning related correspondence

None

65/2025 ACCOUNTS

i) The payment of the following accounts which had been paid since the last meeting were ratified, and the remainder were approved for payment:

Mr. AJ Rutherford	Parking (Quarry Appeal)	£26.50
Mr. AJ Rutherford	Mileage (Quarry Appeal)	£41.40
Mr. AJ Rutherford	Silloutte	£261.25
CALC	Subscription	£193.99
T Gear	Clerks Account (March/April)	£420.74
HMRC	Income tax (Jan./Feb.)	£87.25
T Gear	Printer Inks	£40.10

ii) Balances at 6.5.25	Current Account	£5,798.08
	Deposit	£5,280.61

iii) With the assistance of the members, the Annual Governance Statement was completed and signed by the Chair.

vi) Members accepted the Accounting Statements 2024/25 which were signed by the Chair

v) Members authorised the Chair to sign the Certificate of Exemption

iv) Members noted the period of Public Rights between 2nd June and 12th July

iiiv) The audit papers will shortly be available on the Councils website

66/2025 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Works to the drain at Ellen Bank have been completed (EI/226046)

Resurfacing this section of the B5301 is awaited

67/2025 B5301 UPDATE

The Chair gave a verbal update on B5301 including his efforts regarding the re-surfacing at Ellen Bank.

68/2025 HIGH CLOSE QUARRY

The Chair provided a full report during the Annual Parish Meeting, (a copy of which will be publicly available.)

69/2025 SPEEDING/SPEED WATCH

The Chair gave a verbal report on the Community Speed Watch.

70/2025 SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY

The clerk produced a draft Sexual Harassment Policy which was adopted.

71/2025 CLIMATE CHANGE

There was no new information since the last meeting.

72/2025 MOOTA QUARRY

A full application for an extension of 20 years has been submitted and awaits determination.

73/2025 CLINTS QUARRY PLANNING APPEAL

The Planning Inspectorate hearing will be on 8th/9th June 2025 at Market Hall, Wigton

74/2025 WAR MEMORIAL

The Silhouette had been powder coated and was in its temporary position for the start of the VE Day celebrations.

75/2025 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

High Close Quarry

B5301 Update

76/2025 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.00pm Tuesday 1st July 2025 in Plumbland Village Hall, Plumbland

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

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