



Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27 May 2026 at the Sedgwick Room, Dent

Present: Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong (Chair), Andrew Povey, Emma Richardson, Paul Shepherd, Geoff Woof, Bryan Garwood, Richard Huxley and Ian Mitchell

Clerk: Scott Thornley

2 members of the public

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 06 July 2026

1013	/26	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that there were no apologies as everyone was present. Cllr. Garwood noted that he would need to leave for a short period.	
1014	/26	Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED to accept the declaration from Cllr. Mitchell in connection with the Car Park contract, from Cllr. Povey as a Director of CALC, Chair of Dent Community Pub and Director of Personnel Services Ltd and from Cllr. Garwood as a Director of Western Dales Bus.	
1015	/26	Minutes of the meeting on Monday 11 May 2026: RESOLVED that the minutes of Monday 11 May be signed as a correct record by the Chair.	
1016	/26	Clerk's Report: Cllr. Garwood left the meeting The report had been circulated to all councillors and was accepted. It was suggested that Cllr. Mitchell make contact with BT again regarding the installation of a defibrillator into the box adjacent to the telephone box in Cowgill.	
1017	/26	Chair and Member Announcements: Cllr. Mitchell noted that the new Local Plan was to be adopted on 30 June and would become the Local Plan used to determine planning applications. Cllr. Huxley noted that the Coast-to-Coast walk did not show on any OS Map. Cllr. Richardson noted that she had received requests from parents for a second bench inside the playground area on the village green as well as a litter bin. It was suggested that a bench could be moved from outside the play area along with a bin, but we would need to check with Westmorland and Furness Council first.	
1018	/26	Public Forum: There were no items raised by members of the public.	
1019	/26	Account Balances: RESOLVED to note the account balances as: Current Account £7,897.75 Deposit Account £60,331.64	
1020	/26	Reserves Position: RESOLVED to note the councils earmarked reserves as: Car Park Reserve £7,000.00 Playing Field Reserve £3,284.67 Emergency Verge Maintenance £308.00 Beech Hill Project £500.00 Parish Plan £500.00 Village Green £3500.00 General Reserve £13,636.72	

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1021	/26	Payments made since the last meeting: RESOLVED to note the list of payments made since the last meeting. <table><tr><td>20-May-26</td><td>MEMORIAL HALL (Room Hire)</td><td>-12.50</td></tr><tr><td>20-May-26</td><td>TOTAL ENERGIES (Electricity Footway Lighting)</td><td>-43.40</td></tr><tr><td>20-May-26</td><td>Rachael Kelly (Internal Audit)</td><td>-75.00</td></tr><tr><td>20-May-26</td><td>PHS Group (Consumables Contract 2026-2027)</td><td>-1,883.88</td></tr><tr><td>20-May-26</td><td>PHS Group (Fuel Surcharge)</td><td>-9.96</td></tr><tr><td>18-May-26</td><td>AIBMS (Car Processing Costs)</td><td>-60.27</td></tr><tr><td>18-May-26</td><td>INFORMATION COMMIS (Data Protection Fee)</td><td>-47.00</td></tr><tr><td>15-May-26</td><td>BRITISH GAS (Electricity EV Chargers)</td><td>-57.09</td></tr><tr><td>15-May-26</td><td>ZURICH (Insurance 2026-2027)</td><td>-1,143.40</td></tr></table> Noted that Budget Monitoring Report to the end of Q1 would be available at the next meeting. Cllr. Garwood rejoined the meeting	20-May-26	MEMORIAL HALL (Room Hire)	-12.50	20-May-26	TOTAL ENERGIES (Electricity Footway Lighting)	-43.40	20-May-26	Rachael Kelly (Internal Audit)	-75.00	20-May-26	PHS Group (Consumables Contract 2026-2027)	-1,883.88	20-May-26	PHS Group (Fuel Surcharge)	-9.96	18-May-26	AIBMS (Car Processing Costs)	-60.27	18-May-26	INFORMATION COMMIS (Data Protection Fee)	-47.00	15-May-26	BRITISH GAS (Electricity EV Chargers)	-57.09	15-May-26	ZURICH (Insurance 2026-2027)	-1,143.40	
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1022	/26	Annual Internal Audit Report: RESOLVED to approve the report received from the Internal Auditor Rachael Kelly																												
1023	/26	Annual Governance Statement: RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement as presented by the Clerk.																												
1024	/26	Annual Accounting Statement: RESOLVED to approve the Annual Accounting Statement as presented by the Clerk.																												
1025	/26	Dent Library Link: Correspondence received from the volunteers who run the library was read out. There were now only three volunteers left, two of whom were about to leave. It was noted that Westmorland and Furness Council have now appointed someone for the area and Cllr. Mitchell will set up a meeting to discuss the situation. It was noted that further discussion was required.																												
1026	/26	Training: RESOLVED that an Effective Councillor session would be good for new councillors and as a refresher for other councillors and that this should be set up as a bespoke session in the Sedgwick Room. A poll will be sent out to agree a date.																												
1027	/26	Committees: It was suggested that the council should continue to operate as it does currently with no committees and one meeting each month. RESOLVED that this was approved with a review in six month's time. RESOLVED to defer the appointment of councillors to third party committees until the Clerk could verify whether current appointees wished to continue.																												
1028	/26	EV Charger Maintenance: RESOLVED that this had been discussed earlier.																												
1029	/26	Gawthrop Defibrillator: Cllr. Mitchell noted that he had spoken to a resident in Gawthrop who was willing to host the defibrillator on his garden wall. Cllr. Mitchell to progress this.																												
1030	/26	Beech Hill: Noted that quotes had still not been forthcoming.																												

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		Cllr. Mitchell noted that the pre-planning advice had noted that reflagging the area would come under permitted development, but removal of walls would require full planning permission. Noted that the first step would be to get the area surveyed and a quote had been received for £225. RESOLVED to go ahead with this.	
1031	/26	Landslip at Dent Head: Noted that a letter had been drafted to be sent to Westmorland and Furness Council, however there had been no rain in the meantime so evidence of water running across the road could not be provided.	
1032	/26	Parish Plan: An update on the Parish Plan had been provided during the Annual Parish Meeting.	
1033	/26	Village Green: Noted that Steph Cordon was due to leave Westmorland and Furness Council and that Cllr. Mitchell agreed to find a new contact to deal with this.	
1034	/26	Exceptional Items: There were no exceptional matters to discuss Cllr. Mitchell left the meeting	
1035	/26	Planning: <u>New Applications</u> S/01/374/LB at Monkey (Cow Dub) Bridge, Cowgill – Listed building consent for repairs to downstream East wing wall beneath the squinch and repointing works RESOLVED that the council were supportive of this work and the use of appropriate materials. Suggested that no road closure is necessary. <u>Decisions to note</u> There were no decisions to note.	
1036	/26	Date of Next Meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 06 July 2026 at 7.30pm in the Sedgwick Room, Dent Meeting closed at 20.30	

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