

CROSTHWAITE AND LYTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Monday 01 June 2026 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Crosthwaite

Present: Cllrs A. Dobson, J. Perry, G Harnby, E. Sharp, H. Young

In Attendance: Cllr. S. Bavin (Westmorland & Furness Co.), Martin Curry (Clerk). No members of the public were present.

23/26 Apologies: Cllr. Atkinson and Malcolm Richardson (RFO) had submitted written apologies.

24/26 Minutes of the meeting held on the 11 May 2026: It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2026 be signed by the Chair as a true record.

25/26 Declarations of Interest: No declarations of interest were submitted.

26/26 Requests for Dispensation: No Requests for Dispensation had been submitted.

27/26 Chair's Announcements: The Chair reminded Members of the online meeting with the new CEO of W&FC to be held on 04 June via the registration details previously circulated.

28/26 Public Participation: No members of the public were present.

29/26 Reports:

- a) **Reports from Councillors attending meetings:** No meetings had been attended.
- b) **Westmorland & Furness Council (W&FC):** Cllr. Bavin reported as follows:
 - i) Dropped kerb opposite the Parish Walkway: In response to Cllr Perry's request, Highways had confirmed that the works programme for 2026-27 is now fully committed, but the work will be considered under a future funding programme. Cllr. Bavin felt that it is likely to be met from the Highways budget and hopefully in the 2027-28 programme. There is a possibility that it could be done sooner if funding is offered – the cost is likely to be in the region of £3,000.
 - ii) Underbarrow and Brigsteer Bridges: The temporary road narrowing treatments are in place, and discussions are underway for a permanent solution to ensure that the weight limit is enforceable.
 - iii) Road works and closures: Some minor works are underway locally but currently nothing of significance.
 - iv) The next meeting of the A590 Working Group will be held at Gilpin Bridge on 05 June.
 - v) Water Supply: A recent failure of supply was as the result of a localised burst. UU do not have a confirmed date for the upgrade of the Lyth Vally main, but it is possible that this will be done by mid-summer 2027.
 - vi) United Utilities: UU are installing new tanks on the Glebe in Bowness and planning to use the A5074 as the access route. Open consultation sessions in Bowness and Windermere will be publicised.
 - vii) Green bins: Self-adhesive labels will be issued to those signed up for the new service 14 days after registration once the legal cooling-off process has completed.

30/26 Planning (ACON = Approved with Conditions)

- a) **Planning applications received from LDNPA and circulated to Members of the Council since the last meeting:** No new planning applications had been received since the previous meeting.
- b) **Planning applications received and circulated to Members of the Council after publishing the Agenda:** The following was noted:
 - i) 7/2026/5152 – **Land off Woodside Road, Crosthwaite:** Erection of self-build agricultural workers dwelling: Variation of various conditions: **Granted.**
- c) **Responses submitted to LDNPA following consideration by the Parish Council:** The following responses were noted:
 - i) 7/2025/5682 – **Land at St Mary's Church, Mill Lane, Crosthwaite:** Retrospective permission for Change of Use of agricultural land to community memorial forest & associated access improvements. **Objection** submitted 14/04/2026. **Application being considered at time of writing.**
 - ii) 7/2026/5210 – **Lyth Valley Hotel, Lyth LA8 8DB:** Change of Use from Hotel to a residence or short-term holiday letting accommodation. No **Objection** submitted 21/05/2026. **Application being considered at time of writing.**
- d) **Decisions on the planning applications since the last meeting:** The following were noted:
 - i) 7/2026/5249 – **Flodder Hall, Lyth, LA8 8DG:** Details reserved by Condition 3 on planning permission 7/2025/5283 – **Approved.**

- ii) 7/2026/5143 - **Flodder Hall, Lyth, LA8 8DG**: Discharge of net biodiversity gain condition on 7/2025/5283 (Erection of slurry tower). **Condition Discharged**.
- e) **Other Planning Matters**: The following were noted:
 - i) Land between Tower Hill and Cross Howe, Crosthwaite (subject of planning applications 7/2018/5506; 7/2019/5809; 7/2022/5094). The concerns of residents arising from the state of this partially commenced development and potential safety issues were noted. It was **Agreed** to request a status update on this work from LDNPA and particularly whether a material start has been made.
 - ii) APP/Q9495/X/25/3376174 - **Plum Tree Cottage, Lyth LA8 8DD**: **Appeal** against refusal of Change of Use of land to a garden. It was noted that this Appeal has been **Dismissed**. Appeal decision 28/05/2026.
 - iii) EI/282351 – Highways Enquiry: Dropped curb to pavement, Oak Fold, Crosthwaite – see 26/29(b)(i) above.
 - iv) Schedule of Other Developments: There were no updates to note.

31/26 Highways and Footpaths

- a) **Highways matters**: Matters raised in Cllr. Bavin's earlier report had been noted. Cllr. Perry will report the overgrown state of grass verges on Mill Lane via HIAMS.
- b) **Speed Reduction Project**: The proposals are with W&FC for consideration after current speed restriction initiatives have been dealt with. Speeding by motor bikes on the A5074 especially at night was noted as of concern.
- c) **Public Transport Initiatives**: Cllr. Harnby's original initiative did not generate momentum, following which the width restriction on the Underbarrow Bridge has further diminished the possibility of a local service. Cllr. Bavin is exploring a possible service extension from the Crook Road via Underbarrow.

32/26 Trees, Woods, Hedges and Grass: The following matters were noted:

- a) Trees and Woods:
 - i) Community Tree and Hedge Planting Scheme: It was **Agreed** to bring this back to the September meeting.
- b) Hedges and Grass: The Chair and Clerk are due to meet on 09 June to prepare a Schedule of work.

33/26 Parish Land and Property

- a) **Leases and Rents**: All matters are currently up to date.
- b) **Ulverston Road Quarry**: Consideration might be given to the use of this property for the planting of trees / hedgerow under the Community Tree and Hedge Planting Scheme. It was **Agreed** not to seek a new tenant for this site for the time being.
- c) **Parish Room**: Acceptance of the quote of £400 from Stephen Swindlehurst for the painting of the windows was confirmed. Cllr. Sharp will advise the contractor with a view to this work being completed during the summer.

34/26 Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council Strategic Plan: It was **Agreed** to invite public comment on the draft Plan which is on the website at www.crosthwaiteandlyth-pc.gov.uk. An advert will be placed in the next edition of Two Valleys Parish News and the results of this local consultation will be considered at the September meeting.

35/26 Finance: The Clerk presented the following report prepared by the Responsible Finance Officer:

- a) Receipts:
 - i) It was noted that there had been no receipts other than investment income since the last meeting.
 - ii) There had been no receipts since publishing the Agenda
- b) Npower: The Npower payment for April 2026 was noted as: £ 50.15
- c) Payments: The following payments were **Approved**:
 - i) M R Curry – salary and expenses May 2026: £ 499.17
 - ii) HMRC – PAYE and NIC on the above salary: £ 140.72
- d) No payments had fallen due since publishing the Agenda
- e) The bank statement for May had not been received in time for the meeting and balances will be confirmed at the next meeting.

36/26 Governance

- a) Policies Review: The review of Policies is ongoing and should be complete for presentation to the October meeting.
- b) Assertion 10: Other than ongoing familiarisation with the new email account, there are no outstanding issues relating to Assertion 10.

37/26 Correspondence:

- a) Updates from CALC and other Agencies: Councillors noted that these had been circulated as appropriate.
- b) Specific items of correspondence: The Clerk drew attention to the recent award of £500 to Crosthwaite Church of England Primary School from the Tesco Food Grant Scheme and Councillors were pleased to congratulate the school on this achievement. This led on to discussion about Parish Council grants and several potential recipients were mentioned including the Lowland Curlew Recovery Project and the Recreation Field in relation to improvements to the children's play area. The Clerk was instructed to ask the RFO what is in the current Grants budget to enable decisions to be taken on appropriate awards.

38/26 Items 'for Information': No items were raised.

39/26 Councillors' Issues to be Raised: No additional issues were raised.

Date of the next meeting: It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 06 July 2026.

The meeting finished at 8.59 p.m.

Signed as a correct record:

(Chair)

Date: