



Allonby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 21 October 2025

Attendance	Action/ Decision
Councillors: K. Appleton-Derrick (KAD), J. Hanley (JH), A. Jones (AJ) (Chair) P. Jones (PJ), J. Potter and M. Wilson (MW). K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor (KT) Members of the public: None J. Rae, Acting Clerk (JR)	
73/10/25 Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. Glencross and N. Glencross. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted.	
74/10/25 Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were received. No requests for dispensations were received.	
75/10/25 Minutes RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2025 as a true record.	
76/10/25 Public Question Time No members of the public were in attendance. JP reported that residents at Croft Farm Close have raised concerns about the waste and recycling bins not being collected. Residents should report a missed bin collection on Cumberland Council's website.	
77/10/25 Clerk's Report JR reported that: An email had been received from Whitehaven Town Council to gather information relating to Public Toilets. Solway Coast National Landscape will be holding an open evening on 23 October at 7.30pm in Allonby Village Hall. An email had been received from a researcher at Bangor University working on project FisHistory, the main aim to identify herring spawning activity and spawning areas in the Irish Sea. It was noted that Cumberland Council and Westmorland & Furness Council had granted consent to proceed with Devolution. Raise: Cumbria Community Forest - a tree planting grant is available to communities across Cumbria, as part of a county-wide effort to create more woodland. Raise are currently looking for suitable parcels of land - large or small - where they can support tree and hedge planting this season or next. This could include land owned or managed by the parish council, or any community spaces that might be suitable. CALC's AGM had been re-scheduled to 15 November.	PJ agreed to respond PJ had responded AJ agreed to make enquiries



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78/10/25 Progress reports for information

- a. Car Parks – Cumberland Council had provided an update for the works on the car parks. Monday 3rd November the northern sites junction improvements will be carried out. On Wednesday 5th November until the Friday 7th November improvements to the car parks opposite Twentymans and further south towards the surfers car park will be carried out. These will be levelled off and filled with a compacted sub-base.
- b. Play Park – KAD reported that the Ninja Trail is expected to be installed week commencing 18 November.
- c. Toilet Block – AJ reported that further investigation had found there is no leak evident. The toilets will close following half term week. The accessible toilet will be available.

KAD to mark area for equipment to be sited.

79/10/25 Cumberland Councillor's Report

KT reported that he had attended a recent meeting regarding assessment of leisure facilities. KT also reported that funding is still available from the Fells and Solway Community Panel.

80/10/25 Planning

(a) Applications Received:

FUL/2025/0111 - Land to the East of Westville Caravan Park, Allonby, CA15 6QA

Proposal: Change of use from grassed land to part of caravan site.

It was suggested that if the application is granted a condition should be included for the provision of a contribution towards community projects and facilities.

(b) Decisions: None.

81/10/25 Finance

(a) The financial report at 30 September 2025 had been circulated.

Balances: Current account £40,950.28 Instant Access account £222.17

(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

PAYEE	BUDGET LINE	AMOUNT
J Rae	Clerk's account October 2025	£164.99
HMRC	PAYE October 2025	£100.40
Eon	Toilet Block (DD)	£ 41.85
K Hetherington	Cleaning (30.9.25)	£496.00
Water Plus	Toilet Block	£41.95

82/10/25 Correspondence for Information

Bangor University - Project FisHistory- Irish Sea Herring

CALC - Solway Coast Landscape Parish Council open evenings - 23rd October at Allonby Village Hall between 7pm and 8.30pm

CALC - Cumberland Libraries News

CALC - Slides from the Hyperfast broadband Event

CALC - Help Us Keep All Councillors Connected – Join the CALC Distribution Lists

CALC EV Charging Infrastructure Event - Monday 20 October 2025 7pm via Teams

Cumbria Police - September & October 2025 - Maryport, Aspatria & Silloth

CALC – Devolution Update

Whitehaven Town Council – Information gathering re Public Toilets

Correspondence received was noted.



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83/10/25 Fund Raising KAD provided an update and reported that applications for smaller grants are in process. KAD also reported that the end of grant reports had been completed for Cumberland Council and Cumbria Community Foundation.	
84/10/25 Parish Plan KAD reported that the questionnaire had been finalised and is available for residents to complete.	
85/10/2025 Memorial Benches AJ reported that a response from Cumberland Council had still not been received.	
86/10/25 Bollards JH reported that he had obtained four quotations to replace the bollards on the cycle path. It was suggested that visible marks need to be applied to alert cyclists of the presence of the bollards.	JH to circulate final prices
87/10/25 Email Management Members noted that a quotation had been requested to provide .gov email addresses. An amount of £100 pa for ten email accounts was considered. JH advised that the website provider had advised the cost would be £75.00	JH to request additional information
88/10/25 Review of Tenancy Agreement – Cycle Store JR reported that the tenant had not responded to the emails requesting that the outstanding arrears are brought up to date. It was proposed and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the tenancy agreement the tenant will be served with four week's notice that the agreement will be terminated and the contents of the store should be removed by 1 December 2025.	JR to send tenant Notice of Termination of tenancy agreement.
89/10/25 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda PJ reported that the service of remembrance will be held on Sunday 9 November. AJ will lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. The budget for 2026-27 will be agreed at the next meeting	
90/10/25 Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 November 2025 – 7.30pm.	
Meeting closed: The meeting closed at 9.05 pm	