



Allonby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25 November 2025

Attendance Councillors: K. Appleton-Derrick (KAD), N. Glencross (NG), 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)	Action/ Decision
91/11/25 Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M. Glencross. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.	
92/11/25 Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were received. No requests for dispensations were received.	
93/11/25 Minutes RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2025 as a true record.	
94/11/25 Public Question Time No members of the public were in attendance. A further complaint had been received regarding the waste and recycling collection service at Croft Farm Close.	
95/11/25 Clerk's Report JR reported that: Cumberland Council had responded to the Parish Council's complaint regarding the waste and recycling collection service at Croft Farm Close and advised that this was due to the vehicle being too large to access. Cumberland Council have moved this area onto a smaller vehicle and changed the collection day to a Friday. The online calendar has also been updated to reflect these changes. To view the online calendar please follow this link https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-street-cleaning/waste-collections/check-your-collection-dates-your-waste-and-recycling An email had been received from a 3 rd year Marine Biology student at Newcastle University who is currently conducting a dissertation on the designation and implementation of the Highly Protected Marine Area status on Allonby Bay with particular interest in understanding the community's perspectives on this designation and its potential impacts. The student advised they would visit Allonby the week of November 3 rd , with the intention of visiting from November 5 th to 7 th . During the visit they would set up a table near the village green on November 5 th . The Police Newsletter had been circulated. Speed checks had been carried out in Allonby on 4 th November. Everyone clocked was driving within the 30mph speed limit. An email had been received from a visitor to the area to raise that they were disappointed that the toilets were closed.	



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<p>An invitation had been received to the Cumbria LNRS Launch and Celebration Event on Friday 5th December at Reghed Penrith</p> <p>A resident had raised that there is a Duke of Edinburgh awards provider at Crosby and asked if the Parish Council would consider a partial sponsorship for one of our teen or young adult residents.</p> <p>NALC and the British Toilets Association have launched a national survey for parish and town councils to provide views and updates on public conveniences they currently manage or are likely to manage in future, to coincide with World Toilet Day 2025. Following the link here all member councils are asked to complete the linked short snapshot survey on public conveniences they own or manage by latest 23:45 on 14 January 2026.</p> <p>Cumberland Council is inviting residents, businesses, and visitors to share their views on Cumberland's Highways and Transport services through a new feedback survey, which launched on 27 October. The survey gives people the chance to share their experiences and priorities, helping the council understand what is working well and where improvements are needed. From road conditions and street lighting to bus accessibility and cycle lanes, the feedback will inform decisions on how services are delivered and developed in the future.</p> <p>The survey is available on Cumberland Council's website: https://consult.cumberland.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-survey</p> <p>Deadline for responses: 31 January 2026</p>	Agenda Item for the next meeting
<p>96/11/25 Progress reports for information</p> <p>a. Car Parks – As advised by Cumberland Council before the last meeting the work had been done on the car parks in early November. It was still uncertain if the car park opposite Twentymans will be resurfaced</p> <p>b. Play Park – It was noted that the Ninja Trail had been installed at the Play Park. Thanks were relayed to KAD for his efforts in securing the funding for the Trail.</p> <p>c. Toilet Block – AJ reported that the toilet block was now closed for winter. The donation post had been installed. Members discussed the option for installing self-opening and closing doors.</p>	
<p>97/11/25 Cumberland Councillor's Report</p> <p>KT reported that</p> <p>He continues to pursue Cumberland Council regarding the resurfacing of the car park opposite Twentymans.</p> <p>Funding is still available from the Community Panel for projects in the Parish</p> <p>He will be attending the Allonby Walkout on Tuesday 2 December following the Fells and Solway Community Panel's decision to carry out a Place Survey in Allonby.</p>	
<p>98/11/25 Planning</p> <p>(a) Applications Received: None</p> <p>(b) Decisions: None.</p>	



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99/11/25 Finance

(a) The financial report at 31 October 2025 had been circulated.

Balances: Current account £40,061.89 Instant Access account £222.17

(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

PAYEE	BUDGET LINE	AMOUNT
J Rae	Clerk's account November 2025	£164.99
HMRC	PAYE November 2025	£100.40
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K Hetherington	Cleaning	£512.00
S. Ringrose	Meter Installation	£105.00
Value Web Designs	Set up of emails	£100.00
Water Plus	Toilet Block	£56.87
Play Fitness Ltd	Ninja Trail	£24,000.00

(c) Budget 2026-27 Members considered the draft budget circulated with the agenda and discussed the usual income and expenditure and potential projects for 2026-27. Resolved that the precept demand should be increased to £20,000.00.

100/11/25 Correspondence for Information

Cumberland Council Community Governance Review

Cumberland Council Newsletters

Complaint re waste collections

HPMA Dissertation

Police Newsletter

Cumbria LNRS Launch and Celebration Event, Friday 5th December

CALC Newsletter

Cumberland Council – Election costs

Correspondence received was noted.

101/11/25 Fund Raising

KAD reported that £300 had been raised via the QR code. The outcome of an application for £9000 from the Robin Rigg Fund is awaited.

102/11/25 Parish Plan

KAD reported that there had been 81 responses to the questionnaire. The top priorities raised were the Play Park, the Beck and the Toilets. NG agreed to put a reminder on facebook asking for responses by 1 December.

KAD to circulate a summary after the closing date

103/11/25 Allonby Walkabout

Members noted that an event organised by the Fells and Solway Community Panel, Cumberland Council will be held on Tuesday 2 December. Residents will be asked what they love about the village, how it works for them and what could be done better. It will include an exploratory walkabout and a workshop in the Village Hall. The event will be held at 10am on Tuesday 2 December in Allonby Village Hall.



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104/11/2025 Memorial Benches AJ reported that a response from Cumberland Council had still not been received.	
105/11/25 Email Management Since the last meeting Members had been set up with .org email addresses to comply with assertion 10 of the JPAG Practitioners Guide. It was noted that now the email addresses are in place the Parish Council would adopt an email/IT policy.	Agenda Item for the next meeting
106/11/25 Tenancy Agreement – Cycle Store JR reported that notice had been sent by email to the tenant terminating the current tenancy agreement. The tenant was requested to remove the contents of the store by 1 December. It was noted that no response had been received to the original email and a subsequent reminder. It was agreed that the notice should be served on the tenant by registered/signed for post.	JP/JH to try to establish the tenants address
107/11/25 Cumberland Council Community Governance Review Members noted that Cumberland Council's Electoral Services Team are looking to commence a Community Governance Review in 2026. The review will consider councillor numbers, merging of parish councils and minor boundary amendments. Following a discussion Members resolved that they did not wish the Parish to be involved in the review.	
108/11/25 Emergency Plan There had been a good response from residents to the challenges posed by the flooding on 13 November. It was agreed to review the evaluation form.	Agenda Item for the next meeting.
109/11/25 Mole Infestation Village Green Members noted that the contractor had been carrying out work on the village green to try to control the infestation of moles. Work is ongoing.	
110/10/25 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda JP reported that she had contacted RAISE regarding the grant available to plant trees/hedges. RAISE had advised they will contact JP in the Spring.	
111/11/25 Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 January 2026 – 7.30pm.	
Meeting closed: The meeting closed at 8.50 pm	