



Allonby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 31 March 2026

Attendance:	Action/ Decision
<p>Councillors: Cllrs. K. Appleton-Derrick (KAD), M. Glencross (MG), N. Glencross (NG), A. Jones (AJ) (Chair), P. Jones (PJ), J. Potter (JP) and M. Wilson (MW). K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor (KT) Members of the public: Five J. Rae, Acting Clerk (JR)</p>	
<p>149/03/25 Apologies for absence An apology for absence was received from Cllr J. Hanley. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.</p>	
<p>150/03/25 Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were received. No requests for dispensations were received.</p>	
<p>151/03/25 Minutes RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2026 as a true record.</p>	
<p>152/03/25 Public Question Time The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public present to raise any matters relating to the Parish. Concern was raised regarding potential breaches of planning control relating to application FUL/2023/0145. Speeding vehicles through the village was discussed. Four members of the public left the meeting at 7.49pm. Erection of overhead wires in AONB - An email had been received advising that contractors on behalf of Fibrus have erected a series of telegraph poles on both sides of the main road (B5300) beyond the north of the village and also erected some poles in the south of the village to the south of the church. Whilst the poles are bare at present, wires will be connected to them in due course and will become even more visually intrusive. It was noted that the Parish Council had been notified by Cumberland Council's Planning Team of the erection of poles by Viberoptix in the Parish. This was for information only and the erection of the poles do not require planning permission. Fundraising event – An email had been received regarding the hosting of a duck race fundraising event in the village.</p>	<p>JR to raise the concerns with Cumberland Council Planning Team</p> <p>JR to respond</p> <p>JR to advise that Cumberland Council should be contacted re any necessary permissions</p>
<p>153/03/25 Clerk's Report JR reported that: A new Premises Application had been received for the Driftwood Cafe, The Square, Allonby The Fells and Solway Community Panel had met on the 16 March An enquiry had been received regarding the availability and costings of burial plots in the Christ Churchyard Allonby. A temporary road closure has been put in place to allow Cumberland Council to carry out highway works which are expected to commence 23 March 2026 and anticipated to take 8 days to complete on the B5300 Allonby from its junction with the C2018, extending in a north westerly direction for approx. 420m.</p>	



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A request had been received regarding the erection of a memorial bench in the Village. The request had been directed to Cumberland Council.

The Play Area Inspection report had been received.

A resident had advised that the missing signage in Allonby had now been replaced by Cumberland Council.

154/03/25 Progress reports for information

a. Car Parks – No further progress to report

b. Play Park – The Play Area Inspection report had been received. Members considered the recommendations in the report and it was agreed to have the multiplayer jnr removed.

Other minor repairs and updating the signage at the Play Park was considered.

c. Toilet Block – Members discussed submitting an application to the community investment fund for a grant towards the purchase of a self-opening/closing door.

Some progress had been made with WaterPlus.

KAD agreed to arrange this with Cumberland Council

KAD to discuss with Cumberland Council

155/03/25 Cumberland Councillor's Report

K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor reported on the planned Westnewton culvert replacement project which is planned for Summer 2026. The works are required to address some issues on the existing bridge. It has been established that the culvert cannot be repaired but full replacement is required. This will require the Wigton road through Westnewton Village to be temporary closed at the village hall. Residents will be able to access the top of the village from the B5301 down as current access permits, however the residents at the bottom of the village will need to access to Westnewton via Allonby.

156/03/25 Planning

(a) Applications Received: None

(b) Decisions:

CAT/2025/0044 - Application under Section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to carry out works to a tree in a Conservation Area

Westville Holiday Park, The Bungalow, Allonby, Maryport CA15 6QA – Allowed

157/03/25 Finance

(a) The financial report at 28 February 2026 had been circulated.

Balances: Current Account £16,744.63, Access Account £223.39.

(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

PAYEE	BUDGET LINE	AMOUNT
J. Rae	Clerk's account March 2026	£183.41
HMRC	PAYE March 2026	£100.40
Allonby Village Hall	Noticeboard	£168.00
Eon	Toilet Block – March	£41.12 DD
Water Plus	Toilet Block	£37.64
K. Hetherington	Cleaning February	£256.00
K. Hetherington	Cleaning March	£496.00

(c) Appointment of Internal Auditor/Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit

Members resolved to appoint Mr. T. Gear to carry out the internal audit of the accounts for financial year 2025-26. The review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was noted.



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<p>158/03/25 Correspondence for Information</p> <p>CALC - Invitation for Parish Councils to Participate in Community Resilience Pilot – Cumbria CALC - Cumbria Combined Authority Briefing – 25 February Slides Cumberland Council - Fells & Solway Place Standard Draft Report & Recommendations (Allonby) Lake District Foundation - The effects of climate change in a World Heritage Site Cumberland Council - New Premises Application- Driftwood Café, The Square, Allonby CA15 6QA Allonby Parish Council "Buriel plots Allonby" Cumberland Council - Fells & Solway Community Panel Meeting 16 March Cumberland Council - B5300 Allonby – Old Kiln to East End Farm - CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING WORKS Cumberland Council - Planned Temporary Road Closure - B5300 Allonby</p>	Correspondence received was noted.
<p>159/03/25 Fund Raising</p> <p>KAD provided an update on potential funding including submitting an application to the National Lottery.</p>	
<p>160/03/25 Parish Plan</p> <p>The updating of the Parish Plan is in progress.</p>	
<p>161/03/25 Place Standard Exercise</p> <p>Members discussed the recommendations that Cumberland Council had suggested in their report on the observations from the Place Standard Exercise held on 2 December and the follow up workshop and the online survey.</p> <p>Members discussed working with partners to effectively implement the recommendations and the recommendations will be considered at regular parish council meetings.</p>	
<p>162/03/25 Emergency Plan</p> <p>Work on the Emergency Plan is in progress. PJ and NG agreed to liaise to consider how the Plan can be promoted more effectively.</p>	
<p>163/03/2025 Litter Pick</p> <p>It was noted that the Great Cumbrian Litter Pick was held on 27-28 March. It was agreed to organise an independent litter pick in the Village.</p>	AJ to organise equipment
<p>164/03/2025 Replacement of Noticeboard</p> <p>Members noted that the Village Hall Committee had organised for the noticeboards outside the Hall to be replaced. The Parish Council had agreed to meet the cost of one of the noticeboards.</p>	
<p>165/03/25 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda</p> <p>Any items for the agenda to be forwarded to the Clerk by 19 April 2026.</p>	
<p>166/03/25 Date of next meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 April 2026 – 7.30pm.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed: The meeting closed at 8.58 pm</p>	