

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are hereby summoned and members of the public are invited to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held on **Thursday 26 February 2026** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill for the purposes detailed in the following agenda

A G E N D A

1. **Apologies**
To receive apologies with reasons for absence
2. **Minutes**
To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2025 as a true record
3. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda (*Members are reminded that it is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting*)
4. **Requests for Dispensation**
The Clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest
5. **Public Participation**
Members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak, ask questions or raise matters of interest with regard to this agenda
6. **Ongoing Items**
 - i) Crow Wood
 - ii) Field of Dreams
 - iii) Village 20 mph scheme update
 - iv) Community resilience (emergency planning) policy
7. **Reports**
 - To receive any report from the Westmorland and Furness Councillor
 - To receive any relevant information from The Athenaeum
 - To receive any relevant matters from Cumbria Police including the Neighbourhood Policing Team update for January 2026 (emailed to Cllrs.20/2/26)
8. **Planning**
 - i) To note that the following planning application has been submitted to W&FC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:
2025/2462/FPA Joinery Workshop, Deepthwaite, Woodhouse
Alteration and extension of an existing joinery workshop (Use Class B2 – General Industry) for use as a builder's workshop and store (Use Class B2 – General Industry)
 - ii) To note any planning applications received and circulated to members of the Council since publishing the agenda
 - iii) To note that the following planning application has been **approved** by W&FC since the last meeting:
2025/2211/FPA 1, Eversley Gardens, Leasgill
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 2024/0466/FPA (alterations to existing dwelling house, including extension to existing balcony, attic conversion of part existing roof space including raising existing roof level to part of dwelling)
 - iv) To receive any report from the Neighbourhood Plan group
 - v) To receive any report regarding the Heversham House planning application
9. **Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods**
 - a. To consider any Highways matters including the Primary School warning lights
 - b. To receive any report from the Working Group for footpaths/tracks
 - c. To consider any trees and woods matters including (i) replanting under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme; (ii) planting of trees at Quarry Wood; and (iii) felling of trees on Mabbin Hall Lane
10. **Playground Report**
 - i) To inform the council of the condition of the playground at the weekly inspections
 - ii) To record who will be making the inspections until the next meeting
11. **Village Tidy**
To discuss arrangements
12. **Annual Parish Meeting**
To discuss arrangements
13. **Street Lighting Electricity**
To receive a report from the Clerk

14. Finance

- i) To note that there have been no receipts since the last meeting
- ii) To note any receipts since publishing the agenda
- iii) To note the following payments made by direct debit since the last meeting
 - Npower – street lighting electricity November 2025 - £152.22
 - Npower – street lighting electricity December 2025 - £163.78
 - Npower – street lighting electricity January 2026 - £160.54
 - D&C Atkinson – mowing December 2025 - £140.00
 - D&C Atkinson – mowing January 2026 - £140.00
- iv) To approve the following payments made between meetings:
 - M R Richardson - salary and expenses to 31/1/26 - £1,718.70
 - Middle Peak Engineering Ltd – Norma Morris plaque - £203.40
- v) To approve the following payments:
 - HMRC - PAYE / NIC re M R Richardson - £480.36
 - J & H Bland & Son Ltd – wall repairs - £200.00
 - P Clarke – footpath repairs - £10.62
- vi) To approve any payments due since publishing the agenda
- vii) To receive and approve the 2026/27 Financial Risk Assessment
- viii) To receive an update from the Clerk regarding Assertion 10 progress
- ix) To note the bank balance at 31 January 2026 and authorise the Chair to counter-sign the bank statement

15. Correspondence – to note any other correspondence received and not included as an item on this agenda and decide upon any necessary action:

- i) W&FC – Publication of the Call for Sites 2024 Assessment Outcome Report (emailed to Cllrs.22/12/25)
- ii) CALC – Nature recovery for Town and Parish Councils – strategy workbook (emailed to Cllrs.20/1/26)
- iii) W&FC – Have your say: make W&F more child friendly (emailed to Cllrs.20/1/26)
- iv) W&FC’s Adult Social Care work praised in first Care Quality Commission assessment (emailed to Cllrs.20/1/26)
- v) W&FC – Significant Government cuts mean council has no choice but to increase Council Tax alongside raising other charges (emailed to Cllrs.20/1/26)
- vi) CALC – Cumbria Combined Authority – briefing on 25 February 2026 (emailed to Cllrs.20/1/26)
- vii) Lightscape Project – Cumbria White-Tailed Eagle Project – stakeholder questionnaire (emailed to Cllrs.20/1/26)
- viii) W&FC – Resilience and local government leader John Barradell proposed as Interim Chief Executive of Cumbria Combined Authority (emailed to Cllrs.20/1/26)

16. Westmorland Gazette - to identify any relevant matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette

17. To note any ‘Items for Information’ - *no decisions or action permitted*

18. To receive items for consideration for a future agenda:

- i) Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme plaque – if re-planting is successful – March 2027

Date of next meeting - to confirm that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 26 March 2026 at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

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