



HETHERSGILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Hethersgill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 17th March 2026

Present: Cllrs S Barratt, D Beer, F Heaton, M Irving, L McDonagh, A Sisson, L Summerfield.

In attendance: The Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer - A Dawes. Cumberland County Council Member J Mallinson. 4 (Four) Members of the Public.
The newly appointed Clerk (L Mowbrey) joined part way through the meeting.

010/26 Apologies for Absence – C Williams J.P.

011/26 Declarations of Interest and Request for Dispensations - Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs. Beer and Summerfield in respect of 26/0036 under Planning, Agenda item 6.

012/26 Minutes of the meeting(s) of the Parish Council held on 20th January 2026 - RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting as a true record.

013/26 Public Participation – 4 (Four) members of the public were in attendance. MoP's 1 and 2 asked if Council could assist with the issue of United Utilities activities regarding extension to the Sleet Beck Sewage Treatment Works (STW) which is a wastewater facility located near Hethersgill, Carlisle, Cumbria, operated by **United Utilities Water Limited**.

Key Details regarding Sleet Beck STW:

- **Operator:** United Utilities Water Limited.
- **Location:** Sleet Beck, Hethersgill, Carlisle, Cumbria.
- **Permit Info:** Registered under permit number NW/017780022/001.
- **Function:** It is a Small Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) designed to treat domestic sewage.

Contextual Information:

- **Environmental Monitoring:** The Sleet Beck area is monitored for water quality indicators such as ammonia, dissolved oxygen, and phosphate levels (with data available through the Environment Agency).

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- **Regional Management:** The site is part of United Utilities' extensive infrastructure across North West England, managing water and wastewater in Cumbria.
- **Water Quality Upgrades:** As part of broader efforts in the Petteril catchment area, United Utilities is working to reduce phosphorus pollution, with four WwTWs in the area having regulatory drivers to improve treatment processes to enhance water quality.

MoP 1 had already been in contact with JM, United Utilities and the Planning department of Cumberland Council but so far had not been assured that this work was legal. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk and JM would investigate further.

MoP 3 Indicated that they had evidence of speed limit violations at the crossroads in the Village **RESOLVED** that the evidence would be passed to the Clerk who would then forward to the Police with a view to more data collection and police activity around that part of the Parish.

MoP 4 asked if Council would agree to more information being available on the minutes with regard to payment information – **RESOLVED** more information (that is not Confidential) will be included.

MoP 4 asked if Council members would keep a look-out for the Village “Easter Dress up”

MoP 4 reported that around £500 worth of donations had been received towards the FoodBank.

Report from the Cumberland Councillor gave an update on the Budget indicating that the situation could best be described as dire but likely to get worse as significant cost savings would have to be made in the very near future.

No report from the Police.

014/26 Administrative Matters

014/26.1 I.T. and email and Assertion 10

Council members determined that Cllrs. Sisson, Barrett, Williams and Beer would continue to operate the e-mail procedures, but Cllrs. Irving, McDonagh, Summerfield and Heaton would continue with paper correspondence. It was also felt appropriate to wait until the documentation was received regarding the AGAR to determine exactly what was required in respect of verification of requirements. Clerk apologised that some council members had not received the policies to be discussed so these items, (with some alterations suggested by Cllrs. Irving and Summerfield would be re-circulated and discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr. Sisson also indicated that Training about I.T. and Data Security together some general Councillor Training would be sought from CALC.

014/26.2 Highways - no new issues to report, other than those indicated by the MoP earlier.

014/26.3 Common Land – Cllr. Irving reported that she would visit the area in the near future when the weather was drier.

014/26.4 Riverside and Give Way sign –Riverside Housing were thanked for the work that they had done, whilst welcomed it had still not resolved the issue of the road sign being hidden and therefore this would be reported to the Highways Department again.

014/26.5 Facebook Page – Cllr. Irving reported that there was now no reference to the page having any connection to the Parish Council. Individuals could contact her as administrator seeking approval for inclusion of any items.

014/26.6 Community Lunch – Cllr Sisson spoke to the previously circulated report and quotation for furthering the lunches. After discussion a small working party was agreed to consider a way forward including any opportunities for grant funding. Members of the working party were Cllrs AS DB LS and CW.

014/26.7 Emergency Plan – Cllr. Beer reported back on the plan being worked up including the Resilience spreadsheet that she has “populated” A Community Hub has been designated at the Black Lion and it is possible to have another identified potentially the Village Hall. Further work will be done over the coming months including details of the Resilience Direct” portal.

014/26.8 Defibrillator update – Cllr. Sisson reported to members that the recently acquired had now been fitted by Malcolm Dryden and asked if the Clerk would thank him from the Council. An anonymous donation had been received towards the cost of the Defibrillator.

015/26 Planning Matters -

26/0050 No comments

26/0085 No comments

26/0036 Cllr Beer read out a pre-prepared statement for inclusion as the Parish Council’s comments which council members approved by virtue of a vote 4 in favour 3 abstentions.

016/26 Finance

016/26.1 RESOLVED to authorise the payments below:

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Date	Payee	Amount
23/01/2026	HMRC - Tax	£ 73.60
23/01/2026	A Dawes – Pay & Exps - Jan	£ 347.00
23/01/2026	HMRC - Tax	£ 73.40
23/01/2026	Balsam Bashers	£ 144.00
31/01/2026	Unity Bank	£ 6.00
11/02/2026	London Hearts - Defib	£1,159.20
19/02/2026	HMRC - Tax	£ 22.70
19/02/2026	HMRC- Tax	£ 73.60
19/02/2026	A Dawes – Pay & exps - Feb	£ 153.81
28/02/2026	Unity Bank	£ 6.00

016/26.2 Received Bank reconciliation and Finance papers relating to January and February 2026

017/26 Clerk Replacement – AS had introduced the New Clerk LM who confirmed that she had been in contact with AD to start the hand-over process but that she would be commencing in post on the 14th May 2026 and AD would continue in post until the 13th May 2026. AD would therefore produce the Agendas for the May meetings and complete the 2025/2026 AGAR.

018/26 Date and time of Next Meeting – RESOLVED that the next meeting(s) of the Parish Council will take place at on Tuesday 19th May commencing at 7.00pm with the Annual Parish Meeting followed immediately by the Annual Parish Council Meeting both being held in Hethersgill Parish Hall.

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