Minutes of the Haverthwaite **Parish Open** Meeting at Outback Hall, Leven Valley School on **Thursday 6th May 2025 at 7.00pm**.

1. **Apologies for absence:** None
2. **Approval of the minutes of the Annual Open meeting held on 23rd May 2024:**
   Resolved: To approve.
3. **Chair's Annual Report:** Cllr Sue Sanderson presented a report for the 2024-2025 Council year (attached)
4. **Open Forum:** To allow members of the public to raise matters of interest relevant to the Parish Council.

   Residents raised the following issues/questions:

   – is there any information available about the newly created roadway by the old ironworks? It is assumed it is access related. Cllr Sanderson responded that the Backbarrow Ironworks History Group have written to Historic England and Highways about this with no real answers. Cllr Bloomer will raise this with Highways.
   Cllr Sanderson to send some supporting documentation.

   - Underpass winter vegetation and moss – The Parish Lengthsman does some remedial work in the growing season. Bigger works would be a Highways/ National Highways issue.

   - Congestion around the surgery, especially during the holidays and visitors parking for the railway.
     Cllr Bloomer has already lodged this with Highways and is awaiting a response. Also parking generally is under review with Westmorland & Furness Council.

   - Path along the back at Haverthwaite – group led walks on the path which is meant for Anglers.

CHAIRS' REPORT FOR 2024-2025 COUNCIL YEAR

I have prepared a short report for the AGM from the Chair May 6th 2025

This seems to have come round quickly this year. All meetings were held on time and attended by all councillors. There has been little involvement from local residents despite efforts to advertise the range of things we are involved in and to what we can contribute. We have responded when things are raised with us and also many responsibilities often raised by residents are dealt with by the lengthsman Archie Workman and we would like to thank him for the work undertaken. Local members also deal with very local issues like issues with water up Brow Edge, the bridge path also up Brow edge.
I would also like to thank our clerk for all her hard work and ensuring we meet statutory requirements and investigating the position with the street lights.
I would also like to welcome our local Westmorland and Furness councillor who replaced me on my retirement: Tim Bloomer who also has attended and given an input on the unitary authority council actions. We are grateful for his contributions.
The council has awarded a grant to the community centre trustees they are supporting a community centre, cricket facilities, numerous dog walkers and a childrns playground and have to meet all legal requirements. They are struggling for people to run the centre and finances for sports days and Bonfire Night both very popular in the village and big community events. Several Training sessions have been offered by the Westmorland and Furness Council I attended one about waste services and one about relationships with Parish Councils. They were useful.
Thank you to everyone for all their support.

Sue Sanderson Chair