HAVERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th January 2026 at 7 pm.

Chair: Cllr Hitchen, Cllrs Stoddart and Bevins. Clerk Janet Taffs present
Two members of the public are in attendance.

144/1/2026 Apologies
RESOLVED apologies received from Cllr Fleming and Sanderson for absence

145/1/2026 Requests for Dispensations
RESOLVED No requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

146/1/2026 Declaration of Interest
RESOLVED NO declarations by elected and co-opted members of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda

147/1/2026 Minutes
RESOLVED The Chair signed the minutes of the Haverthwaite Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 4th November 2025, as an accurate record.

148/1/2026 Public Participation
134.1 Community participation: Members of the community will be given the opportunity to speak, ask questions or raise matters of interest with regard to this agenda
RESOLVED no members of the public wished to speak
134.2 Unitary Authority update:
RESOLVED Cllr Bloomer was unable to attend but sent a brief report. Firstly, Cllr Bloomer has managed to get the right officer at W&F Highways to have a look at the "landslide" by the Ironworks. It's a tricky one due to the historic site's special status. He is confident that the right person is now aware at W&F, and will work towards assessing the best way forward. A member of the public in attendance clarified that this is the Ironworks heritage trust site, not the new houses opposite.
Councillors Boak and Bloomer have persuaded National Highways to broaden their safety assessment of slip roads on and off the A590 in the area. They will be looking at the one by the surgery.
The area around the surgery has been added to W&F Highways assessment for road safety improvements this year.
134.3 LDNPA update
RESOLVED No updates
134.4 Police update
RESOLVED PSCO Harris was unable to attend but sent a brief report. Poaching has increased in the area since December, and patrols have been set up fairly quickly, but the web of roads in Rusland has allowed them to escape.

149/10/2025 Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting
UNRESOLVED The Clerk provided details on the contract between W&F and Hawkshead Parish Council to provide winter services for other Parish Councils.
The services from Hawkshead Parish Council can be hired at £55 per hour, but the routes have to be agreed by W&F. Travel time will be charged; however, if this were worked in conjunction with Colton, it could reduce the costs. The Clerk is to contact Hawkshead Parish Council to arrange a quote on the agreed roads.

150/1/2026 Planning Applications
To respond to planning applications received since the previous meeting

RESOLVED the following decisions were ratified

150.1 7/2025/5274 Location: Outwood, Low Wood, Ulverston, LA12 8LY Proposal: Construction of garage and workshop. The Parish Council could not reach a majority decision.

150.2 7/2025/5570 Location: Hard Cragg Farmhouse, High Brow Edge, Backbarrow, Ulverston, LA12 8QY Proposal: Approval of details reserved by condition 3 (timber cladding and metal sheeting for the roof) on planning permission 7/2025/5070 proposed detached garage and workshop**. N**o provision for consultation with the Parish Council.

150.3 Reference: 7/2025/5528 Location: Two unnamed Roads nr Beckside, Grange over Sands, LA12 8PE Proposal: Proposed installation of new broadband infrastructure and maintenance and upgrade of existing broadband infrastructure. The Parish Council could not reach a majority decision

150.4 7/2025/5699 Location: Land at Forrester's Walk, Backbarrow, Ulverston, LA12 8QF Proposal: Approvals of details reserved by conditions 6 (landscaping) and 8 (materials) on application 7/2024/5433 - Development of two local needs houses and associated works

There is no provision for consultation on this type of application

151/1/2026 Planning permission decisions

RESOLVED Decisions made since the previous meeting were acknowledged

151.1 7/2025/5404 RESOLVED Location: Pipistrel House, Finsthwaite Lane, Backbarrow, Cumbria, LA12 8QD Proposal: New dwelling in the garden of the existing dwelling
The Authority has made a decision (Granted) on this application

151.2 7/2025/5477Location: Foxwood Hill, Backbarrow, Ulverston, LA12 8PX
Proposal: Demolition of the wooden store and erection of a new store
The Authority has made a decision (Granted) on this application.

151.3 7/2025/5274Location: Outwood, Low Wood, Ulverston, LA12 8LY
Proposal: Construction of a garage and workshop
The Authority has made a decision (Refused) on this application**.**

152/1/2026 Community

152.1 to receive updates on the 20mph register of interest

UNRESOLVED The Clerk has contacted W&F to request that no footpath signs be installed and that clearer signage be provided regarding the junction at Low Wood/Fishouse. EI/269300 3/12/25 passed to the Highways team.

A SID has been provided on this stretch of road to record further information on the speed of cars along this section of road that has no provision for pedestrians.

PSCO Harris reported on the data from the SID at Low Wood. 33.8MPH is a little high, but within the 10% +2, and possibly the time of year will have had an effect, with fewer folks around and motorists having to deal with Canoes and walkers crossing the bridge as we get into the Spring and summer months.Other than that, He couldn't see anything too startling in the data.

152.2. to receive any updates on noticeboards

RESOLVED The noticeboard by the playing field has been repaired. The noticeboard on Linsty Green has been installed. The Perspex on the noticeboard at Low Wood has been replaced.

152.3 The joint meeting regarding second homes.

UNRESOLVED To keep on the agenda, as this will be a recurring meeting to report on. This initiative was launched to identify common housing issues and second homes that could be discussed with many Parishes. Discussions on how the Parish Councils felt let down by the LDNPA and how slow the change in planning on second homes has been. The next meeting to take points further has been agreed for Thursday, 15th January at Newton Village Hall at 7 pm. The group will be known as Local Parish Partnership. No one was available to attend on that date.

153/1/2026 Highways, footpaths, hedges & verges:

153.1. Parish Lengthsman jobs & update

RESOLVED The noticeboard has been removed from Linstey Green following a complaint that it was just propped up against a wall. The path to the bus stop from the bridge has been cleared. See 152.3 The de-leaving has been carried out from the bridge to the bus stop and added to November's list of jobs for the future. The path from the Whitewater to the bus stop has been cleared.

153.2 Issues to report on HIAMS. As 136.1 Signage is requested at the junction of Low Wood and Fishouse Lane.

153.3 Streetlighting updates

RESOLVED The lights on the bridge walk have now been replaced, following a report that some were not working. There was a report of a streetlight in Levens Garth not working; it has been repaired, and the lamp at Hollow Oak has finally been replaced.

UNRESOLVED W&F are in communication with the Clerk to transfer the upkeep of the streetlights to them. All details have been provided. Clerk has established all the remaining What3Words locations for the lamps. The next step in the process is to visit the sites.

153.4 To Update on the flooding at the Whitewater corner

RESOLVED This was reported by the Clerk. Response that Highways has jetted the drain.

154/1/2026 Finance & Governance Issues

154.1 The Parish Council is to approve the payment of the invoices received since the last meeting.

a)	Parish Clerk Wages September	£ 215.39
b)	HMRC tax for September	£ 53.80
c)	Parish Clerk wages Q3	£ 677.56
d)	HMRC tax for December	£ 130.00
e)	Parish Clerk expenses to Dec 2025 -	£ 53.92
f)	A Workman (lengthsman) -	£ 288.65
g)	Defibrillator pads (previous cheque destroyed)	£ 82.32
h)	CALC training	£ 30.00
i)	CALC training	£ 30.00
j)	CALC training	£ 30.00

154.2 UNRESOLVED Clerk is in the process of completing the documents required to arrange a GOV: UK website and emails.

154.3 UNRESOLVED The Cllrs were not provided with the third quarter accounts as December's bank statement had not arrived in time.

154.4 RESOLVED The Cllrs considered the budget details for the 2026/2027 year. The Precept this year has reduced from £434.40 to £422.10 with a suggested Precept of £11658.40, an increase on last year of 10360.44, which must be due to more properties. As the situation with the transfer of the lighting could not be confirmed before the end of April, it was agreed to add a quarter of the annual fees to the precept for electricity fees. This amount could be transferred to an earmarked account for winter services if the lighting is transferred sooner than expected. Precept was agreed at £ 13,000.00 providing a counil tax percentage of 11.81%

154.5 RESOLVED Cllr agreed to add Cllr Hitchen as a signatory for the bank accounts. Cllr Bevin proposed Cllr Stoddard seconded. The letter of Authority to the bank was signed.

154.6 RESOLVED A representative of the Ironworks heritage trust provided a little background on the trust and the works they carry out. The site is open monthly. See the website for information. They rely solely on money from donations. If the trust wasn't taken over, the site would be boarded up and left. The Cllrs considered the request from Backbarrow Ironworks Heritage Trust for a grant of £500

155/1/2026 Correspondence, meetings attended and consultations.

- Call for sites for potential local homes.

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- Communication from a resident and flooding risk. Contacted Cllr Bloomer and Tim Farron to see if they could help.
- Newsletter from the Locality board chair, Cllr Pender, and Vice Chair, Cllr Bloomer.

156/1/2026 Items for the next agenda

156/1/2026 Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date and time of the next Meeting as Tuesday, the 3rd March 2026 at 7.00 p.m. @ Outback Hall, Leven Valley School, Haverthwaite. Apologies from Cllr Bevins provided in advance.

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Chair signature Date