HAVERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd March 2026 at 7 pm.

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

158/02/2026 Apologies
RESOLVED apologies received from Cllr Bevins Cllr Sanderson for absence

159/02/2026 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.

160/02/2026 Declaration of Interest
RESOLVED NO declarations by elected and co-opted members of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda

161/02/2026 Minutes
RESOLVED The Chair signed the minutes of the Haverthwaite Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 6th January 2026, as an accurate record.

162/02/2026 Public Participation
162.1 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 Member of the public wished to speak on the condition the road had been left in following the recent road repairs. Oil running into the stream, Cllr Bloomer to take on the case. Resident to email Cllr Bloomer directly.
A Member of the public wished to ask about the process for applying for a 20mph zone on Finsthwaite Lane and Linsty Green. When the main road is shut, it is the rat run. Cllr Bloomer explained there are lots of 20mph requests but certainly put an application in. In the summer months, we will request SID cameras to monitor traffic speed to gather evidence. Clerk to email the application.
162.2 Unitary Authority update:
RESOLVED Cllr Bloomer provided an update on the recent budget and the implications for Westmorland & Furness. The council voted for the council tax increase; no one wanted to, but had to, given a poor funding settlement. Services cost more than the funding provided. Next year looks worse. The funding provided did not account for the area's remoteness.
Green bins will be charged. All residents will receive a letter in July. If you decide to pay £60 per year for each green bin, you will receive a sticker with your address on it for your bin. Only bins with a sticker on will be collected.
162.3 LDNPA update
RESOLVED No updates
162.4 Police update
RESOLVED PSCO Harris was unable to attend, but reported that the Rusland Pool has been found insecure a couple of times.

163/02/2025 Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting
UNRESOLVED Gritting. The gritter from Hawkshead Parish Council viewed and drove the proposed routes and suggested a route. It would take 1.5 hours including travelling. This would be charged at £55 per hour and if Haverthwaite wanted the gritted when Hawkhead were not doing the Parishes they do it would be 2 hours at £55 per hour. The next stage would be to confirm the routes with W&F and then this could be put in place. The Cllrs decided that this should go ahead to the next stage and the Clerk to contact W&F and have the routes agreed with them. Ready for the 2026/2027 winter season.

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164/02/2026 Planning Applications

To respond to planning applications received since the previous meeting
RESOLVED the following decisions were made
164.1 7/2026/5101 Location: Woodside, Hazelrigg Lane, Newby Bridge, LA12 8NY Proposal: Garden room. The Cllr decided that the room was not obtrusive and inkeeping with the area and to approve.

165/02/2026 Planning permission decisions

RESOLVED Decisions made since the previous meeting were acknowledged
165.1 7/2025/5699 Approvals of details reserved by conditions 6 (landscaping) and 8 (materials) Confirmation of compliance with condition attached to planning permission Land at Forrester's Walk, Backbarrow, Ulverston, LA12 8QF

166/02/2026 Community

166.1 to receive updates on the 20mph register of interest
RESOLVED Footpath to Low Wood The team has advised that these signs have already been installed at locations where a ghost footway is present. At this time, it is not proposed to extend this signing further along the highway where the ghost footway does not continue.
This location will, however, be added to the list for consideration of future funding for a Pedestrians in the Road warning sign. This request for funding will be considered in line with other local priorities.

166.2 The joint meeting regarding second homes.
UNRESOLVED To keep on the agenda, as this will be a recurring meeting to report on. The planned meeting was postponed, and no further rearranged date has yet been received. Clerk to chase the date.

167/02/2026 Highways, footpaths, hedges & verges:

167.1. Parish Lengthsman jobs & update
RESOLVED Archie has been on holiday this month, so no invoice or work carried out. The weather is improving so work will be starting as he has seen some that need completing while driving through the parish.

167.2 Issues to report on HIAMS. RESOLVED As 136.1 Signage is requested at the junction of Low Wood and Fishouse Lane. W&F stated a directional sign is already in place, as is the case at other junctions in this area, therefore no further directional signage is proposed at this time.

167.3 Streetlighting updates
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. The contract was signed and await the next step.

168/02/2026 Finance & Governance Issues

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

a)	A Workman (lengthsman) -	£ 00.00
b)	ACW Bush shelter cleaning	£ 120.00
c)	Leven Valley School hall hire	£ 50.00
d)	Aubergine Domain costs	£ 598.80
e)	Clerk's office expenses	£ 109.99
f)	NW Air ambulance	£ 250.00
g)	Great Air ambulance	£ 250.00

Chair signature Date

168.2 UNRESOLVED Clerk is in the process of completing the documents required to arrange a GOV: UK website and emails. This, due to the volume of work the company have will not be completed by the 1st of April deadline. The Agar will state that we do not comply but we are working towards it.

168.3 RESOLVED The third quarter accounts were agreed as a true record and the third quarter budget review was provided and all is on track.

168.4 RESOLVED The Cllrs agreed Fiona Ebbs as the internal auditor for the 2026/2027 financial year

168.5 RESOLVED The Cllrs agreed on the four signatories on the bank accounts and to remove the old Councillor and clerk from the mandates. Remove Gordon Ecclestone, Ann Newby and Sue Sanderson. We can have 4. We have Brian Fleming, Cath Stoddard, Erin Hitchen and Janet Taffs.

168.6 RESOLVED the reserves policy was reviewed with the notation that the £4000 ringfenced for lighting repairs was released to the general fund. £2501.70 has already been used in the repairs of the streetlights and the remainder will be held until the transfer of the lights and then earmarked for gritting in the winter.

Within the finances, the Clerk questioned the asset register as it states benches, grit bins, bus shelters and a war memorial. All need risk assessments, and the benches and bush shelters need the locations plotted with W3W. The grit bins will be questioned with W&F to establish if they have taken on the responsibility of their upkeep. These will then be transferred off the asset list, along with the lighting, to W&F.

Cllr Riley asked if the bus shelter could not have more shelter, a front to them. They do not provide shelter when it rains. This has been discussed before and the type of shelter cannot be altered to accommodate a front section.

168/02/2026 Correspondence, meetings attended and consultations.

- Have your say on the future of the Lake District by completing a short survey
- Nominations request for the garden party at Buckingham Palace in May
- Iconic Medow Events
- New bus services throughout the county
- Access for all at Ulverston Station
- Press release for 4.99% Council tax increase and green waste charges of |£60 per household
- Westmorland and Furness more child friendly
- Cumbria Resilience Community Hubs

168/02/2026 Items for the next agenda

20mph zone at Linsty Green and Finsthwaite Lane

168/02/2026 Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date and time of the next Meeting as Tuesday, the 5th May 2026 at 7.00 p.m. @ Outback Hall, Leven Valley School, Haverthwaite.

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