HAVERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Meeting held on Tuesday, 1st September 2026 at 7 pm.

Present Chair: Cllr Fleming, Riley, Disley. Clerk Janet Taffs present
No members of the public are in attendance. Cllr Bloomer attened.

33/09/2026 Apologies
RESOLVED apologies received from Cllr Bevins.

34/09/2026 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.

35/09/2026 Declaration of Interest
RESOLVED NO declarations by elected and co-opted members of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda

36/09/2026 Minutes
RESOLVED The Chair signed the minutes of the Haverthwaite Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 7th July 2026, as an accurate record.

37/09/2026 Public Participation
37.1 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.
No members of the public were present.
37.2 Unitary Authority update:
RESOLVED Horse boxes and campers will be looked into further on in the agenda
It has been the summer, so W&F have been on a break. No updates as such. Two things are Tour de France is going to cause issues next July. Great that this will bring visitors to the area, but traffic issues on the day, with the A590 closed the whole day. Then the Extra Mile bus service: book it; they have to give 24 hours' notice in advance from here to there; they try to accommodate it. 14-seater minibus tries to do. Great reports coming back from the people who use it free with people with a bus pass. If it works, then it will continue.
37.3 LDNPA update RESOLVED Nothing to report.
37.4 Police update RESOLVED PSCO: nothing to report
From the Police crimes website. A drugs offence near Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway Station. Charged, awaiting court. Violent crime, Low Brow Edge, suspect charged, awaiting court.

38/09/2025 Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting
38.1 To update on the motorhomes and horseboxes that are being lived in around the area.

Cllr Bloomer explained that there are two issues: the residents living in them and fly camping. The police can address fly camping, and the area can have an order put in place so a fine can be issued if it is repeatedly used. The other issue of residents living in them is more of a housing issue: why they are living there and whether they need help finding more suitable housing, and the housing team needs to visit. Cllr Bloomer to investigate further.

39/09/2026 Planning Applications
To respond to planning applications received since the previous meeting
RESOLVED it was noted that the Application was withdrawn
39.1 7/2026/5291Application type Non material amendments Location Old School Cottage, Brow Edge Road, Backbarrow, Ulverston, LA12 8PW Proposed description Non-material amendment to application 7/2023/5045 (Rear garden room extension) for reduction in size of extension and introduction of solar panels to roof Application withdrawn
RESOLVED it was noted that an Appeal notification has been received.
39.2 Site Address: Land at The Old Post Office House, Finsthwaite Lane, Backbarrow, LA12 8PZ Appellant's name: Jason Groves Appeal reference: 6010282 Appeal start date: 7 August 2026 Alleged breach: Without planning permission, the making of a material change of use from a single dwellinghouse to two dwellinghouses.An appeal has been made to the Secretary

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of State against an enforcement notice issued by Lake District National Park Authority on 15 April 2026.
39.3 RESOLVED 7/2026/5449 Location: Old School House, Low Brow Edge, Backbarrow, Ulverston, LA12 8PW Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (plans) on planning application 7/2023/5045 rear garden room extension - alter extension size and solar panels to the roof. The Cllrs discussed the application and decided to approve. The design and appearance do not detrimentally affect the surrounding area. Light and privacy are not effected. No highway affected or impact on trees and the surrounding landscape.

40/09/2026 Planning permission decisions

RESOLVED The following decisions were noted.
40.1 7/2026/5312 Non-material amendment to planning permission 7/2025/5445 (Construction of new garages for motor museum exhibit storage) to substitute timber doors for metal doors and finalise solar PV panel configuration. Lakeland Motor Museum Ltd Approved Unconditionally
40.2 7/2026/5306 Location: 3 Forresters Walk, Backbarrow, Ulverston, LA12 8RD Proposal: Replacement of all windows and doors. The Authority has made a decision (Granted) on this application

41/09/2026 Community

41.1 The application for the 20mpg zone at Linstey Green and Finsthwaite Lane was discussed. PCSO Harris has found a location for the SID with permission from the railways now. Cllr Bloomer suggested that the Parish Council apply for a larger area in one go and discuss it at this meeting. Cllr Disley suggested that, following her visit to the Blue Light Hub and feedback from other villages on 20MPH zones, it was questioned how effective they really were. She thought that signs may be of more benefit and make drivers aware that there are no footpaths and pedestrians in the road. Ghost footpath funding to come in future years 20mph is to get the average speeds down but is not enforced. It was decided that a decision has to be made: do you want speeds down, or more signs for pedestrians?
This will be discussed at the next meeting when more Cllrs are present.

41.2 Feedback from 'Road Safety Issues' meeting at the Ulverston Blue Light Hub that Cllr Disley attended.

- They were very informative and very positive, albeit had disappointing data to report.
- There were very few officers and they actually spent comparatively little time doing their own job as they were constantly pulled of it to support the traffic team on the A590 [no surprise there then]
- I asked how we could best support them or get a response if they're never there. The answer was to include everybody's feedback/points within a single source as that would have more impact than individual reporting.
- Somebody talked about a group or app that would respond to road safety issues, but they didn't explain what it was [they thought it was called CRASH, but I couldn't find any information about it].
- There were lots of people complaining about parking and the implications of that; several were from the same road in Ulverston.
- Lots of points were raised about speeding on narrow lanes. One village had volunteers trained to use speed cameras and they used these to provide data, with support from their PCSO.
- Somebody mentioned 20mph limits, but the general feedback seemed to be that, even if you could get the limit established, they were a waste of time because they're not enforced.
- Many of the topics raised were not community beat officer issues, but rather council, Highways or traffic, so they were unable to comment or take things forward.
- It was confirmed that the Highway Code is merely advisory, so that couldn't be enforced either.
- Altogether it wasn't a very encouraging meeting, although the officers themselves seemed very dedicated and equally frustrated by their inability to resolve issues.

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42/09/2026 Highways, footpaths, hedges & verges:

42.1. Parish Lengthsman jobs & update

RESOLVED two residents have cut the grass on the B5278 from the parked cars to the bus stop and the pedestrian path from the Anglers to the A590. The Clerk has asked Archie to add these to his list for next year.

Archie has revived the bench by the river at Low Wood and stopped to cut a broken branch down on the way home near Hollow Oak that was sticking out into the road. He has varnished the noticeboard by the bench at Low Wood.

42.2 Issues to report on HIAMS. Nothing to report

43/09/2026 Finance & Governance Issues

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

a)	A Workman (lengthsman) -	£ 80.00
b)	Leven Valley School hall hire	£ 50.00
c)	Clerk's wages to September 2026	£ 807.56
d)	Clerk's expenses	£ 40.00
e)	Renewal of Microsoft 365	£ 89.99

43.2 To acknowledge the receipt of income
Nothing to report

43.3 The first quarter accounts were agreed and signed

43.4 The first quarter budget was reviewed and all on track

43.5 Assertion 10 position and the GOV.uk emails feedback was provided, on the final straight now. The Clerk has work to do on the website pages and inform all contacts of the new address and change accounts over

43.6 The national salary scales were discussed, and the clerk's contract states salary scale SCP 15, so to move up to the next point scale from 1st April 2026, and arrears to be paid.

44/09/2026 Correspondence, meetings attended and consultations.

Nothing to report

45/09/2026 Items for the next agenda

Nothing extra to add

46/09/2026 Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date and time of the next Meeting as 3rd November 2026 at 7.00 p.m. @ Outback Hall, Leven Valley School, Haverthwaite.

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Chair signature Date