

Great Salkeld Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Great Salkeld Parish Council held on Monday 8th December 2025 at 7.30pm at Great Salkeld Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors; Rishi Rampersad (Chair), Claire Lumley, Simon Purdy (Vice-Chair), Tim Holliday, Mike Carrick, Jo Thomson, Rachel Eather

Officers: Lisa Beken (Clerk)

Westmorland and

Furness Councillor: Hilary Carrick

Fourteen members of the public were also present.

- 12/25/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that there were no apologies to be received.
- 12/25/2** **Declaration of interests: RESOLVED** that declarations of interest were expressed by the following Councillors in respect of this agenda;
- Councillor T Holliday, minute number 12/25/15 (b)

Item 3 on the agenda was moved to item 5, to also for public participation earlier in the meeting.

- 12/25/3** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair. (Proposed Councillor Holliday, seconded Councillor Rampersad)

- 12/25/4** **Public Open Meeting: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised;
- A resident raised concerns regarding the planning application at Eden Close, on behalf of a group of residents. Issues cited included drainage problems, trees with bats and owls roosting, issues with the lid lifting on foul water cover and access down Pillar Hill (it was noted that this was not named Eden Lane as listed in the application).
 - A second resident raised the issue that the lane is very narrow, with a rough surface. It was deluged in June when there was flooding at Eden Close, the force and volume of which lifted tarmac down lane, and there is no pavement, no lighting, overall, very narrow.
 - A third resident acknowledged the site is on the current call for sites list but considered it the least suitable. Access to the site is unsuitable, adjoining highway only sufficient for agricultural vehicles. The resident felt that it could set a dangerous precedent, with concerns about further development down the hill that has been flooded in the last 10 years. Concern that there will be a two-tier system where applications are approved outside the conservation area, and it becomes an easy target for developers. Development at the site had previously been refused, for good reasons. The proposed properties are large and expensive, and do not include local needs low-cost housing.
 - A fourth resident noted that there is currently a tilted balance in favour of development at present due to increased targets from central government. The resident raised concerns about access for emergency vehicle, the impact on the

public right of way, and also noted that the proposal does not meet the requirements to qualify as infill.

- Nigel Patrick gave an update on behalf of B4RN. He thanked the Council for returning grant, and confirmed that a formal request for the waymarking project would need to be submitted.

12/25/5 Co-option of Councillor: RESOLVED to that individual Councillor votes would not be individually recorded for this item. (Proposed by Councillor Rampersad, seconded by Councillor Thompson) Further **RESOLVED** to co-opt James Tweedie on to the Parish Council. Carol McKend was thanked for her strong application.

12/25/6 Westmorland and Furness Council Report: RESOLVED that Westmorland and Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick provided updates on the following matters;

- **Devolution** - A Mayoral combined authority will be established in early 2026, with a joint executive committee, of representatives from Westmorland and Furness and Cumberland Councils. This will be the main decision-making forum until the Mayor is elected in 2027.
- **Council budget** – To be agreed at in February 2026, with the annual consultation out in December. The central government funding formula is being revised, with a new system of allocation which will assess spending needs and the relative ability to raise revenue through council tax. It is likely that the funding scheme will reduce the money received by Westmorland and Furness, which may make budget more challenging.

12/25/7 Financial Matters: RESOLVED that the following matters were agreed;

- a) To authorise the payment of accounts as per payment schedule. (Proposed by Councillor Rampersad, seconded by Councillor Thompson)
- b) To defer grant allocations to the February meeting (Proposed by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Holliday)
- c) To accept a report from the Finance Committee
- d) To defer the final budget until the February meeting.
- e) To raise the Precept by 2.5% (Proposed by Councillor Rampersad, seconded by Councillor Thompson – unanimously agreed.)

12/25/7 Grass Cutting Survey: RESOLVED that the changes as proposed by Councillor Lumley were agreed. (Proposed Councillor Rampersad, seconded Councillor Lumley)

12/25/8 Recycling Centre: RESOLVED that as the signs at the recycling centre belong to Westmorland and Furness Council, the Parish Council should not replace them. The Clerk has submitted a request to Westmorland and Furness.

12/25/13 Village Hall update: RESOLVED that Councillor Thompson reported that Christmas lunch would be that week, and that the new floor in the Thompson Room is due to be fitted in the next week.

12/25/14 Parish Field update: RESOLVED that Councillor Thompson reported that the order had been placed for the new play equipment, with utilities searches having been completed. The Toddler group are funding £1,500 to add to £4,000 received from Westmorland and Furness. Councillor Thompson is arranging a site visit to discuss possible repairs and maintenance. Some pieces may still be within warranty. A recurring issue is arising with dogs in the play area, where they are strictly prohibited.

12/25/15 Planning Matters: RESOLVED that the following matter were considered;

- a. 2025/2027/OPA at Land at Eden Lane Great Salkeld Penrith CA11 9LY for an Outline application for a residential development, with approval sought for access and all other matters reserved.

Object – In support of residents’ concerns – The application is not infill and it fails the policy for smaller villages and hamlets. The access is unsuitable, including for emergency vehicles and waste collection, as well as potentially blocking public footpath. Biodiversity concerns as well, as there may be inaccuracies in application. Request committee decision, with site visit by committee.

- b. 2025/2087/FPA at Hunter Hall Farm, Great Salkeld, Penrith, CA11 9NA for Retrospective change of use of annexe for ancillary accommodation and holiday letting

No Objections

- c. 2025/2152/TCA at Town Close Cottage, Great Salkeld, Penrith, CA11 9NA for S211 Notification, Conservation Area Tree Works, comprising; T1 Oak in neighbours garden, overhanging Town Close Cottage garden. Prune overhanging branches, back to boundary wall. All work shall be in accordance with BS3998 'Tree Work - Recommendations'

No comment

- d. 2025/2148/TCA at 1 Barnes Croft, Great Salkeld, Penrith, CA11 9LS for S211 Notification, Conservation area tree works comprising; T1, T2, T5 - T7 Maple x 5 - Fell. T3 Hornbeam - crown reduce by 1m. T4 - crown reduce by 1m. T8 - crown reduce by 2m

No comment

- e. No decision notices in the Parish have been published since the last meeting.
f. Call for sites - there is now a second call for site from Westmorland and Furness Council for the Local Plan.
g. No other planning matters were raised.

12/25/16 **Correspondence: RESOLVED** that correspondence received as listed in the correspondence register was acknowledged.

12/25/17 **Council Matters: RESOLVED** that the following matters would be raised at the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting;

- Budget
- Waymarking
- Grass Cutting.
- Otteriggs survey.
- Savings account
- Recycling Centre
- Grants
- Councillors Eather and M Carrick raised concerns about stray cats in the village. The Clerk was requested to raise these with local organisations.

12/25/18 **Date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 2nd February 2026 at Great Salkeld Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 21:15

Minute No.	Action agreed	Actioner
12/25/4	Write to B4RN for grant for waymarking	Clerk
12/25/7	Organise grass cutting survey	Councillor Rampersad
12/25/17	Raise concerns over stray cats with RSPCA/Cats Protection	Clerk