

Great Salkeld Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held Monday 6th July 2026 at 19.30 at Great Salkeld Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors; Rishi Rampersad(chair) Simon Purdy (vice- chair) Tim Holliday, Jo Thompson, Mike Carrick, Claire Lumley, James Tweedie

three members of the public were also present

In the absence of a clerk Councillor Jo Thompson took minutes

07/27/1 Apologies for absence: Resolved, apologies were received from councillor Eather (working) and County Councillor Hilary Carrick

07/04/2 Declaration of interests: Resolved Councillor Holliday expressed an interest in the planning application at Hunter Hall and Jerdan Croft.

07/04/3 Minutes: Resolved to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 1st June 2026 as a true record and to authorise the chair to sign them.

07/26/4 Public Open Meeting: Resolved that the following matters were discussed;

A member of the public thanked the chair for meeting with her to discuss her concerns around governance.

Councillor Purdy was thanked for attending the open day organised by the Nature Group and for his presentation on the proposed waymarking signage.

Management of the highly invasive Himalayan Balsam was discussed and all members of the parish encouraged to get involved.

A member of the public spoke in support of the proposed planning application at Hunter Hall

Concerns were raised about illegal fishing on the stretch of Parish water, including fishing without permits, using live bait and not releasing.

07/26/5 Westmorland and Furness Council report: Resolved that Councillor H Carrick in her absence provided a written report to the council on the following matters:

Westmorland and Furness Transformation Programme

In response to an independent corporate review (Corporate Peer Challenge) into the way the Council works carried out in 2025 and also the financial challenges the Council currently faces, a Transformation Plan was agreed in March 2026 addressing five key areas of work. These are: People, Places, Prevention; Future Focussed Workforce; Customer Experience; Employee Experience; and Digital, Data and Technology Foundations. The first phase of the Senior Leadership Team restructure was finalised at the end of June with a number of senior officers leaving the authority.

Westmorland and Furness Local Plan

Under the new legislation for the production of Local Plans introduced earlier this year, the Council gave notice to government on 30 June that it intends to produce a new Local Plan and so a Scoping Consultation lasting six weeks commenced on 1 July. The link to the consultation is [Westmorland and Furness Local Plan | Westmorland and Furness Council](#) and the parish council agreed to share this around the Parish to ensure residents get the

opportunity to contribute to this very important strategic document, that will influence development locally for many years to come. Councillor Rampersad confirmed he had already uploaded this onto the Parish council web site and will share the link on the parish council Facebook page

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Funded by the Department for Education, Westmorland and Furness Council will again be organising the HAF Programme from 17 July to 3 September. The programme offers free, fun activities and a healthy meal each day for a maximum 16 days of sessions for eligible young people aged between 4 and 18 years old.

More details about this scheme including eligibility criteria can be found at:

[Free summer holiday activities and meals for eligible children in Westmorland and Furness | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)

and families can book sessions at:

<https://eequ.org/westmorlandandfurnesscouncil>

Councillor Rampersad agreed to circulate this information on the parish council Facebook page and web site so residents are aware of its existence.

Local matters

Signage at the Recycling Centre

There have been a number of instances recently when the containers at the recycling centre have been full to overflowing and the new signage at the recycling centre that W&F have provided does not include a contact number for residents to ring when the recycling containers are full and need to be emptied. County Councillor Carrick requested signage that did and has been advised that no such permanent signage exists now, but the number to contact is the same number as that which is on the sign re: Fly Tipping. This number is **0300 373 3300**.

County Councillor Carrick's offer to produce a suitable A4 sign to include this number so parishioners are aware of who to contact when the bins are full was accepted. Councillor Lumley offered to laminate and put them up at the recycling centre as an interim measure, as the council agreed a more permanent weather proof signage should be considered. The new clerk, once in place, would be tasked with costing this. It was acknowledged that in accordance with our agreement with Westmorland and Furness Council, the Parish Council is responsible for keeping this area tidy.

Drainage

Two blocked drains on the B6412 past the Eden Lacy turn heading towards Lazonby have been reported. These have been inspected and it has been found that the system is a soakaway and the stone surround will need to be replaced. A grip has been cut in the opposite verge to avoid water standing on the road if we get a heavy downpour during the

summer. The construction work will take place before the winter but may require traffic lights.

Item 10: Otteriggs grant

County Councillor Carrick has been successful in securing a grant from WAF's Community Tree and Hedge Planting Scheme of £3350 towards the cost of planting approx. 200 hedgerow trees in this financial year. The Parish Council agreed it wished to be involved in this project and Councillor Rampersad confirmed he had spoken with the Land Registry and is liaising with them to try and get the land registered in time for the planting work to be completed this financial year.

07/26/6 Financial matters: Resolved that the following matters related to finance were approved:

- a. To approve payments as listed in the payment schedule. Proposed by Councillor Lumley, seconded by Councillor Purdy
- b. Any other matter related to Finance; Councillor Rampersad reported he had been in contact with CALC regarding councillor training and all agreed that the preferred option was one in person 4 hour training session to cover both modules. He will circulate available dates to councillors. The cost is £650
It was agreed that the finance committee would arrange to meet as soon as the new clerk is in place

07/26/7 Annual Parishioners meeting actions: Resolved that the following items raised at the annual parishioners meeting were discussed:

- a. Notice boards and communication: All agreed it was important to try and reach all members of the parish and improve communication
 - i. Notice boards, it was agreed that agenda's would be posted on the notice boards at North and South Dykes and the village hall committee has agreed agendas can also be included on the village hall notice board. The full minutes and agendas will continue to be displayed in the village shelter
 - ii. Website, Councillor Rampersad is in the process of updating the website
 - iii. Outreach to other groups in parish; All councillors agreed to think of ways to reach members of the community who may not be engaged with social media or IT, suggestions included disseminating more information at Café Craic
- b. Recycling centre volunteer group: It was proposed by Councillor Rampersad and seconded by Councillor Purdy that a short-term working group be formed to look at the feasibility of a volunteer group to help keep the recycling centre tidy. Councillor Mike Carrick offered a metal cabinet which could be used to store basic cleaning materials on site. Councillor Rampersad offered to work on some ideas based on suggestions raised at the Annual Parish meeting and report back at the September council meeting.
- c. Speed watch: Councillor Rampersad agreed to contact the local police to discuss current guidelines and required training and report back so a more informed discussion could take place on the feasibility of restarting a speed watch group.

07/26/8 Fishing grounds: Resolved that the following matters related to the Parish fishing ground were discussed:

a. Fishing permits: Options discussed to improve the process and collection of permits included the ability to buy online and a QR code to scan with a link to payment options at the fishing ground

b. Signage: It was agreed that the current signage needed to be reviewed

c. Bylaws: It was agreed that these needed to be clarified

As a result of the above discussions, it was decided that a working party be established composed of Councillors Rampersad, Purdy and Carrick, alongside local anglers, to review the management of the fishing ground in detail and report back suggested changes for the council to consider (proposed councillor Rampersad, seconded councillor Thompson)

d. Himalayan Balsam: Following a successful afternoon of Balsam Bashing overseen by Eden Rivers Trust it was agreed that the Parish council would look at building a strategy for ongoing management of this highly invasive plant. The open spaces committee was tasked with reviewing this and reporting back with a suggested action plan.

07/26/9 Local nature recovery strategy: Resolved for this to be discussed by the Open Spaces Committee and brought back to the full council in September.

07/26/10 Otteriggs grant: Resolved Councillor Rampersad has been in contact with the Land registry regarding the status of the council's application to register Otteriggs formally and was informed that the process was likely to be completed by May 2027 (due to the application only being submitted by the clerk in May 26). There are grounds to potentially expediate this due to the potential for financial losses (losing the grant money from WAF) and he is exploring this with them

It was agreed that the friends of Otteriggs would make arrangements for the grass to be cut at an appropriate time and would ensure the field would be closed to the public and suitable safety precautions and signage put in place whilst this took place. (proposed Councillor Thompson, seconded councillor Rampersad). Councillor Holliday offered help with machinery.

07/26/11 Village Hall update: Resolved that there are no current updates on the Village Hall.

07/26/12 Parish Field update: Resolved that notification from ROSPA has been received that the annual Parish Field inspection will be undertaken in August.

07/26/13 Planning matters: Resolved the following matters related to planning were considered;

d. **Planning applications:**

- i. outline planning application for development at Hunter Hall. No objections
- ii. Planning permission for Dorma bungalow land Jerdan croft. No objections
In the absence of a clerk Councillor Rampersad agreed to register the council's decisions with the planning department

e. **Planning decisions** – To acknowledge any planning decisions made since the last meeting of the Parish Council. None received

f. **Any other matter related to planning.** Councillor Rampersad attended the planning committee meeting hearing on the proposed development at Folds Gardens in June. No decision was reached so the decision has been deferred until the July meeting. Other planning applications within the parish remain pending office consideration.

07/26/14 Correspondence: Resolved that no specific correspondence to report other than that raised by county councillor Carrick

07/26/15 Council matters: Resolved to consider the following items to at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council.

Report from Open spaces committee

Update on Speedwatch

Recycling centre

Waymarking

fishing ground

07/26/16 Date of the next Ordinary Meeting: Due to councillor availability the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September 2026, at Great Salkeld village Hall

Meeting closed at 21.05pm