

Westward Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th February at Rosley Village Hall.

PRESENT

Cllrs Brockbank, Brown, Hartley, Osbourne & Holliday
Cllr Johnson (Cumberland Council)

Also present:

J Webster (Clerk), M Graves

43/25 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Robinson & Osbourne

44/25 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th NOVEMBER 2025

The minutes of 17th November 2025 were **APPROVED** and signed as a true record.

45/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICER TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTEREST OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

46/25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

47/25 TO CONSIDER WHETHER THERE ARE ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC SHOULD BE EXCLUDED

None

48/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

48.1 To receive comments and representations from members of the public- M Graves queried broadband speeds - not all on fibreoptic.

48.2 To receive reports from the Cumberland Council member in attendance – Cllr Johnson advised members that works address the flooding at Red Dial Crossroads had been completed. Also that drainage works at Brocklebank and Broadmoor had finished. The Brocklebank road is to be done in the Spring. He advised that it was predicted that the Cumberland Council will set a 4.99% increase on the precept. Frustrations over bin collections were relayed to Cllr Johnson as well as problems with drainage at Curthwaite on the B5305. Members were encouraged to report any problems online

49/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

49.1 To receive and authorise payments – **RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule

49.2 To receive the financial statement to 31st January 2026 - **RECEIVED**

49.3 To consider a funding request from the Citizens Advice Bureau – it was **RESOLVED** that the clerk enquire as to how many people use the service that reside in the parish

50/25 PLANNING DECISION

HOU/2025/0177 Extension to Oak Ridge, East Curthwaite - **APPROVED**

51/25 MEMBERS REPORT

- Cllr Studholme suggested a litter pick within the parish and asked for views. It was noted individuals tend to prefer to litter pick their own area. The clerk will attempt to find out what, if any, areas Cumberland Council do
- Resident requested update on flooding at Red Dial (dealt with earlier in the meeting)
- Resident complaint about missed bin collections at Rosley – clerk to report to Cllr Johnson if not now resolved.

52/25 CLERKS REPORT

- Briefed members on Assertion 10 of the AGAR – new for 2025/26. Had registered the council with the Information Commissioners Office
- Cumberland Building Society deposit account – interest rate reduction
- Resident complaint regarding delay in mail deliveries from the post office – members noted only Tracking deliveries are prioritised
- Locations and installation of poles for Fibrus – several notifications had been received. The company does not have to apply for formal planning approval. Cllr Todd explained they were contacting landlords where they were proposed to be located on private land.

Meeting closed 7.20 pm

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 18th May 2025 6.30pm