

CROSSCANONBY PARISH COUNCIL
Including the villages of Birkby, (parts of) Bulgill, Crosby, Crosby Villa and Crosscanonby
Chairman of the Parish Council: Peter Courtier, Cannondale House, Crosby, Maryport, CA15 6SP

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Monday, 14th September 2026

PRESENT

Cllrs Morgan, Yea, Parkin, Houghton, Courtier & Halley
3 members of the public

38/26 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Gibson

39/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

40/26 TO CONSIDER WHETHER THERE ARE ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC SHOULD BE EXCLUDED

Cllr Houghton – Item 6.4

41/26 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 20th JULY 2026

The minutes of 20th July 2026 were **APPROVED** and duly signed by the Chair – one amendment -spelling of the Cumberland Council member's surname.

42/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

42.1 To receive comments and representations from members of the public

A member of the public attended to clarify the position concerning an allotment that had been let in error. The clerk explained the confusion and that the matter had now been amicably resolved. A member of the public attended to query the outstanding works for the Crosby allotment site, requested that there be no increase in allotment fees, and suggested that the sites be priced separately. The council have allocated the works to contractors.

42.2 To receive a report from the Cumberland Council Member

None

43/26 FINANCE MATTERS

43.1 To receive and authorise the monthly payments – **RECEIVED and AUTHORISED**

43.2 To receive the monthly financial statement – **RECEIVED**

43.3 RESOLVED that the clerk's salary be increased in accordance with the NJC award of 3.3%

43.4 RESOLVED that the allotment fees remain unchanged for 2027.

44/26 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2025-26

44.1 The External Auditor's Report was **RECEIVED**

44.2 The External Auditor's comments were **NOTED**

44.3 The conclusion of Audit Notice was **RECEIVED**

45/26 PLAY PARK INSPECTIONS

The annual play park inspection reports were **RECEIVED**. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Gibson be asked to deal with actions as appropriate. Cllr Courtier updated members on the play park course organized by CALC that he and Cllr Gibson had attended.

46/26 PARISH PLAN

Cllr Morgan reported that the working group had met and that 124 people had responded to the consultation. Cllr Morgan will circulate an electronic version to members. Dog fouling, potholes and speeding concerns have been highlighted. The working group will meet again a list what the Parish Council can deliver and report to Council.

47/26 TO RECEIVE THE CLERKS REPORT

- Debris left after play park works to drainage – **AGREED** that a sum of £500 be withheld from payment until works rectified. Mare's Tail to be treated on Crosby Allotments. The grass cutting contractor has capacity to undertake winter works.

48/26 MEMBERS REPORTS

- LH – A resident is parking on grass – clerk to write a letter. Queried grass verge and hedge cutting – advised is under the remit of Cumberland Council
- DY – No further update on Public Rights of way.
- JP – Reported broken bolt on Crosscanonby noticeboard. Issues around dog fouling at Birkby.
- FH- Allotment gate is being propped open.
- PC – Asked log no 09794543 for United Utilities to be noted – reference water leak on playpark. The manhole is now clear with the ground around the swings still extremely wet. The clerk was asked to research if there are any play park inspectors locally.

49/26 DATE OF MEETING

_Next meeting Monday 12th October 2026

Meeting Closed 8.55pm

