

Hayton and Mealo Parish Council

The Annual Hayton and Mealo Parish Council meeting was held in Prospect Village Hall, Prospect, Aspatria on Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Messrs., D. Hillary, Y. Lockwood, D. Gilhespy, J Pye, G. McArthur, and R. Murray

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk).

Apologies: None

Councillor D. Hillary in the Chair.

48/2026 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

None.

49/2026 ELECTION OF CHAIR 2026/27

On the proposal of R. Murray and seconded by Y. Lockwood, D. Hillary was elected Chair for the ensuing year.

50/2026 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The newly elected Chair signed the Acceptance of Office.

51/2026 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR 2026/27

On the proposal of D. Hillary and seconded by R. Murray, D. Gilhespy was elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

52/2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

53/2026 DISPENSATIONS

None

54/2026 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items which required the exclusion of the press and public.

55/2026 MINUTES

On the proposal of R. Murray and seconded by D. Gilhespy, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

56/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present, and no matters were raised on their behalf.

57/2026 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence have been received since the last meeting and circulated to members for their information: -.

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee meetings

CALC News/ January/February

Family Hub – What's On – May

Family Help, Partnerships & Youth Justice – Families First Partnership Roadshow online

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) training session

Chance to sign up to Security Industry Authority (SIA) webinar on S12 Martyn's :Law

Guidance consultation.

Community Resources

Cockermouth Neighbourhood Policing Pledge Meeting Wednesday 5th August 2026 at 6pm via Teams

LNRS Workbook Launch, 24 March – resources are now on the CALC website.

Parish Precept payment 2026/27

Village heat Share – Request for distribution

Assertion 10

Save a Date – CALC and Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Conference 2026

CALC AGM – Save the date.

Cumbria Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – PFCC Community Fund

Local government Boundary Commission for England – Communication

Have your say on The Right to Food UK Commission

Reminder: Calc/Cumberland Council Highways Event

The Big Lunch and The Big Help Out

CALC/Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Conference 2026

58/2026 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a brief report on matters that had arisen since the last meeting.

59/2026 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There were no apologies or report from the Cumberland Councillor

60/2026 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications for consultation

FUL/2026/0045	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling Red Haven, Hayton, CA7 2NW	No objection
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b) Decisions

None

c) Appeals

None

(d) Any other planning related correspondence.
None

61/2026 ACCOUNTS

(i) Balances at: -

13.5.26	Current Account	£6272.25
11.3.26	Deposit Account	£1865.81

(ii) The following accounts were approved for payment: -

CALC	Subscription	£161.33
T Gear	Clerks Account (Mar./April)	£313.86
HMRC	Income Tax (Mar./April)	£149.38
Zurich Municipal	Insurance	£241.00
Mrs. J Rae	Internal Audit	£55.00

iii) With the assistance of members, the Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 was completed and signed by the Chair

vi) The Accounting Statements 2025/26 were accepted and signed by the Chair

v) The Chair was authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption 2025/26

iv) The period for Public Rights will run from 3rd June to 14th July 2026

iiiv) All audit documents will be available on the council's website.

62/2026 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The following highways matters were discussed: -

- i) Condition of the Hayton to Allerby Road EI/288054
- ii) Hayton to Mealo Road covered in mud EL/282896

63/2026 VACANCIES

There remained two vacancies with no applications for co-option.

64/2026 CLIMATE CHANGE

Emails regarding £300 being available for Community Climate Events in Cumbria and CALC Climate/Net Zero Event have been circulated.

65/2026 FIBRUS WORKS TO VILLAGE GREEN

The Wayleave had been completed and the payment of £315.00 had been received.

66/2026 FLOODING – DRAINAGE ISSUE

This was discussed and the clerk was asked to bring the matter to the attention of Cumberland Council and the Environment Agency.

67/2026 OPENREACH CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk informed the meeting of correspondence from Openreach regarding additional poles within the village. Members confirmed their objection to any additional poles being erected on the Village Green.

68/2026 SPORTS DAY

Sports day was discussed and the Chair and Vice Chair will discuss the day, possibly in July with the previous organizer.

69/2026 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Vacancies

Condition of roads in the parish

Litter bin on the Moor.

70/2026 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7.30pm** at Prospect Village Hall, Prospect (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed.....
Chair