

Hayton and Mealo Parish Council

A meeting of the Hayton and Mealo Parish Council was held in the Prospect Village Hall, Prospect, Aspatria on Wednesday 9th July 2025 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Messrs., V Sonnabend, D. Hillary, Y. Lockwood, D. Gilhespy, and R. Murray

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor)

Councillor V. Sonnabend in the Chair.

77/2025 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

J. Pye (Personal) gave her apologies, which were accepted.

78/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

79/2025 DISPENSATIONS

None

80/2025 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items on the agenda which required the press and public to be excluded.

81/2025 MINUTES

On the proposal of R. Murray and seconded by V. Sonnabend, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

82/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present, but the following was raised on their behalf.

- i) Low branches overhanging the road near Hayton Castle. Clerk to report to highways

83/2025 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – May and June 2025

Cumbria Local Nature Partnership News and Recovery Strategy Public Consultation

Planning Outreach Programme

EA Incidents – online reporting now available
 New password for CALC
 Save the Date – CALC AGM 4th October 2025
 Future of Libraries Survey and Cumberland Libraries News
 Waste Update: Countdown to waste collection changes.
 Digital Voice is coming to the Northwest – July 2025
 CALC News May/June 2025
 ACRE/NALC flooding survey
 Meet your Community Panel members and Fells and Solway Community Panel meeting 30.06.25.
 Local Resilience Plans
 Cumbria People and Nature Network news

84/2025 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a brief report on matters that had arisen since the last meeting including: -

- i) He had re-enrolled and re-declared with The Pension Regulator as required by law.

85/2025 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There was no report from the Cumberland Councillor.

86/2025 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications for consultation

None

b) Decisions

None

c) Appeals

None

(d) Any other planning related correspondence.

An e-mail had been received from Cumberland Council regarding a Call for Sites to be included in the Local Plan.

87/2025 ACCOUNTS

(i) Balances at: -

9.7.25	Current Account	£3735.70
9.7.25	Deposit Account	£1809.60

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

St James Church	Donation (Churchyard Main)	£400.00
Mike Dowling Cont.	Grass cutting (May)	£390.00
T Gear	Clerks Account (May/June)	£373.09
HMRC	Income Tax (May/June)	£72.38
Mike Dowling Cont.	Grass cutting (June)	£390.00

(iii) The Certificate of Exemption from External Audit had been received and unless there is an objection before 12th July the 2024/25 audit will be closed.

88/2025 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The following highways matters were discussed: -

- i) Bend warning signs on the road into Hayton Village were yet to be installed. This will now be installed during the next financial year.

89/2025 DOG FOULING

This remains an issue. A resident has evidence of fouling, and she has been advised to contact Cumberland Council.

90/2025 VACANCIES

There are now two vacancies which should be filled by co-option as soon as possible.

91/2025 LETTER RECEIVED

Members were apprised of the contents of a letter received at the last meeting which was not discussed. The clerk advised that he had responded to the writer. A further letter was presented at the meeting which was not discussed because of the late submission. The clerk to respond.

92/2025 CLIMATE CHANGE

Information from Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council had been circulated.

93/2025 DIFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

This was discussed and an associate of D. Gilhespy who is qualified was prepared to undertake the training. A date in September was suggested and the clerk is to contact the church, which would be a suitable venue.

94/2025 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Vacancies

Newsletter

D. Hillary apologies for the next meeting

95/2025 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 7.30pm** at Prospect Village Hall, Prospect

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed.....
Chair

