

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Messrs. V. Sonnabend, D. Hilary, Y. Lockwood, and J. Pye.

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk) and K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor)

Apologies: None

Councillor V. Sonnabend in the Chair.

## 1/2025 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

None

## 2/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

## 3/2025 DISPENSATIONS

None

## 4/2025 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

## 5/2025 MINUTES

On the proposal of V. Sonnabend and seconded by Y. Lockwood it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

## 6/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

## 7/2025 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 – December 2024

A letter from Cumbria Community Foundation seeking a donation to Cumbria Winter Warmth Appeal.

Invitation to Cumbria Coastal Route 200 (CCR200) workshop

Help this winter 2024 leaflet.

ACT Update – November 2024

Bus Services Survey

You're invited to the Lake to Sea Active Travel Community Network Event – 17.1.25.

Influencing Rural Issues Survey 2024

Have your say on the council's 2025/6 budget.

Urgent Copyright issues for Parish Council Websites

Cumbria Local Nature Partnership News

CALC News – September & October 2024

VE Day 80 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

All aboard for change: Shape Cumberland's bus routes with 5 million investment.

#### 8/2025 CLERKS REPORT

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

#### 9/2025 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Thurlow addressed the meeting and gave a verbal update on Cumberland Council matters.

#### 10/2025 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications for consultation

None

b) Decisions

None

c) Appeals

None

(d) Any other planning related correspondence.

None

#### 11/2025 ACCOUNTS

(i) Balances at: -

8.1.25	Current Account	£1403.62
8.1.25	Deposit Account	£1741.65

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

T Gear	Clerks Account (Nov./Dec.)	£406.27
HMRC	Income Tax (Nov./Dec.)	£82.97

#### 12/2025 SPEED OF TRAFFIC THROUGH HAYTON VILLAGE

Cumberland Council had responded to the council's complaint EI/224715 by stating they had a plan and would look to take remedial action.

**13/2025 NEWSLETTER**

A draft of the Spring Newsletter will be available at the March meeting and any contributions would be gratefully received.

**14/2025 VACANCIES**

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

**15/2025 TYRE PLANTER/HERB PLANTER**

The maintenance of the planters will continue to be carried out by willing volunteers.

**16/2025 MEETING DATES 2025/26**

The clerk had produced a draft schedule of meetings for 2025/26 which was agreed.

**17/2025 DOG FOULING**

This remains an issue but with no resolution.

**18/2025 TREES ON THE VILLAGE GREEN.**

The trees have been felled but the stumps have yet to be removed.

**19/2025 CLIMATE CHANGE**

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

**20/2025 NOTICEBOARD**

Work on the noticeboard will hopefully be completed in the near future.

**21/2025 GRASS CUTTING 2025**

A quote had been received for cutting the grass in the parish for 2025 which was accepted.

**22/2025 LAND TO THE FRONT OF TOWNHEAD BARN**

Members were given a verbal update on the correspondence between the council and a resident regarding the above.

**23/2025 REPLACEMENT TREES ON THE MOORS**

Some remedial work on the trees will be carried out and two additional trees have been kindly donated.

**24/2025 VILLAGE GREEN, HAYTON**

A discussion took place on the paper prepared by the chair which contained a few suggestions on future maintenance of the Village Green. These were fully discussed but were not considered viable at this stage. However, the council is open to suggestions from residents.

## 25/2025 CUMBERLAND WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

Whilst information regarding the review had been circulated. The clerk advised members that the purpose of the review was to increase the number of Cumberland Councilors from 46 to 55 which would also result in some wards boundary changes.

## 26/2025 .gov WEBSITE

The clerk advised that Parish Councils were coming under government pressure to have .gov websites for security purposes. This was discussed but it was felt that at this stage the council should continue with the present website.

## 27/2025 VE DAY 80 – 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025

Members should be aware of the above so that support may be given to any events held in the parish.

## 28/2025 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Vacancies  
Newsletter  
Noticeboard  
Village Green  
Appointment of Auditor  
Risk Assessment

## 29/2024 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 12th March 2025 at 7.30pm** at Prospect Village Hall, Prospect

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed.....  
Chair