Hayton and Mealo Parish Council

A meeting of Hayton and Mealo Parish Council was held in Prospect Village Hall, Prospect, Aspatria on Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 7.30pm.

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

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

Apologies: None

Councillor D. Hillary in the Chair.

111/2026 MEMBERS APOLOGIES
D. Gilhespy (Personal) and G. McArthur (Personal) had tendered their apologies.

112/2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
None

113/2026 DISPENSATIONS
None

114/2026 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
There were no items which required the exclusion of the press and public.

115/2026 MINUTES
On the proposal of R. Murray and seconded by J. Pye, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

116/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
A local resident addressed the meeting to explain why he was running a car repair business from his home address. His explanation was noted.

117/2026 CORRESPONDENCE
The following items of correspondence have been received since the last meeting and circulated to members for their information: -.
Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.
CALC News (July/August)
What's On – September/October/November – Cumberland Family Hubs
Free Wellbeing Sessions for Clerks and Councillors
CALC AGM
Cockermouth Neighbourhood Policing Pledge meeting 3 February 2027 at 6pm via Teams

Could a Local Community Group in your parish deserve National Recognition?
Emergency Preparedness Webinar 20.10.26
Be a Councillor 2027 Campaign – Resources for your Council.
Save a date – NALC Legal Update Session
Help promote Greentime 17 – Encouraging 17 Minutes a Day in Nature
Action required; Security Industry Authority Survey on Preparing for Martyn's Law
Cumbria Bus Reform Pilot – Invitation to community conversation
What did we get up to in September and October?
CALC Partner Bulletin October 2026
Support the Campaign for a Dependent's Carers' Allowance for Parish and \Town Councillors
Share Your Parish Election Engagement Success Stories with NALC

118/2026 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a brief report on matters that had arisen since the last meeting including a thank you from St James Church for the council's donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard and notification from CALC that next year's subscription will be £166.18p.

119/2026 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor) addressed the meeting regarding the request for a litter bin on the Moor and changes to the planning 'Call In' system.

120/2026 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications for consultation

None

b) Decisions

None

c) Appeals

None

(d) Any other planning related correspondence.

Emails had been received regarding Cumberland Local Plan Scoping Consultation is now open, Call for Sites deadline extended for Cumberland Local Plan, Cumberland Local Plan: Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Scoping Consultation, TCPA Webinar on the NPPF for Parish Councillors and Town and Country Planning (Discharge of Local Planning Authority Functions) (England) Regulations 2026 which had been circulated.

121/2026 ACCOUNTS

(i) Balances at: -

11.11.26	Current Account	£1926.50
11.11.26	Deposit Account	£1865.81

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

X-Net (Services) Lt	Domain Name	£120.00
Mike Dowling Cont.	Grass cutting (September)	£401.71
T Gear	Clerks Account (Sept./Oct.)	£323.10
HMRC	Income Tax (Sept./Oct.)	£169.36

Mike Dowling Cont. Grass cutting (October) £200.86

122/2026 HIGHWAYS MATTERS
The following highways matters were discussed: -
1. Condition of the road through Hayton village EI/307752 - Now repaired but like a patchwork quilt.
2. Signage on Hayton to Prospect Road EI/247877 – Ongoing
3. Damage directional sign Hayton village EI/315316 - Ongoing

123/2026 VACANCIES
There remained two vacancies with no applications for co-option.

124/2026 CLIMATE CHANGE
No new information

125/2026 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2027/28
The clerk had prepared a draft budget which was discussed and it was agreed to set the Precept for 20-27/28 at £7,100.00.

126/2026 FLOODING - DRAINAGE ISSUE
D. Gilhespy had provided a written report on the issue which United Utilities had now resolved.

127/2026 DOG FOULING
This remained a problem on the village green and surrounding pavements. The clerk was asked to report to Cumberland Council.

128/2026 UNAUTHORISED BUSINESS PREMISES
Thes had been reported to Cumberland Council and Home Housing as requested.

129/2026 REQUEST FOR DRAIN
The council had been advised that the owner of the Old Smithy Intended to put in a drain to take run-off water from the land to the rear and was in contact with United Utilities.

130/2026 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING
Vacancies
Condition of roads in the parish
Dog Fouling

131/2026 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 13th January 2027 at 7.30pm** at Prospect Village Hall, Prospect.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed……..
Chair