

Hayton and Mealo Parish Council

A meeting of Hayton and Mealo Parish Council was held in Prospect Village Hall, Prospect, Aspatia on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7.30pm.

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

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk) and a local resident.

Apologies: None

Councillor D. Gilhespy in the Chair.

90/2026 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

D. Hillary (Personal) had tendered his apologies.

91/2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

92/2026 DISPENSATIONS

None

93/2026 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

94/2026 MINUTES

On the proposal of Y. Lockwood and seconded by J. Pye, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

95/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The local resident raised concerns regarding a number of residential properties in the parish being used for business purposes.

96/2026 CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC News/ May/June

Hyperfast GB Community Newsletter – April 2026

Press Release New Chief Officer for CALC Dr. Sian Thornthwaite

Could you share your story? Help inspire the next generation of councillors.

ACT Update – July 2026

NALC Time off for public duties survey

CALC Partner Bulletin Aug/ Sept 2026

Please Help Promote the Civility & Respect Pledge to Smaller Councils.

Cockermouth Digital Traffic Regulation Orders (D-TROs) – Static & Moving

Fells and Solway Community Panel meeting 14.09.26

Polling Places Review – Cumberland

What's on – September – Cumberland Family Hubs

Free wellbeing Sessions for Clerks and Councillors

97/2026 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a brief report on matters that had arisen since the last meeting including there had been a National Pay Award for Clerks.

98/2026 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There was no apology or report from the Cumberland Councillor

99/2026 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications for consultation

None

b) Decisions

HOU/2026/0093	Siting of a shipping container in rear garden for use as a hairdressing area Croft House, Hayton, Aspatria, CA7 2PD	Granted subject to conditions
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c) Appeals

None

(d) Any other planning related correspondence.

None

100/2026 ACCOUNTS

(i) Balances at: -

9.9.26	Current Account	£3742.38
9.9.26	Deposit Account	£1865.81

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

Mike Dowling Cont.	Grass cutting (July)	£401.71
T Gear	Clerks Account (Mar./April)	£307.56
HMRC	Income Tax (Mar./April)	£149.38
Mike Dowling Cont.	Grass cutting (August)	£401.71
Hayton Church	Donation/Churchyard maintenance	£400.00

101/2026 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The following highways matters were discussed: -

- i) Condition of the road through Hayton village EI/307752 - Now repaired.
- ii) Signage on Hayton to Prospect Road EI/247877 - Ongoing
- iii) Damage directional sign Hayton village
- vi) Speed indication device Hayton village EI/307755

102/2026 VACANCIES

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

103/2026 CLIMATE CHANGE

No new information

104/2026 GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY AND AGAR CHECKLIST

There are a few policies that need to be approved which will be brought to council in the coming months.

105/2026 FLOODING - DRAINAGE ISSUE

The chair gave a verbal report on the above and the work by United |Utilities to resolve the issue.

106/2026 DONATION – ST JAMES CHURCH CHURCHYARD

This was discussed and on the proposal of R. Murray and seconded by J. Pye it was agreed to donate £400.00 to this worthy cause.

107/2026 REQUEST FOR DONATION – CITIZENS ADVICE ALLERDALE

This was discussed and noted.

108/2026 HORSEBOX ON VILLAGE GREEN

The clerk had written to the person responsible, the horsebox had been removed and an apology was received.

109/2026 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Vacancies

Condition of roads in the parish

Litter bin on the Moor.

Dog Fouling

110/2026 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 7.30pm** at Prospect Village Hall, Prospect.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed.....
Chair

