

BLAWITH & SUBBERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 12th January 2026
Water Yeat Village Hall

Present: Cllr B Fox, Cllr M Giles, Cllr V Grant and Cllr M Kiziuk
Also present C Adams (Parish clerk)

- 001/26 Apologies**
Resolved to note there were no apologies.
- 002/26 Requests for Dispensations**
Resolved to note that there were no requests for dispensations.
- 003/26 Declarations of Interest**
Resolved to note there are no declarations of Interests.
- 004/26 Minutes**
Resolved for the Chair to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10th November 2025 as a true record.
- 005/26 Public Participation**
a) Cllr Suzanne Pender was not in attendance.
b) Local Police were not in attendance
b) A resident was in attendance and raised concern about the speed limit between the Blawith sign and Lake Bank.
The clerk will request a site visit from Highways.
- 006/26 Community Governance Review**
Resolved to respond to the review showing an interest in potentially merging with Lowick.
- 007/26 Community Resilience**
a) **Resolved** to note the plan needs a couple of amendments before going out to the residents
b) **Resolved** not to apply for funding for flood products at this time.
- 008/26 Notice Boards**
Two quotes were considered for repairing the notice boards.
Resolved to go with the second quote with a cost of £1895.00
- 009/26 Diana Memorial**
Resolved to note the family are happy for memorial plaque for Diana to go on the same bench as Dianas husband.
Cllr Kiziuk will take picture of the husband's plaque in order for the council to a similar plaque for Diana.
- 010/26 Progrees Reports**
a) **Bins opposite holiday Park**
Resolved to note that Westmorland and Furness have no plans to increase capacity of the bins opposite Crake Vs\alley Holiday Park but they will monitor the situation.

b) United Utility Work in area

Resolved to note the following from United Utilities:

United Utilities is set to start work on a project to install approximately 1.5 kilometres of new water mains in the Lowick Bridge area.

The project is being carried out to improve the resilience and reliability of the water network in the area. Work to install the new water main will begin week commencing Monday 5 January and is expected to take approximately 12 weeks in total to complete.

This project is one of many that will be carried out throughout the Cumbria region and the new pipe will help protect against bursts and reduce leaks.

The work will be carried out by MGroup and they will work in sections with temporary traffic management in place to carry out the work safely.

Letters to local residents on the first section have been hand delivered to customers to inform them of the work being carried out, each individual section will be informed before work progresses (first letter attached).

011/26 Pollinator sites

Resolved to note the parish council have no suggestions for pollinator sites.

012/26 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)

Possible Breach of Planning

Doll Moss, Brown Howe

Resolved to report a possible breach of planning at Doll Moss.

Planning Applications Granted

App Ref: 7/2025/5534

Location: Oxness Cottage, Torver, LA21 8BL

Subdivision of existing cottage to form two dwellings. Works to include renovations and new single storey extension - Variation of condition 2 (plans) of planning permission 7/2023/5057 by raising of extension roof by 1m to match existing building to form additional bedroom

App Ref: 7/2025/5521

Location: Field at Gawthwaite, Ulverston, LA12 8EU

Proposed new access and field gate.

Correspondence from LDNP was noted as follows:

7/2025/5511 Low Water End

With regards to application 7/2025/5511 Low Water End, the application has been reviewed, and it should be a full application, not a householder application. We will therefore be doing a further full consultation once the amended application form has been received.

Resolved the Parish Council will respond to the application raising the following concerns:

1. Why "ancillary accommodation" to a second home/holiday let should include a kitchen and a dining room.
2. The Bat Survey observations over 200 minutes spread over two evenings identified "a reasonable likelihood of a roost being present" and recommended precautions to take during building work. The PC suggests that a condition for approval of the application is that building work should include the illustrated provision from English Nature shown in figure 7 for a new roost site within the building.

3. The PC is concerned that this particular proposal may have significant negative impacts in this semi-natural landscape. The Council does not regard the Survey recommendation “a Barn Owl Box should be placed close to the site before work starts” as sufficient.

4. It would be remiss of the PC not to consider the impact on people. It notes that external access to the proposed conversion and internally to the bedroom and WC is by way of steps, not friendly to people with impaired mobility or those who use a wheelchair. The PC believes there is a national requirement for level access to new homes.

7/2025/5589 Little Knott

The clerk was not in receipt of the consultation letter but we were given the chance to respond after the closing date for comments.

013/26 Consultations

a) Public Space Protection Orders Consultation

Resolved to respond requesting additional areas be included in the PSPO. The response was submitted during the meeting but there was no opportunity to suggest additional areas. Cllrs will complete the consultation as individuals.

b) The Lake District National Park Partnership Plan

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on the above consultation.

c) Westmorland and Furness Call for sites

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on the above consultation.

d) Sport & Recreation

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on the above consultation.

e) Westmorland and Furness Budget Consultation

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on the above consultation.

014/26 Financial Matters

Resolved to make the following payments:

Salary	£150.60 (Gross (Jan))
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Reimbursements	£ 20.98
Water Year Village Hall	£ 30.00
Bank Charges	£ 6.00

Resolved to note the following receipts

Interest	£ 8.17 (June)
Interest	£ 22.16 (September)
Interest	£ 21.66 (December)

015/26 DM Payroll Services New Contract

Resolved to accept the updated contracted from DM Payroll Services

016/26 Training

Resolved to note there are no training requirements this month.

It was also noted face to face training would encourage cllrs to attend training sessions.

017/26 Clerks Position

Resolved to note the clerk has indicated that she will be retiring at the end of July but she is willing to stay on beyond July subject to the outcome of the Community Governance Review.

018/26 Councillors Reports

Concern was raised regarding the condition of Raisthwaite Lane. Cllr Fox will report this to Highways.

It was noted that the grit heaps have been replenished which is much appreciated.

It was suggested that the resilience plan is put in the local magazine and also on the website.

019/26 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next council meeting date is Monday 9th March 2026 at Water Yeat Village Hall at 19.00pm.

Meeting Closed.