WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Walton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10 November 2026 at 7.00pm in Walton Village Hall

Present: T. A. Armstrong, B. Hogg, R. Hodgson.

Also present: I. Blythe, Clerk/RFO, Cumberland Cllr. J. Mallinson

56. Apologies for absence - received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllr. W. Weaver.
57. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING held on 8 September 2026 – authorised the chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2026.
58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION - none
59. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) - None
60. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (20 MINUTES ALLOWED) - none
61. CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR REPORTS – received an update from Cllr. Mallinson on the Cumberland Council meeting at which a petition was presented and debate held on proposals for National Grid's Cross Border Connection. The presentation provided the Council with detailed information on the concerns surrounding 'Option A' and the environmental damage and community impact it would have.
62. POLICE MATTERS - none
63. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - to consider applications received and published by Cumberland Council

Location: Hillhead Farm, Walton, Brampton, CA8 2DX Appn Ref: 26/0559	Demolition Of Dwelling; Erection Of Replacement One And A Half Storey Dwelling With Existing Barn Used As Garage And Workshop; Infrastructure And Landscaping; Reuse Of 18no. Existing Solar Pv Panels And 1no. Solar Thermal Panel; Installation Of Air Source Heat Pump; Installation Of Biodisc Treatment Plant	Dealt with by correspondence. No observations submitted

64. FINANCE
a) Payments – to authorise schedule of payments totalling £ 1296.08

VN	Date	Payee	Details	Net £	VAT	Total £
42	10/11	Walton V/Hall	Room hire	30.00		30.00
46	15/10	Scribe	Accounts	24.00	4.80	28.80
47	28/10	HMRC	PAYE	69.60		69.60
48	28/10	I. Blythe	Salary	304.44		304.44
49	31/10	Unity Bank	Charges	7.00		7.00
45	10/11	Gary Hayes	Jpns/Knotweed	350.00		350.00
50	13/11	Scribe	Accounts	24.00	4.80	28.80
51	27/11	I. Blythe	Salary	304.44		304.44
52	27/11	HMRC	PAYE	69.60		69.60
53	30/11	Unity Bank	Charges	7.00		7.00
54	10/11	Clerk exp's	Mileage	15.40		15.40
55	10/11	DM Payroll	Payroll Services	67.50	13.50	81.00

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Payments already made:						
43	28/9	Green Team	Grass cutting	610.00	122.00	732.00
44	12/10	Green Team	Grass cutting	305.00	61.00	366.00

b) Monthly bank reconciliation - **noted** reconciled bank balances for September and October 2026

c) **noted** Bank Interest of £124.03 credited to Savings A/c. and transfer of £2000 from Savings to Current account

d) **The** funding request from North Cumbria Against Pylons and Substation (NACPS) was deferred to the next meeting in January 2027.

e) **Budget 2027/28** -

i) agreed the budget headings and figures for 2027-28.

ii) resolved to levy a precept of £13,000 on Cumberland Council for 2027-28, an increase of £400.

65. Village Hall – noted the proposed changes to the Village Hall governing document and custodian trustees. The Village Hall Charity Trustees are updating the governing document to make it fit for purpose and intend asking the Charity Commission to vest the property in the Official Custodian for Charities, which provides a landholding service for charities. The property will continue to be held on trust for the same charitable purposes and for the benefit of the local community. The Village Hall Charity Trustees remain responsible for managing and operating the Hall just as they were previously. Walton Parish Council has acted as Custodian Trustee for the Village Hall. This meant that the Council held the legal title to the property on behalf of the Village Hall charity. It did **not**, however, mean that the Parish Council owned or managed the Village Hall. Responsibility for managing the charity and the Hall rests with the Charity Trustees, who comprise the Village Hall Management Committee. Full details of proposals in the Meeting Pack.

66. Community Resilience Planning – deferred to January meeting

67. Clerk and Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

- Grass cutting contract
- Tree survey review
- arrangements for Parish Council elections.

68. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on:
Tuesday 12 January 2027 in Walton Village Hall at 7.00pm.
Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk by 12 noon on 4 January 2027.

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