WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs. T.A. Armstrong (Chair), T.R. Hodgson, B. Hogg, R. Reynolds, W. Weaver.
Also present: I. Blythe, Clerk/RFO

91. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –no apologies for absence were received.

92. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS held on 10 February 2026 – authorised the chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meetings held on 10 February 2026.

93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

1. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests
2. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
3. To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

(Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the meeting for the relevant items)

4. To make any requests for dispensation

None given

94. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) To decide whether there are any items of business which require exclusion of the press and public - None

95. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (20 MINUTES ALLOWED) - this agenda item enables Parish Councillors to hear the views, comments and/or complaints from the public. The Parish Councillors can respond. However (unless the items are already on the agenda) no council decisions can be taken at this meeting but, if appropriate, the matters can be put onto a future agenda for decision. Comments limited to 5 minutes per person. None.

96. CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR REPORTS– to receive items for information (items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting subject to agreement by the council.)

– Cumberland Councillor J. Mallinson provided an update and information surrounding Cumberland Council budget and financial situation.

97. POLICE MATTERS - to resolve whether to submit any matters to the Local Focus Hub - None

98. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - to consider applications received and published by Cumberland Council and any other applications submitted and published between circulation of this Agenda & the meeting. You may view the details on the Planning Authority website (Cumberland.gov.uk) where parishioners can submit their own observations directly – None received

99. FINANCE

a) **Payments – to authorise** schedule of payments totalling £771.82

VN	Date	Payee	Ref	Purpose	Net £	VAT inc	Total £
75	15/1	Scribe		Accounts	24.00	4.80	28.80
77	28/1	HMRC		PAYE			51.00
76	28/1	I. Blythe		Salary			230.00
78	31/1	Unity Bank		Charges			6.00
79	16/2	Scribe		Accounts	24.00	4.80	28.80
80	2/3	I. Blythe		Salary			230.00
81	2/3	HMRC		PAYE			51.00
84	28/2	Unity Bank		Charges			6.00
83	28/2	Cumberland Council	0406554	Play area insp.	60.35	12.07	72.42
82	28/2	CALC	TR3356	Training			30.00
85	Jan-Mar	Clerk's expenses	Agenda/PC mtg.	Mileage			37.80
86	12/3	Open Spaces		Subscription	45.00	0.00	45.00

b) Bank transfer - noted transfer of £1000.00 from Savings to Current account.
c) Monthly reconciliation for Feb 2026 – noted reconciled bank balances.

100. Tree survey – the Clerk reported that 2 companies had been asked to provide detailed and costed management treatment plans.
101. Update from representatives on Village Hall Mgt. Cttee – Cllr. Weaver reported that VHMC were working with Action with Communities inn Cumbria to update the Governing Document and to produce a Memorandum of Understanding to set out the relationship between the VHMC and the Parish Council. Advance notice was also given of the potential for the VHMC organising an event on the village green and that permissions from the Parish Council were likely to be sought in due course.
102. AGAR Assertion 10 – resolved that only Council email would be used for the exchange of official PC business.
103. Post and chain boundary – resolved that Cllrs. Armstrong and Hodgson would oversee remedial work to the post and chain boundary between council land and the church.
104. Pruning of Fruit Trees on Village Green - Cllr. Weaver confirmed work was underway.
105. Parish Meeting – resolved that the Parish Meeting would precede the Annual meeting of the Parish Council as in previous years..
106. Clerk and Councillors' reports and items for future agenda
Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

- Annual accounts and AGAR

107. Next meeting:
The Annual Meeting of the Parish and the Annual Parish Council meeting will take place on: **Tuesday 12 May 2026 in Walton Village Hall at 7.00pm.**
Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk by 12 noon on 4 May 2026.