

**YANWATH & EAMONT BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2025 at the Eamont Bridge Village Hall.

Present – Chairman P Pyrah

Councillors-D.Scott, L.Stanton, S.Dodding

Also Present Westmorland & Furness County Councillor N. Vecqueray.

Two Parishioners & the Clerk.

Register of Attendance book signed by all present.

125/198 Apologies for Absence-Resolved there were no apologies received.

125/199 Declaration of Interest and request for dispensation - Resolved it be noted that no members declared any interest in any item on the agenda.

125/200 Minutes of the last meeting. The Parish Council resolved that the meeting held on the 9th September was signed by the chairman as a true record.

125/201 Exclusion of Press & Public - Resolved that there were no matters raised.

125/202 Public Participation - Resolved that there were no matters raised.

125/203 Common Land Glendowlin.

Councillor Stanton implied that Lowther Forestry may agree to cut the common land free of charge for one cut. Any further cuttings the parish council would need to request a tender. Councillor Pyrah proposed a tender should be requested by Lowther Forestry. Seconded by Councillor Dodding. Resolved Councillor Stanton to contact Lowther Forestry, asking if they would like to tender for the cutting of the common land.

Councillor Pyrah also proposed that the clerk contact Gareth Davidson requesting he also tenders for the common land grass cutting. Councillor Scott Seconded. All parish councillors' agreed. Resolved The Clerk contact Mr Davidson.

125/204 Hidey Hole - Glendowlin

Parishioner Paul Holt reported work in the restoration of the Hidey Hole is going well. Mr Holt has purchased a wood chipper. The parish council offered to reimburse Mr Holt. The offer was refused by Mr Holt. He explained he preferred to purchase the wood chipper himself as part of his business. Mr Holt reported he had completed the Dog Bin for the Hidey Hole with the Glasdon Dog Bin having now been erected at the common land. Mr Holt also commented that a digger would be required to clear the pond so would look into obtaining a digger. Resolved the parish council will leave all the matters of the Hidey Hole in Mr Holt's capable hands.

125/205 E Mail Westmorland & Furness County Council - Leaf your mark.

Westmorland & Furness County Council invites residents, community groups and local organizations to apply for free trees & hedge packs. Mr Holt suggested Hawthorns, Silver Birch & Rowan packs for the Hidey Hole. Councillor Pyrah suggested Hawthorn for the hedges of the common land. Mr Holt reported Mr Burnbank has volunteered to help with planting the trees at the Hidey Hole. Councillor Scott Proposed Councillor Pyrah seconded the parish council should go ahead and order the bushes & trees. All agreed. Resolved that an application to be completed for the trees & bushes.

125/206 Parish Council Assets

Clerk presented the details of the Parish Council Assets.

125/207 Bus Shelter at Southwaite.

Councillor Scott reported he has repaired the roof of the bus shelter at Southwaite. The damage to the roof was caused by the storms.

125/208 Parish Precept for 2026-2027

The parish council discussed the amount that they need to request for the year April 2026 to March 2027. Councillor Pyrah suggested an increase of 3.5%. It was agreed that the precept should be £6300. Resolved The clerk contact Westmorland & Furness Council requesting a precept of £6300.

125/209 Overhanging Branches - Hazel Bank Yanwath.

Councillor Stanton reported Lowther Forestry have cut back the overhanging branches at Hazel Bank Yanwath.

125/210 Grass Verge - B5320 Road.

The clerk reported she had contacted Libby Bateman requesting an update on the site visit between herself & Councillor Scott on the B5320 road. Libby sent a reply, she was on holiday however, she would chase the matter up on her return from holiday. County Councillor Vecqueray forwarded an email to Libby requesting an update.

A parishioner from Yanwath has e-mailed the parish council to request if the footway could be made safe, she walks from Yanwath to Eamont Bridge with a pram and finds the uneven ground dangerous. Resolved clerk to reply to the parishioner assuring her the parish council is trying to resolve the problem. Clerk to continue to try and resolve the problem with Viperophix.

125/211 Clerk Council Insurance

The Insurance Cover for 1-10-25 to 30-9-26 amount £739-93. Councillor Pyrah proposed Councillor Scott seconded that a cheque in payment of £739 93 should be made. All agreed Resolved clerk to make payment.

125/212 Gates footpath between Eamont Bridge & Southwaite

The two gates on the footpath from Eamont Bridge to Southwaite have still not been repaired .Clerk reported she had contacted Charlotte Ditchburn of Westmorland & Furness Council to request she contacts the two landowners. Charlotte Ditchburn has replied she is now on Maternity leave. Resolved Clerk to contact Westmorland & Furness Council to question who has taken over Charlotte Ditchburn work.

125/213 Defibrillator Yanwath

Councillor Scott reported he has managed to repair the door to the defibrillator at Yanwath.

125/214 Defibrillators

Mr Paul Holt & his wife Christie have volunteered to be trained for the defibrillator at Glendowlin. There is still the need for two volunteers for Yanwath & one for Eamont Bridge. The training will only take half an hour. Training from St Johns Ambulance.

125/215 Overnight Parking behind the Millennium stone at Southwaite.

Laura McCellan has replied that a sign can be erected by the parish council .The sign will only be a deterrent not enforceable. Resolved - Place on the next Agenda

125 /216 Washing Line Common Land Glendowlin

The Washing Line has still not been removed. Clerk to forward letter to the parishioner stating it is now four month since the request for the washing line to be removed. The parish council now request a date when the line will be removed.

125/217 Netting footbridge Eamont Bridge

The netting on the footbridge is torn & needs attention. Clerk contacted Mr John Banks of Highways. Mr Banks has passed the problem onto Westmorland & Furness Council Structure team.

125/218 Drain-Eamont Bridge

The Drain on the A6 at Eamont Bridge still requires to be sorted. Councillor Scott has contacted Westmorland & Furness Council Highways on several occasions reporting this problem Resolved Councillor Scott will continue to try and get this problem sorted.

125/219 Water Seepage Yanwath

Councillor Scott has inspected the area at Yanwath where the water seepage was reported at the last parish council meeting. After inspection Councillor Scott is satisfied that the water seepage is not a leaking water pipe. Resolved Councillor Scott will keep a watchful eye on where the patch was sited.

125/220 Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge meeting 22-9-2025.

Unfortunately the two representatives for the councillor were unable to attend the team meeting.

125/221 Celebration of 2027 (to include Rheged in the area covered).

Westmorland & Furness County Councillor Vecqueray will be part of a team discussing the plans for the inclusion of Rheged in the Celebrations of 2027. This will take place on Radio Four tomorrow 19th November. Councillor Vecqueray will give a report on the programme at the next meeting.

125/222 Speeding - Eamont Bridge

The Clerk has contacted the Eden Neighbourhood Policing Team requesting an update on what steps have been taken on the speeding at Eamont Bridge. A/PS 2542 Philip Hall has replied confirming the speeding is on their system and waiting data analysis from Highways Colleagues. PS Hall will chase the Highways. If they do not hold recent data they will have arrange a speed survey to be carried out. Resolved matter to be raised at next parish council meeting.

125/223 Street Lighting - Eamont Bridge.

The parish Council had to reach a decision in connection with the street lighting at Eamont Bridge. The choices are 1. To Dim the lights or 2. Switch off the lights at night. Majority decision to Dim the lights. Resolved the clerk contact Westmorland & Furness County Council with the parish councils decision.

125/224 Recycling Credit

The parish council have received a payment of £31.25 for the period October 2023 -March 2024.
Resolved Place on the next parish council Agenda.

125/225 E Mail -Barton Educational Foundation

The Barton Educational Foundation has e-mailed the parish council to enquire if there is anyone living in Eamont Bridge or Yanwath who would be interested in becoming a trustee. The trustees meet once a year, the vacancy has occurred due to a parishioner of Yanwath stepping down. Resolved any parishioner interested please contact the parish council.

125/226 Landslip A592 Road

Councillor Pyrah reported he had slides of the landslip on the A592 at Highgate Kingate. Westmorland & Furness County Council have given details of the enormous repair work.

125/227 Junction Askham road & B 5320 road

Councillor Pyrah raised the problem of the road sign at the junction of the Askham Road & the B5320 road. The sign is obstructing the vision of drivers from the Askham road. Resolved Clerk to contact Westmorland & Furness County Highways requesting they move the sign.

125/228 Road Sign-B5320 Yanwath

The road sign at the junction of the B5320 road reads 30mph the road marking sign reads 40mph.Councillor Vecqueray will contact Westmorland & Furness County Council to arrange for the road markings to be changed.

125/229 Remembrance Day Tuesday 11-11-2025

Due to Barton Church organizing a community event which included the year 5/6 pupils of Yanwath School at Barton Church on the 11th November 2025, only two people attended the placing of the wreath the parish wreath at the War Memorial Eamont Bridge. Councillor Scott placed the wreath on the war memorial and Councillor Dodding spoke the ode to remembrance.

125/230 CALC Training**126/231 106 Partnership**

Kirby Lonsdale Coaches have taken over the running of the 106 bus route. New time table is now available on line Buses/Westmorland & Furness Council

125/232 Eamont Bridge Planning Meeting

The Emergency Planning Meeting has been arranged by Councillor Vecqueray for the 17th January at Eamont Bridge Village Hall. Liam Ryan of Cumbria CVS will be in attendance.

125/233 A66 NTP

Details of plans to try and keep the number of closures of the A6 south of Kemplay Bank roundabout to be absolute minimum.

125/234 Community Contracts along the wider A66 Corridor.

The Community Legacy Fund is the new name for National Highways funding scheme aimed at supporting social value projects. The fund can potentially offer support between £500 and £10,000 towards eligible initiatives.

125/235 Glasdon Booklet

125/236 Planning Application Resolved the following application and the planning authority be advised by the council.

2025/1914/NMA - Black Barn Yanwath - New material amendment.

The parish council has no objection to the plans; they still have concerns relating to the access onto the B5320 road.

125/237 Bank Statement

125/238 Resolved all accounts on the Agenda to be presented amounting to £1127-90 Screwfix- Notice Board Eamont Bridge £28-95, Satimbarb Materials Bus Shelter £47-95, Royal British Legion Wreath £25-00, Gareth Davidson Grass Cutting £960-00, Eamont Bridge Village Hall Hire of Hall £16 - 00, Crown Hotel Hire of room £50 00.

125/239 Resolved all items on the Agenda should be noted.

125/240 Date of the Next Meeting. Resolved the next Parish Council Meeting now

Saturday 17th January 2026 1:00pm in Village Hall

The Parish Council would like to pass on their condolences to Anna, of the Crown Hotel Eamont Bridge, on the loss of her partner Mike on 19/12/25, but then also recognise the loss to the community.
Funeral 14/01/26, 11:00am, Eden Crematorium Temple Sowerby.