

YANWATH & EAMONT BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Parish Council Meeting held on Saturday 31st January 2026 at the Crown Hotel Eamont Bridge

Present Chairman P. Pyrah

Councillor S. Dodding, D.Scott

Westmorland & Furness County Councillor Nicki Vecqueray

One Parishioner

The Clerk

Register of Attendance signed by all present.

126/100 - Apologies for Absence - Resolved - Councillor Stanton apologised for non-attendance.

126/101 Declaration of Interest and request for dispensation .Resolved it will be noted that no member declared any interest in any item on the agenda.

126/102 Minutes of the last meeting. The Parish Council resolved that the meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2025 was a true record and signed by the chairman.

126/103 Exclusion of Press & Public - Resolved there were no matters raised.

126/104 Public Participation – Resolved there were no matters raised.

126/105 Common Land Glendowlin- Tender for Grass Cutting

Mr Paul Holt is to look at the feasibility of cutting the common land at Glendowlin, he will also decide whether he wishes to tender for the grass cutting on the B5320 road from Yanwath to Eamont Bridge . The parish council has also requested Mr Gareth Davidson to tender for the two areas. Resolved -Clerk to place on the next agenda

126/106 Packs of sapling trees & hedge grows

Councillor Scott and Mr Holt have collected the packs of samplings from Westmorland & Furness Council. Point of collection - Ullswater School. It was agreed more samplings need to be purchased. Resolved - Clerk to contact Well Being at Tebay to request a catalogue of the saplings.

126/107 Grass Verge - B5320 Road-Yanwath to Eamont Bridge.

E Mail received from Libby Bateman of Viberoptix on the 8th December 2025. Libby has escalated to the head of operations director at Viberoptix for them to come forward with a solution to the problem of restoring the grass verge which has been damaged by Viberoptix. No progress has been made after seven weeks. Resolved - Clerk to forward follow up e-mail to Libby in attempt to resolve this problem.

126/108 Gates - Footpath Eamont Bridge to Southwaite

Mr Neil Thirkell of Westmorland & Furness Council reported he has been to the site and has seen one of the gates has been removed/taken sawn off. The landowner has been contacted requesting the rest of the infrastructure to be removed. The landowner of the other gate has been contacted requesting again that the gate be removed. Resolved - Parish Council to await an update from Mr Thirkell.

126/109 Defibrillator - Yanwath

No parishioner from Yanwath has volunteered to be the trained responsible person for the defibrillator at Yanwath. Resolved - parish council to request one last time through the parish newsletter for volunteers.

126/110 Washing Line - Common Land Glendowlin.

The Washing line on the Common land at Glendowlin has now been removed.

126/111 Netting - Bridge at Eamont Bridge.

The structure team at Westmorland & Furness Council has been contacted by the parish council requesting restoration of the netting on the bridge at Eamont Bridge. Resolved - reminder to be forwarded to the structure team requesting that the work be carried out.

126/112 Overnight Parking Sign - Layby behind Millennium Stone.

E Mail received from Westmorland & Furness Council. The parish council may choose to have their own sign manufactured and installed. Resolved - Councillor Scott to look for a suitable sign. Clerk to contact Westmorland & Furness Council giving details of the parish council's decision.

126/113 Drains Eamont Bridge. Councillor Scott continues to try to resolve the problems of the drains at Eamont Bridge. Resolved - Councillor Scott will continue to bring the problem of the drains to the attention of Westmorland & Furness Council.

126/114 Junction Askham Road-B5320 Road Sign obstruction.

The sign that was obstructing the vision of the motorist from the Askham Road onto the B5320 road was reported by the clerk to Westmorland & Furness Council. The sign has now been moved & adjusted.

126/115 Road Sign B5320 Road at Yanwath.

Councillor Nicki Vecqueray reported the sign and road markings were showing a difference number. The road stated 40mph the sign 30mph Westmorland & Furness Council have corrected their error.

126/116 Recycling Credit - Westmorland & Furness Council.

A recycling credit of £31-25 has been received from Westmorland & Furness Council. The credit is for the period October 2023 to March 2024. Due to the delay in payments it was agreed the clerk contact Westmorland & Furness Finance Department. Resolved Clerk to contact Westmorland & Furness Council requesting they look into catching up on payments of the recycling credits.

126/117 Barton Educational Foundation.

No parishioner has come forward to volunteer to be trustee for the Barton Educational Foundation Resolved-Clerk to inform Barton Educational Foundation that no parishioner has volunteered.

126/118 Common Land Glendowlin - Grant.

A parishioner has forwarded details to the parish council of a grant application from Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust. Resolved-Clerk to complete forms & request a grant of £5000 to improve the common land.

126/119 Speeding - Eamont Bridge - PC Nicholson.

PC Nicholson e-mailed on the 13-11 25. He agreed to chase up Highway Colleagues for an update in connection with the speeding at Eamont Bridge. Resolved clerk to contact PC Nicholson for an update.

126/120 Recycling-Crown Hotel Eamont Bridge.

Concern was expressed by the manager of the Crown Hotel Eamont Bridge. The recycling was not been collected. After numerous calls by the clerk the recycling was collected.

126/121 Litter Bins – Clifton Eamont Bridge.

Councillor Stanton reported the bin in the lay by towards Clifton is brimming over .Clifton will have this in hand. There does not appear to be any problem within our parish. Resolved- No action to be taken.

126/122 Emergency Planning.

Councillor Nicki Vecqueray has produced a leaflet/questionnaire. Community Flood Awareness. Eamont Bridge. The questionnaire is to be delivered to all properties in Eamont Bridge. Parishioners will be asked to bring the completed forms to a coffee morning in the village hall.

126/123 Tim Farron Poster.

The Tim Farron Poster giving details of advice surgeries winter/spring 2026 to be placed on the notice boards.

126/124 E Mail A/PS 2542 Philip Hall-Eden Neighbourhood policing Team.

A/PS 2542 Philip Hall has written to provide an update on the police newsletter. Some parish council's receive bespoke newsletters from their local PCSO's. Police officers will no longer be able to produce and distribute reports or newsletters. An alternative is to sign up for the monthly constabulary newsletter via the following link <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/uk/Cumbria/Police/subscribe/new>.

126/125 CALC Training.

126/126 Westmorland & Furness Council - Pollution Monitoring.

Councillor Nicki Vecqueray has contacted the Highways team to enquire who is the contact person in connection with pollution monitoring. Resolved place on next Agenda.

126/127 Garden Skip -Southwaite Green

The Parish Council clerk has emailed to Westmorland & Furness to request an update on the siting of the Garden Waste Skip. Scheme has been approved. Clerk completed standard agreement and skip location form. Forwarded to Mr Hill Westmorland & Furness Council.

126/128 E Mail-CALC Active Council- Assertion 10.

Virtual Training Course 11th March 2026 This is a free session to book e-mail office calc.

126/129 E Mail -CALC- Clerk Forums.

Dates for Microsoft Teams-Clerk Forums Tuesday 24-3-2026 Time 11-00am Thursday 28th May 2026 Time 7-00pm Monday 13-7-2026 Time 7-00pm 25-11 2026 Time 11-00am.

126/130 Data Protection.

The Data Protection Fee of £52-00 is requested for payment. Resolved Clerk to make payment.

126/131 AGAR Compliance.

The Parish Council is required to have a council related e-mail for the clerk & councillors. Clerk-email address to be changed from annettemnoble@btinternet.com to annettemnoble@yanwath&eamontbridgeparishcouncil.co.uk. Resolved name to be changed.

126/132 E Mail CALC -Royal Garden Party- Friday 6th May 2026.

Cumbria has been allocated two applications to this year Royal Garden Party. Councillor Pyrah & his wife have agreed to have their names placed in the draw. Resolved the clerk to complete nomination and forward to CALC.

126/133 E Mail CALC-Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training.

CALC Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training-Monday 2nd March 2026

126/134 E Mail - Westmorland & Furness Council- Precept 2026/27.

The parish council agreed a precept of £6300 for the year 2026/2027. This is an increase from last year of £150.

126/135 E Mail - Westmorland & Furness Council - 106 partnership.

Lonsdale Buses (Kirby Lonsdale Coaches) have confirmed they will be operating the 106 partnership bus route.

126/136 E Mail-CALC – Heritage Assets.

Microsoft Team Meeting-22-1-2026 at 6-45 pm for 7-00pm start.

126/137 Eden Locality Board.

Welcome newsletter from the new chair of the locality board.

126/138 E Mail - CALC- Newsletter.

126/139 Booklet - Clerk Council Direct.

126/140 E Mail - CALC. Is your Community Ready.

Virtual Forum - How your parish council can be sure your community is winter ready- Microsoft Team Meeting 26-11 at 7-00pm.

126/141 E Mail - Parkinson Partnership.

Council must comply with the full rules of the procurement Act 2023 where potential have estimated value (including VAT) of over £207-20 for goods or services or £5193 for public works (construction).

126/142 Penrith Town Newsletter.

126/143 Street Lighting -Eamont Bridge.

Concern was expressed by an Eamont Bridge parishioner that the parish council had to make a choice between Dim lighting or Switch off in the evening if it came necessary. Councillor Scott is to forward the street lighting document from Westmorland & Furness Council to the parishioner. The parish council trust after reading the lighting document the parishioner will be satisfied.

126/144 Eamont 927.

The question of a sculpture to celebrate 927 was discussed. Councillor Vecqueray reported Brougham had been suggested for the sculpture. It was agreed that a place in Eamont Bridge could be a better site for the sculpture. Resolved the clerk to investigate ownership of the piece of land on the left side leaving Eamont Bridge going south.

126/145 Glasdon Booklet

126/146 Planning Application Resolved the following applications and the planning authority be advised by the council.

21/0792 - Yanwath Hall Farm - Redevelopment of Yanwath Hall Farm. Change of Barn To 13 Dwellings.

2025/2307/FPA Barn Yanwath Non Material Amendment.

126/147 Bank Statement.

126/148 Resolved all the Accounts on the agenda to be presented amounting to £92 Data Protection £52-00 Crown Hotel Hire of room £40-00.

126/149 Resolved all the items of the Agenda should be noted.

126/150 A date of the next meeting. Resolved - the next Parish Council meeting Eamont Bridge Village Hall Saturday 21st March 2026 at 1-00pm.