

YANWATH & EAMONT BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Parish Council Meeting held on Saturday 23rd May 2026 at Eamont Bridge Village Hall.

Present Chairman P. Pyrah

Parish Councillors D. Scott. S. Dodding

Also Present Cllr Nicki Vecqueray Westmorland & Furness County Councillor

Three Parishioners

The Clerk.

Register of Attendance book signed by all present

126/189 Declaration of Interest and request for dispensation. Resolved it will be noted that no member declared any interest in any item on the agenda.

126/190 Minutes of the last meeting .The Parish Council resolved that the meeting held on the 21st March 2026 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

126/191 Exclusion of Press & Public -Resolved there were no matters raised.

126/192 Public Participation- Resolved that there were no matters raised.

126/193 Common Land Glendowlin

Chairman Pyrah proposed Councillor Dodding seconded that applying for grants for the Common Land be put on hold. All agreed. Resolved No further action to be taken.

126/194 Grass Cutting – B5320 Road & Common Land Glendowlin

The cost of grass cutting on the B5320 will be £130 a cut an increase of £10 this was accepted by the council .The Tender for the cutting of the common land at Glendowlin £90 a cut. Councillor Pyrah proposed Councillor Scott seconded the tender should be accepted. All agreed. Resolved Clerk to contact Gareth Davidson accepting his tenders.

126/195 Grass Verge B5320 Road

Resumption of cutting the Verge B5320.After the poor condition that Viberoptix left the verge in 2024, the verge after two years is now settled and can be cut without the fear of blades on machines breaking.

126/196 Path Gates-Eamont Bridge to Southwaite Green

Westmorland & Furness County Council have been dealing with the problem of the damaged gates on the path from Eamont to Southwaite. Councillor Vecqueray has forwarded details for the parish council to seek funding from the Eden River Trust. Resolved Place on the next agenda

126/197 Recycling Credits

Westmorland & Furness Finance department has responded to the parish council request for the recycling credits to be brought up to date. Payments now been paid to March 2025. Future payments March 2025 to March 2026 will be paid in November 2026

126/198 Garden Skips- Southwaite Green

Skips are now sited at Southwaite Green

126/199 Defibrillator Glendowlin

Glendowlin Defibrillator on inspection by Councillor Scott was found to have no electricity. Resolved the clerk contact Mr Donald Brookes of Glendowlin to seek his knowledge & help in discovering who pays for the small cost of electricity payments.

126/200 Westmorland & Furness Community Application

The parish council has been successful in obtaining a £500 grant. The funding allocation is from Eamont & Shap place activity group towards the Eamont Bridge 927 Celebrations.

126/201 Speeding – Eamont Bridge

The clerk has contacted PS Philip Hill to request an update on the action taken by the police and Westmorland & Furness Highways to resolve the speeding at Eamont Bridge. The delay appears to be Highways. A date assessment has to be carried out by the highways. PS Hill has approached the highways in January 2026 to register the problem with the Highways. Resolved Await contact from PS Hill.

126/202 E Mail- CALC -Training

CALC has arranged an Equality and Inclusion training session 2-6-2026, 7-00pm

126/203 Repair to Wall -Eamont Bridge

A parishioner has raised the problem of a broken wall on the back lane Eamont Bridge. Resolved Clerk to contact owner to request the wall is repaired.

126/204 E Mail -CALC subscription

CALC has requested payment of the 2026/27 of £222-93. The sum is made up NALC £34-39 CALC £188-54. Resolved payment to be made.

126/205 Unsung Heroes- Thank you from the parish council.

The parish council would like to acknowledge the hard & dedicated work that some parishioners carry out without seeking any acknowledgement.

Mr David Ware - For many years Mr Ware has carried out litter pick at Eamont Bridge

Mr Paul Holt -Mr Holt has taken on the work of restoring the Hidey Hole at Yanwath

Mr Donald Brookes- Mr Brookes retired from the parish council however the parish council still seek his help & advice.

Mrs Sue Staude - Sue carries out many unnoticed jobs including the village hall and supplying crumbles to the older residents.

Mr Chris Battersby - Mr Battersby retired from the parish council in 2024, having now moved out of the county. The parish Council can still contact Chris who is already ready to help resolve any problems.

To all these special people big thank you.

If any parishioner wishes to draw attention to any other parishioners who carries out a service for the community please contact the clerk or any parish councillor.

126/206 Practioners Guide 2026/27

CALC has arranged for printing five copies of the practioners guide for the parish council at a cost £10.

126/207 Parish Audit

The Clerk presented a full account of the parish year end accounts. Chairman Pyrah proposed the accounts to be accepted. Seconded by Councillor Scott. Agreed by all. Resolved the accounts be accepted.

126/208 Notice Board - Yanwath

Councillor Scott has repaired the door.

125/209 Emergency Planning

Westmorland & Furness Councillor N. Vecqueray and Councillor Scott are to arrange a meeting to discuss Emergency Planning.

126/210 Planning Application –

Resolved the following applications and the planning authority be advised by the council.

2024/2085 Ivy Cottage Yanwath - Specification and schedule of works.

2026/0838 Black Barn Yanwath - Change of Use of agricultural Building to three dwellings.

2026/0990 Shed Yanwath Hall - Risk Notification Change of Use Agricultural building to six dwellings.

126/211 CALC AGM

The CALC AGM will be on 10th October 2026 Location Roundthorn Hotel Penrith

126/212 Land between the Railway & Moorside Cottages Yanwath

30 year Habitat Management – Erection of agricultural field shelter. Concern has been expressed with the parked caravan.

Resolved clerk to contact planning department Westmorland & Furness County Council.

126/213 Land at Glendowlin Yanwath

Mrs Beatty of 2 Barnside Yanwath has registered an application for Registration based on Adverse possession. Property - Land at Glendowlin. Registered proprietor The Parish Council of Yanwath & Eamont Bridge. The parish council has issued a counter notice of objection. The land is Common Land and is in the ownership of the Parish Council on behalf of the parishioners.

126/214 LNRS Workbench Launch

Presentation slides and additional resource are now available on the CALC website.

To access the website Username CALC 2025 Password Mountain 2025.

126/215 Bridge – Eamont Bridge

The Parish Council is to contact Highways Structure Westmorland & Furness Council for an update on when the repairs/restoration of the bridge will be started.

126/216 Overnight Parking Sign –

Lay By behind the millennium stone. Councillor Scott erected a No Overnight Parking Sign at the lay by. Within 24 hours the sign had been taken down and disappeared. It has been agreed the sign requires to be bolted into the ground. Mr Heath of Southwaite Green has requested two signs. Resolved enquiries to be made of firms that can make & erect the signs. If any parishioner has any knowledge of firms that erect produce a sign please contact any member of the parish council.

126/217 Funding Training session by Cumbria CVS

Two training session are being run by Cumbria C.V.S Thurs day 18th June 2026 9-30am to 1-00pm & Thursday 9th July 9-30am to 12-0pm. Training on Teams.

126/218 E Mail-Amy Smiles Lowther

Proposed planting design currently under consideration for woodland for the new woodland creation project at Eamont Bridge.

126/219 E Mail -Rocket Sites

Rocket Sites are able to create a web site compliant and update the parish council accessibility statement. Cost £100 plus VAT. Place on next agenda.

126/220 Road Safety Issues at Yanwath

A parishioner has raised the problem of road safety matters at Yanwath.

1. The Queue of cars that form behind the cars parked next to the footpath at the school
2. The footpath itself & narrow thorn hedge, reverse parking cars mount the kerb whilst parishioners walk to their cars.
3. The use of the straight section of the B5320 to the north of the school for parking.
4. Speeding/now 20mph limit
5. The Use of the Yanwath Gate Inn car park for parking.
6. Potential conversation of Lowther Estate field into car park.

The Parish Council are in full support of the parishioner. Westmorland & Furness Councillor Nicki Vecqueray reported she is already investigating the road problems. Representatives from the parish council agreed they would be prepared to attend a meeting.

126/221 A66 North Trans Project

A parishioner has raised Several Traffic Highway Issue at Eamont Bridge

- 1.The crossing activate buttons are not working correctly . this has been reported to the Highways Westmorland & Furness County Council. No action has been taken.
- 2.There is a road safety issue at Kemplay Foot. The Volume of traffic has increased over the years and as the vehicles have got larger the margin between pedestrian and lorries has discussed as you have two-way traffic passing at this point
- 3.Pedestrian Crossing - Pedestrian walking out from Skirskill Lane have no safe means of crossing the road to gain access to a footpath to cross over the bridge or up the hill to Penrith. Other issues - No Grass Cutting adjacent to both footpaths. Dust/Noise & Empty Property.

126/222 CALC -E Mail -SAA Making Agar Digital

Session to explain how to access & use the system and provide time for questions. Date 13-7-2026 7-00pm Virtual Teams

126/223 E Mail-CALC -SIA looking for premises

The SIA is looking for premises and events to help test and develop its systems and processes as it prepares to regulate as it prepares to regulate Martyn's Law which comes into force in Spring 2027.

126/224 CALC E Mail – Assets

Place on next agenda

126/225 Bank Statement

126/226 Resolved all the accounts of the Agenda to be presented amounting to £920-93. CALC - Subscription £222-93 Rocket Sites £168-00 Gareth Davidson Grass Cutting £520-00 CALC Photocopying£10-00

126/227 Resolved all items on the agenda should be noted

128/228 The Date of the next Meeting.

Saturday 18th July 2026 Eamont Bridge Village Hall at 1-00pm (13:00hrs)