

# HOLME *ST* CUTHBERT PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Minutes of a meeting of Holme St Cuthbert Parish Council held on:** Wednesday 26 November 2025 at 7.30pm in Culterham Hall, Mawbray

**Present:** Mrs L Stevens Chairperson (LS), Mrs S Donachy Vice-Chairperson (SD), Mrs M Knoery (MK), Mr S Routledge (SR), Mr R Armstrong (RA) and Mrs L J Housby Clerk

**Members of the Public:** Councillor K Thurlow CCC (KT), Naomi Kay and Sophie Blackwell National Landscape Solway Coast, formally AONB

**Apologies:** Mr J Coghlan and Mrs J Court

Solway Coast National Landscape, (SD) attended a meeting on 23 October 2025 in Allonby Village Hall, where (NK) and (SB) gave a presentation, (SD) asked if they could come to our Parish Council Meeting to give an update and answer questions on the Management Plan

They are in consultation for their next five-year plan, and area asking questions of local residents, on their land management plan

Questions from the Councillors:

1. Dogs and dog poo dispensers – look at new signage – (NK) Do not to be overrun with signage, thinking of ‘Good Dog Guide’ for the Banks – ‘Dog Friendly Dog Guide’
2. Provision of toilet facilities along the Solway Coast, after loosing main toilet building in Allonby, leaving only the facilities at Allonby Play Area (KT) attended a meeting with Allonby PC, giving then ideas to go forwards with. HStC have no public toilets within the Parish, having problems with human waste at Beckfoot Car Parks, this has been reported to Environmental Health. Would it help if signage were put up stating nearest Public Toilets. (SD) asked if there could be a sight for grey waste disposal, for camper vans etc.
3. Concerns about overnight camping on the Bank, SCNL are in the process, trying to remove travellers from the Banks
4. Request for benches near Mawbray Yard Car Park, (NK) interested in setting up a picnic area near Mawbray Yard Car Park
5. Meeting in the Golf Hotel, Silloth JAC, Councillors, Community Bodies, RSPCA, National Trust, looking for volunteers for the JAC the Meeting 02 December 2025, 10.00a.m. (SD) and (MK) interested
6. Footpaths – Senior Rights of Way Officer David Gibson – Public Rights of Way - report as much as possible, concerns “Do you have to give your name”
7. Update next year

(NK) and (SB) left the meeting at 8.30pm

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2025 were signed a correct record, proposed by (SD) all in favour

From the Minutes:

Melbour House, recent planning application agreed with amendments, they have put up a large shed, there has been a complaint to the Council

Coastal Erosion – loss of more coast line (LS) who attended a meeting with Mark Fryer, Leader of the Council, he said that HStC PC would be kept informed about Council Plans (LS) to contact Mark Fryer

#### Chairpersons Announcements:

Complaints about the General/Domestic Waste not being collected, and the red top bins in some areas have not been delivered Clerk to look into

Newtown Pond – Work will be done in Spring 2026, to clear debris from pond, Bill be sent to the Parish Council

#### Payment of Accounts:

(MK) proposed the following payments made. All in favour

Holme St Cuthbert PCC	£250.00	Parish Magazine grant
Holme St Cuthbert PCC	£250.00	Grass Cutting Grant
Holme St Cuthbert School	£250.00	Annual Grant 2025/26
Mawbray Play Area Grant	£250.00	Annual Grant 2025/26
Chairpersons Grant	£150.00	Annual Grany 2025/26
Mrs L J Housby	£1800.00	Clerks Salary
KMG Services	£168.00	Hire of digger, play area fence repair
S & A Williamson	£302.70	Posts and rails etc. repair play area
Thomas Graham Ltd	£118.99	Rust proof paint – Finger Posts
S. Routledge	£1200.00	Emergency repair play area fence

#### Planning Applications

Bally Nook, Mawbray – remove tree on a tree preservation order

This tree was given a preservation order, request by Holme St Cuthbert PC, the village has few mature trees, the PC would like to see tree preserved, before any work it should be examined by a qualified arborist, confirming condition and description given on application, if in poor condition PC would like at least part of the tree preserved, this tree is a wildlife haven for owls and bats – proposed (MK) all in favour

Holme St Cuthbert Church Hall – Change of use to single residential dwelling

No objection to removal of Hall and building a single-story dwelling proposed (SD) all in favour –

(JC) contacted Clerk to clarify comments on reply, has this applicant wished to retain outer skin of hall with addition of extra windows, regulations to the nearness of opening onto private field should be considered

Solway Cottage, Beckfoot – Change of use to full time holiday rental use, reroof existing front single story living space with standing seam effect single ply roofing and glass balustrade to balcony with access

No objection

#### Insurance Review 2026/27:

There has been increases with all types of insurance payments

Cover for liability, all equipment etc owned by Parish Council well covered by this policy. Proposed by (RA) we continue our Insurance with Clear Insurance who specialise in Parish Council Insurance all in favour

#### Clerk's Salary Review 2026/27:

No increase in Salary this year, review next year 2027/28 proposed (RA) all in favour

#### Budget/Precept 2026/2027:

Reviewed all payments no increases to grants, small increases to Insurance, CALC, Grass Cutting etc Maintenance for 2025/26 increased from proposal, emergency work on Play Area fencing safety, Play Area Committee got certificate for their Insurance (Extra expense covered from savings)

Discussed possible Parish Council Elections in 2026, have funds set aside for previous years precepts when not needed, have not had elections for many years (RA) proposed a Precept of £6600.00 all in favour

#### White Lines B5300:

Fading white lines at junctions onto B5300, report to Highways (near accident Mawbray) proposed (SD) all in favour

National Safeguarding Week:

Notices were given to Councillors to put up on their local Notice Boards -Violence against Women and Girls  
Unable to attend

New Cowper Notice Board:

The notice board at New Cowper has been stolen, Clerk has a spare board will take to (MK) asking if can put it up

Magazines offered to Councillors:

Tidelines and Clerks and Councillors

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm the next meeting will be held in Culterham Hall,

Mawbray on Wednesday 21 January 2026 at 7.30pm (SD) sent apologies will be unable to attend

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year