

Minutes of a meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell, on Wednesday 13th August 2025 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Helen Smith (Chairman), Chris Cannon and Matthew Martin, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Jenny Boak and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Mike Smith and Alan Telford.

25/19 Public participation::

- a. Cartmel Fell Volunteers updated the Council on their work and activities. Much clearance work had been carried out, which it is hoped to continue next year.
- b. Rose Lord (Built Environment Advisor, LDNPA) spoke about the Windermere Village Conservation Area and distributed maps showing the proposed boundary. A public consultation will follow in September and the Council will be notified.

25/20 Requests for Dispensations: None.

25/21 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

25/22 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/23 Risk assessment:

The draft Risk Assessment (circulated) was adopted by the Council.

25/24 Finance:

- a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

Communicorp	£15.50	
		Subscription to 'Clerks and Councils Direct'
K M Price	£124.72	Quarterly expenses to 30 th June, Including use of home office and travel
K M Price	£25.61	Backpay

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The estimate via Councillor Mike Smith for work on the verges/hedges in the parish (minute 25/7d refers) was not yet available

- d. The report from the Internal Auditor was received with thanks. There were no matters arising to be brought to the Council's attention.
- e. The draft of the 'Financial Regulations' was considered and it was resolved to formally adopt this at the next meeting.
- f. The Clerk had circulated details of the Council's insurance cover. The next renewal is not until 1st June 2026 and the extent of the cover will be considered again then.
- g. The draft of the Council's Data Protection Policy had been circulated and it was resolved to adopt this.
- h. The Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025-26 was noted and approved. (The Clerk at Cartmel Fell is currently employed for 18.25 hours monthly, at Point 20 on the Salary Scale).

25/25 'Common Issues':

Lindale and Newton in Cartmel Parish Council have proposed a Teams Meeting in order to consider 'common issues' in local Parish Councils.

The Clerk will respond and express the interest of this Council; Councillor Martin is keen to attend, assuming the date chosen is suitable.

25/26 Planning:

Councillor Martin reported on his attendance at the recent Planning Sessions via CALC in June and August.

Councillor Martin will ask for an explanation of recent planning decisions, when it seems the views and extensive submissions from this Council had been ignored.

25/27 Date and place of the next meeting:

Wednesday 26th November at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed:

Dated: