

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Cartmel Fell held at the Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell, on Thursday 7th May 2026 at 7pm.

There was an attendance of seven, including three Parish Councillors, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Jenny Boak and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Alan Telford and Helen Smith, who arrived later.

Councillor Matt Martin was in the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Jim Loxam and Becca Wood from United Utilities addressed the Council on the Glebe Road Project:

The project at The Glebe is specifically to increase storm water storage capacity from the existing pumping station, which will help reduce spills at times of heavy rainfall. Our solution is to construct a 10,000m³ below ground tank in a field to the south of Glebe Road, between Cockshott Point and Rectory Road. Work is expected to start on this in the early part of 2027.

There will be Public Consultations in Windermere in June, but the purpose of this visit was to inform the Council in advance.

A number of questions were asked and some debate took place on the suitability of the routes proposed for taking material to and from the site, especially the use of the A5074, A592 and the B5284.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 27th May 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by Councillor Helen Smith.

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman thanked all Councillors for their work during the past year and for the co-operation and support in the Council.

Report from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Jenny Boak:

The following is the substance of Councillor Boak's report:

*"Green waste subscription - open now until 28th June
0300 373 3300.
[westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/gardenwaste](https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/gardenwaste).*

*Adults across Westmorland and Furness can access free, anonymous and confidential mental health support 24 hours a day, 365 days a year from 1 April 2026
Qwell (Adults): [Qwell.io](https://www.qwell.io)
Kooth (Under 18s): [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)*

*Residents without digital access can access support by phone.
Samaritans Tel: 116 123
or can call NHS 111 option 2 for a mental health crisis*

Grange Story Trail Launched

A story trail celebrating local folklore and history has taken pride of place in the grounds of Grange Library.

These fantastic clay and wooden planters will change with the seasons and were created by artists from Juneau Partners working with the local community and children from Grange C of E Primary School.

Combined authority committee has been set up now

Complaints about highways

Lack of coordination and why are they happening at all? Our team are experienced and do their best to coordinate work however the utilities have rights and are not afraid to demand them. And of course if they self declare an emergency then they can just move in and do the work without asking.

Road closed but no work going on. Utilities ask for a working window which is always more than they need. They are not meant to close the road outside the times they need to but we all know that sometimes they do. Quite often residents are alarmed at the length of closure granted. The ultimate recently was a six month closure window on a Kendal footbridge for work which will take up to two weeks!

Being cut off from home. Residents see a week long closure which will cut them off from home and quite understandably become alarmed. Contractors manage the situation and give them access most of the time and in addition they should receive communication from the contractor beforehand.

Signage left out, or incorrect. Self explanatory and intensely annoying!

What to do?

Firstly,

Put it on HIAMS! "Make an enquiry or request" then "Make a Road Closure enquiry".

This will get to the right person within hours rather than days.

Let me know if you don't receive a timely response.

Please be aware that we are very unlikely to be able to stop a closure because it doesn't suit a local resident or business.

Finally, I am very aware of the grief that these issues cause and that a small percentage of 17,000 is still a large number. Where there are mistakes, we will try to put them right but remember that the law favours the utilities over councils -

Remember that One Network will give you the information about the closure and the utility it is for.

Anyone struggling with heating please get in touch with waf

WAF action plan for 2026-27 now available"

Charity Accounts:

Councillor Mike Smith summarised the accounts of the Bryan Beck Charity. Accounts for the Parish Hall will be available after their next meeting.

Any other business:

- a. The Council was informed that the Hare and Hounds at Bowland Bridge has been registered as an Asset of Community Value. It is hoped, however, that a sale may be effected and the establishment continue trading as before.
- b. The blocked drain at Hartbarrow will be reported again.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: