

Lamplugh Parish Council [ACM-2026]

Parish Clerk; Susan Stuart, 23 Ewanrigg Road, Maryport, CA15 8BJ

Annual Council Meeting of Lamplugh Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20th May 2025, following the APM in the Kirkland Mission

Parish Councillors summoned to attend: Roger Braithwaite (Chair), Mark Maisey, Ed Surman (Vice Chair) and Paul Wilson

Six members of the public were present

Susan Stuart (Clerk).

Minutes

1. Councillor Braithwaite opened the meeting

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Cllr Mark Maisey proposed and Paul Wilson seconded that Roger Braithwaite would continue to be the Chair; Cllr Paul Wilson proposed and Roger Braithwaite seconded that Ed Surman continue to be Vice Chair. A Declaration of Office form was signed by Cllr Braithwaite and Cllr Surman.

3. Apologies for absence. Resignations. Co-options. Declaration of conflict of interest, dispensations of pecuniary interest of councillors.

- Apologies were received from Cllr Smith and Cllr Whittaker.
- An application form had been received and Mike Meeks was co-opted to the council.

4. To accept and sign the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 18th March 2025

The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

5. Public Participation Slot

- A member of the public commented that a new vicar had been appointed to the church, so hopefully we will meet her at a future parish council meeting.
- A member of the public spoke about reporting an issue down to Crossgates, this was not considered to be deep enough.
- There was a request for a dog bin at Cogra Moss car park, however, Cumberland Council consider this not needed.
- A member of the public queried if the parish council had paid someone to spray weed killer in Kirkland, it was confirmed that Cumberland Council would be responsible for this.

6. Correspondence to review to 20th May 2026

- An email was received from CALC regarding Equality and Diversity Training. This was noted by the council.
- An email was received regarding the CALC Climate Net Zero Event. This was noted by the council.
- Cumberland Ward Boundary Review. This was noted by the council, it has yet to be taken to Parliament and confirmed.
- An email was received about renovations at Lanefoot Farm. It was decided that the Clerk would get in touch with the owner and ask for further information on this.

Chair's Signature

- Fibrus Notice – Inglenook Caravan Park. This notice was noted by all members, however, this is a permitted development and as such, we have little say in the matter.
- Fibrus Notice – Kart Track and Premises. This notice was noted by all members, however, this is a permitted development and as such, we have little say in the matter.
- Fibrus Notice – Pasture Road. This notice was noted by all members, however, this is a permitted development and as such, we have little say in the matter.
- Village Heat Share. It was decided to note this in the minutes and if any groups in the community were interested, they could contact the parish council for details.

7. Finance Matters: To note the balance held in the building society confirmed with statement as below:

- Statement No. 100 dated 31st March 2026. Start balance £16,167.28, End balance £13,399.44; money in £0, Money out £2,767.84.
- Statement No. 101 dated 30th April 2026. Start balance £14,209, End balance £27,171.40; money in £14,000, Money out £1,038.00.
- Discuss Schedule of Income and Expenditure and cheques to be signed at the meeting. The following payments were agreed:

248	Susan Stuart	Salary April-May 2026	£836.18
249	Susan Stuart	Salary June 2026 (Post-dated)	£418.08
250	Susan Stuart	WFH Allowance April-May 2026	£52.00
251	LwEPCC	Invoice CA2177	£37.50
252	Zurich Insurance	Parish Insurance Renewal	£688.97
253	CALC	Annual Subscription	£264.08
254	LwEPCC	Donation	£1,000.00
255	Kirkland Children's Playground	Donation	£1,000.00
256	Lamplugh Sports Committee	Donation	£500.00
257	Lamplugh Village Hall	Donation	£500.00
		TOTAL	£5,296.81

- The Councillors discussed the grant applications received at the Annual Parish Meeting. The LPC budget for 2025/26 was spent completely, however, we still had a year's reserve in the account. Donations for 2026/27 were agreed at:
 - Lamplugh Village Hall - £500.00
 - Kirkland Children's Playground - £1,000.00. It was agreed that further money can be requested when they have a better idea of the works they will be carrying out on equipment in the playground.
 - Lamplugh with Ennerdale Parochial Church Council - £1,000.00. It was agreed that the costs for the repairs to the boundary wall would be decided when there were quotes and the work was ready to go ahead, not given right now.
 - Lamplugh and District Sports Committee - £500.00.
- The accounts to date were discussed and agreed and the completed accounts for 2025/26 were signed by the Chair.

8. Confirmation of annual accounts:

- To Receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report. This was received and noted by all members of the council.
- To Approve the Annual Governance Statement. The Clerk read out the statements of the governance statement and all members agreed in the affirmative in response. This was then signed by the Chair and Clerk.

Chair's Signature

- c. To Approve the Accounting Statements. This was agreed by all members and signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- d. To Approve the Certificate of Exemption. This was agreed by all members and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

9. Planning- Applications/Decisions/Appeals

- 7/2025/4077 Dockray Meadow. The report from LDNPA was published just before the meeting, so it had not yet been read. Cllr Braithwaite confirmed that he would attend the meeting regarding this on the 3rd of June to speak on behalf of the parish council, all councillors were in agreement to let Cllr Braithwaite take the lead on this.
- 4/26/2110/0F1 Creation of vehicular access, Kirkland Chapel, Kirkland. No objections were noted.
- 4/26/2127/0F1 Raise section of garden to match existing driveway height (1.5m at deepest point) to improve access, egress and parking & construction of gabion wall as a retaining structure, Starling Bank, Lamplugh. No objections were noted.
- 4/26/2146/0F1 Change of use of former agricultural barn to gym for fitness classes (retrospective), Smaithwaite Farm, Lamplugh. No objections were noted.
- 4/26/2134/0N1 Prior Notification Application for renewal of Concrete Yard, Woodend Lodge, Lamplugh. No objections were noted.
- Watsons Dairies. Notification of the decision on this application still has not been made. The enforcement notice has not been resubmitted. Regarding the containers, it was confirmed by Cumberland there was a mistake in the submission and it would need to be resubmitted. Cllr Surman will complain about this to Mr Seekings again.

6. Parish Matters/Business

- The Parish Precept confirmation was received from Cumberland Council, this had gone into the bank account.
- Zurich Parish Insurance Renewal 2026/27 was received – this will be the final year of the fixed rate.
- CALC renewal 2026/27 was received and agreed.

7. Contact Newsletter LPC will provide information by the 23rd of the month. Cllr Maisiey to do a summary of the minutes for this.

8. Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended.

9. Items for the next agenda. Items to the Clerk by 10th July 2026.

10. To note the dates for the parish council meetings in 2025/26

15th July 2026; 16th September 2026; 18th November 2026; 20th January 2027; 17th March 2027; 19th May 2027

Meeting ended at 20.47

Chair's Signature