

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

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**2nd March 2026 Ordinary Meeting Minutes of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council
held at The Village Archives starting at 7pm.**

Councillors	Chair	Cllr J Raine
	Vice-Chair	Cllr D McCall
		Cllr T Barnes
Clerk		Naomi Callaghan
Members of Public Present		8

Meeting Minutes

139/25	Apologies None.
140/25	Minutes of the last Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council Meeting DMc proposed to sign and authorise Minutes of the <u>5th January</u> 2026 as a true and accurate record; seconded by JR. Agreed.
141/25	Declarations of Interest/requests for dispensation None.
142/25	Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) JR proposed item 12.2 to be discussed in private session; seconded by DMc. Agreed.
143/25	Public Participation Petition presented to the PC to stop the poles being installed by Fibrus being placed onto MMVG. Residents feel that this will affect the public use of the green and would like to see all new internet lines to be put underground. PC accepted the petition and will review it for discussion it at the next meeting. Concerns raised over the felling of the Beech Tree on MMVG; residents don't want it felled due to the effect it will have on the green. Residents would like to see if it could be managed rather than felled.
144/25	Local Councillor Report - Cllr Neil McCall Cllr McCall updated the community on W&F budget and the new waste management systems to be put in place. The most notable being that green bins will be charged at £60 per bin for those households that would like to retain this service. Home to School transport is also under review and there will be a public consultation on the way this is to be run in the future.
145/25	Clerk's Report Report noted with no questions asked.

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146/25 Planning Applications
 Planning application **E/03/23F – Crake Trees**; received on the date of this meeting; Cllrs have not had the time to review the application. JR proposed to review the application, discuss and agree comments via email; seconded by DMc. Agreed.

147/25 Councillor Recruitment
 Cllrs noted that three applications have been received to date. TB declared his intention to step down from the PC due to personal reasons after the AGM in May. DMc proposed that prospective Cllrs come to the next meeting where current Cllrs will vote on the applications received; JR seconded. Agreed.

148/25 Finance

10.1. Cllrs noted and agreed the following payments:

Date	Payee	Payment Method	Budget Head	Amount
03/03/26	Penrith Posters - Information leaflets	Bank Transfer	Misc. expenses	£42.50
03/03/26	Maulds Meaburn Village Institute	Bank Transfer	Hall Hire	£20.00
03/03/26	Stephen Twiddy Plastering	Bank Transfer	Old Police House	£1,500.00
03/03/26	N. Callaghan	Bank Transfer	Clerk Expenses (Jan – Mar)	£58.77
03/03/26	J. Raine – Ink Cartridge	Bank Transfer	Councillor Expenses	£29.69
28/03/26	N. Callaghan	Standing Order	Clerk Salary	£720.20

10.2. Cllrs noted the balances at the bank as of 25th February 2026

Cumberland Current Account: **£7,984.40**

Penrith Building Society Housing Account: **£8,403.84**

Penrith Building Society General Reserve Account: **£11,139.55**

Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust Account: **£5,268.32**

10.3. Cllrs discussed moving the Parish Council banking to Unity Trust Bank. JR proposed to open three accounts to transfer the funds; two current accounts and one savings account; seconded by DMc. Agreed. Clerk to action for signatures at the next meeting.

10.4. JR and DMc signed a letter to transfer money from the Housing Account to the Current Account for Stephen Twiddy's invoice.

149/25 Reagill Grazing Licence
 JR proposed to advertise for the 2026 Reagill Village Green Grazing Licence and agree successful tender at the next meeting; seconded by DMc. Agreed.

150/25 Parish Houses
12.1. Cllrs noted the work completed on The Old Police House; invoice for new boiler paid on 16th February for £6,224.88. New tap discussed; Clerk to contact plumber to replace.

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	<p>12.2. Cllrs noted issue arisen from Holly Cottage; TB proposed to send a letter to the tenants outlining the PC's position on the matter; seconded by DMc. Agreed.</p> <p>12.3. JR proposed a contingency amount of £2,000.00 be added to the Standing Orders to allow the RFO to action any emergency works required to the two Council properties; seconded by TB. Agreed.</p>
151/25	<p>Archives</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the ongoing costs for the Archives. Concerns raised by Cllrs over the increasing costs of utilities for the building and queried whether the Charity who owns the building would be open to take over some of the running costs. DMc proposed to write to the charity to see if they would be willing to meet and discuss the future of the Archives. Clerk to draft a letter for the Cllrs to review.</p>
152/25	<p>Play Area</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the installation a picnic bench, seating and equipment replacement for the play area. Potential for a grant from W&F in the new financial year. JR proposed to order two benches for the play area; a blue picnic bench and a three spar blue bench; seconded by TB. Agreed.</p>
153/25	<p>Litter Pick</p> <p>Cllrs discussed a date for the annual litter pick. JR proposed the 21st March and to put £100.00 behind the bar at the Butchers Arms for bacon sandwiches for the volunteers; seconded by DMc. Agreed.</p>
154/25	<p>River Dredging</p> <p>Cllrs discussed dredging of Oddendale Beck; K. Golding and B. Bowness potentially working collaboratively to complete the work required. No permission is required for a tributary to the Eden for dredging but Cllrs must be mindful of the crayfish. Ongoing; to discuss at next meeting.</p>
155/25	<p>Parish Benches</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the report completed by Paul Johnson and expressed thanks to Paul for volunteering to complete the report. JR to contact Drew Woodward and John Mullen for further information on the best way to manage the benches. Ongoing; to discuss at the next meeting.</p>
156/25	<p>Grant Money Funds</p> <p>18.1. Cllrs discussed the best way forward regarding the grants. DMc proposed putting up a poster to advertise the available grant money for review in July; seconded by JR. Agreed.</p> <p>18.2. Cllrs noted the letter received from MMVI requesting a grant request for solar panel installation; to discuss with other grant applications in July.</p>
157/25	<p>Next Parish Council Meeting Dates</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the date for next meeting; DMc not available for the 11th May as agreed. DMc proposed to hold the AGM and subsequent meetings on the 5th May 2026; seconded by JR. Agreed.</p>
	<p>Meeting ended at 20:32</p>