

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
In the Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillor, Mrs. C Thomas (Chair)

Councillors, T Fiddler, K McKay, Mrs. F Craig-Wilson, T Threlfall, Mrs. P Mulholland, Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. D Dickinson, Mrs. J Atherton, and A Smith.

**1) To accept Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr. Mrs L Willis – Holiday. It was resolved to approve the reason for absence.

Cllr. Mrs. N Griffiths did not attend the meeting.

**2) Open Forum****a) Police Update.**

There was no Police present.

**b) Public participation**

A number of the members of the Public raised concerns about Lorries speeding on Bunker St in the early hours of the morning. It was agreed to invite the local LCC councillor to attend the next meeting scheduled for September '25.

**3) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.**

All councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in Items 6c – Cameras to go on the Scout hut; Item 7- Bush lane sports field and Item 9 Bush Lane allotments,

In addition, Councillors Mrs. N Whalley & Mrs. D Dickinson declared a prejudicial interest in item 9, as tenants and Councillor J Atherton as a relative of the contractor. All should leave the room when this item is being discussed but it was allowed by the Chair for them not to leave the meeting but they weren't allowed to join the discussion.

**4) To read and approve the minutes of:-****a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025****b) The Planning meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

It was resolved that the above-mentioned minutes, previously circulated, be approved.

**5) To review the Clerk's report**

The content was noted

**6) Finance****a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk**

It was resolved to approve the accounts paid by the Clerk. See Appendix A

**b) Monthly budget statements**

The monthly budget statements were noted. See Appendix B

**c) To approve the replacement of 2 damaged cameras and 2 new cameras all with protective cages at a cost of £2,249.58**

It was resolved to purchase 2 replacement and 2 new cameras with protective cages.

**7) To consider a request from the Junior Football section to install a container next to the current one. (Self-funding).**

The request was approved.

Cllr. Threlfall reported that he was pleased to see the number of Junior football teams had increased in the last two years and this was a credit to the new Football committee. He was pleased that the Council was able to provide pitches for as many teams as possible.

**8) To receive an update on the Morgan & Morecambe Project**

Cllr K McKay gave an update stating 7th July saw the close of Deadline 3 for submissions to the ExA for the Morgan & Morecambe WF application, following the last Open Hearing on June 24<sup>th</sup> in Blackpool and completion of the escorted site inspections across the route that took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June. Further site visits are likely, as the ExA still have not looked at the alternative, but appear to be interested.

In parallel, work continues on a Statement of Common Ground that the ExA insisted that MM produce for Newton and Clifton & Freckleton PCs. The first draft was completed and we reviewed it jointly. They had limited the scope to cover (1) only those portions of the route within the two parishes (2) only the items that they thought they could make any progress on. We said that to understand the project, you needed the overall picture, as each bit influences every other bit. In addition, our KC, Angus Walker advised that they should show the areas of disagreement, even if there is no hope of our agreeing, as this provides a very clear picture of the differences. (Angus also says that will keep a number of them busy and away from other tasks which they probably need to focus on as well).

Via Fylde BC Planning, we are advised that the Applicant will be making test bores along the length of the proposed trenches and the sites of the substations. This is in response to a direct action from the ExA who were expecting at this stage to be able to see the detail geology of the route, so that a firmer base for costs could be established. This is not available, so the applicant has been instructed to get on with it – dates for this lie between August & October and landowners will have been notified.

The applicant is now proposing to horizontally direct drill under Kirkham Road and Hillock Lane, as opposed to trenching – to avoid road closures. Not sure about Lower Lane, but likely. This increases their costs again.

In parallel, there is much work going on in North Fylde to get Hillhouse site recognised as an Energy Centre for the North West. The site owners are keen to get the windfarms (all of them) on site there, and connected via Stanah or a replacement set of substations on that site which connect directly to the Grid connections. Better for us, much, much cheaper and provides significant development opportunities for the area, with green hydrogen production and sites for other opportunities, like replacing time expired wind turbine blades, many of which will run out of life before very long.

There is much more to this, with the possibility of mirroring the work that went on at Redcar to replace the closed British Steel steelworks there.

**9) To review the quotes for draining the Bush Lane allotments**

The clerk confirmed he had only received a verbal quote of £42k but nothing in writing from one contractor.

A revised quote of £29,600 has been received from the other contractor.

It was resolved to accept the quote of £29,600.

**10) To agree the date of the next meeting**

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Signed.....Mrs. C Thomas, Chairman.....

Date...01/09/25.....

**Appendix A**

		<b>Schedule of payments</b>		<b>June '25</b>			
			<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net of VAT</b>	
<b>Precept Account</b>							
02/06/2025	Salary & Expenses June 2025		BACS	£2,397.21		£2,397.21	
15/06/2025	Freeola - internet rental charge		D/D	£14.76	£2.46	£12.30	
02/06/2025	BT Internet		D/D	£50.20	£8.37	£41.83	
18/06/2025	Mrs. C Thomas - Chair allowance		D/P	£100.00		£100.00	
24/06/2025	Staples - Storage b	1	BACS	£42.77	£7.13	£35.64	
<b>Open Spaces</b>							
02/06/2025	J Rhodes - Grass cutting - Graveyard		BACS	£240.00	£40.00	£200.00	
02/06/2025	J Rhodes - Grass cutting		BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82	
02/06/2025	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50	
02/06/2025	D Wilson - Borders		BACS	£458.33		£458.33	
02/06/2025	D Wilson - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00	
02/06/2025	D Wilson - Clean AWS, Tidy wall & spray		BACS	£197.00		£197.00	
02/06/2025	T Garlick - Supply machinery to fix lights		BACS	£420.00	£70.00	£350.00	
02/06/2025	T Garlick - weed & feed Sports field		BACS	£120.00	£20.00	£100.00	
02/06/2025	Black Box - Annual service charge		BACS	£333.90	£55.65	£278.25	
10/06/2025	T threlfall - Repair to lights in car park		BACS	£262.00		£262.00	
11/06/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Storeroom		D/D	£27.68	£1.32	£26.36	
11/06/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Security Light		D/D	£13.72	£0.65	£13.07	
18/06/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Cenotaph		D/D	£14.38	£0.68	£13.70	
02/06/2025	B Disley - Reair leak in Scout hut		BACS	£78.00		£78.00	
09/06/2025	G Beesley - Anual gas service RC		BACS	£108.00	£18.00	£90.00	
06/06/2025	Woodys - Fence panels - RC		BACS	£249.60	£41.60	£208.00	
11/06/2025	Jim Cartmell - Baskets		BACS	£1,286.50		£1,286.50	
06/06/2025	Newgate - Summer plants		BACS	£5,163.66	£860.61	£4,303.05	
06/06/2025	Cumbria Clock - Repair to clock		BACS	£222.00	£37.00	£185.00	
02/06/2025	G Beesley - Call out to Boiler - RC		BACS	£120.00	£20.00	£100.00	
13/06/2025	Leaflet Delivery Uk - Print & Deliver Newsletter		BACS	£804.00	£134.00	£670.00	
16/06/2025	D Taylor - Refurbish bench		BACS	£230.00		£230.00	
24/06/2025	International Ltd - Club day security		BACS	£313.50		£313.50	
24/06/2025	D Taylor - repair to toilets & changing rooms - RC		BSCS	£80.00		£80.00	
25/06/2025	Road Safety Services - barriers & cones for Club day		BACS	£756.00	£126.00	£630.00	
13/06/2025	Portable toilet co - Toilets for club day		BACS	£2,646.00	£441.00	£2,205.00	
<b>Allotments</b>							
24/06/2025	Waterplus - water charges - Croft Butts		D/D	£29.52		£29.52	
24/06/2025	Waterplus - water Charges - Bush lane		D/D	£44.79		£44.79	
<b>Community Development Account</b>							
10/06/2025	FBC - donation for seats		BACS	£29.70		£29.70	
30/05/2025	NatWest - Interest		D/P	-£91.26		-£91.26	
16/06/2025	George Blackburn - Grant towards Playzone		Cheque	-£5,000.00		-£5,000.00	
18/06/2025	Mrs C Thomas - Donation to Food bank		BACS	£100.00		£100.00	
18/06/2025	Mrs C Thomas - Refund Chair Allowance		D/P	-£100.00		-£100.00	
<b>Total</b>				<b>£15,504.44</b>	<b>£2,213.63</b>	<b>£13,290.81</b>	

**Appendix B**

Precept Account June '25					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	June '25	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£30,341	£2,397	£7,244	£23,097	24%
Insurance	£6,000			£6,000	
Stationery & web-site rental	£1,100	£760	£982	£118	89%
Audit fee	£550		£140	£410	25%
Chair Allow	£100	£100	£100		100%
Training					
Civic functions	£750			£750	
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					
Section137	£700		£400	£300	57%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,946	£7,200	£14,050	34%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	£6,932	£10,537	£9,763	52%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£1,275	£3,825	25%
Hedge cutting	£6,600	£458	£1,403	£5,197	21%
Borders	£800			£800	
Maintaining Buildings	£7,000	£1,828	£2,737	£4,263	39%
Organisations	£9,229	£3,149	£7,278	£1,951	79%
Electric & rates	£5,200	£53	£2,295	£2,905	44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£115,220</b>	<b>£18,048</b>	<b>£41,591</b>	<b>£73,629</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Other Accounts June '25</b>					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments			£128	-£128	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,365	£118	£1,247	
Allotment - refurbishment	£34,160			£34,160	
Community Development	£7,507	£33,601	£27,153	£13,955	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£18,133			£18,133	
Open Spaces	£16,876			£16,876	
VAT		£1,729	£3,294	-£1,566	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£76,676</b>	<b>£36,695</b>	<b>£30,694</b>	<b>£82,677</b>	

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