

CROSTHWAITE AND LYTH PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are hereby summoned, and members of the public are invited to attend an Ordinary Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council to be held on **Monday 13 April 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room, Crosthwaite** for the purposes detailed in the following Agenda:

AGENDA

1. **Apologies:** To note any apologies received and the reasons for absence.
2. **Minutes:** To authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 02 March 2026 as a true record.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** To receive Declarations of Interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda (*Members are reminded that it is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting*).
4. **Requests for Dispensation:** The Clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
5. **Chair's Announcements:** To receive any announcements from the Chair.
6. **Public Participation:** Members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak, ask questions or raise matters of interest regarding items on this Agenda.
7. **Reports**
 - a) To receive reports from Councillors attending events or meetings not otherwise on the Agenda.
 - b) To receive a report on any relevant matters from the Westmorland and Furness Councillor.
 - c) To receive any relevant information from Cumbria Police.
8. **Planning**
 - a) **Applications Received:** To consider the following new planning applications received from LDNPA since the date of the last meeting:
 - i) **7/2025/5682 – Land at St Mary's Church, Mill Lane, Crosthwaite:** Retrospective permission for Change of Use of former agricultural land to community memorial forest & associated access improvements. Forwarded to Cllrs. 03/03/2026. Extension for comments requested.
 - ii) **7/2026/5153 – Starnthwaite Ghyll Weir, Starnthwaite LA8 8LP:** Demolition of partly collapsed weir. For information only – no provision for consultation.
 - iii) **7/2026/5152 – Land off Woodside Road, Crosthwaite:** Erection of self-build agricultural dwelling: variation of conditions on consent 7/2025/5331 relating to Conditions 2 (plans), 5 & 9 (materials). Forwarded to Cllrs 25/03/2025; responses by 22/04/2026.
 - iv) **7/2026/5143 - Flodder Hall, Lyth, LA8 8DG:** Discharge of net biodiversity gain condition on 7/2025/5283 (Erection of slurry tower). No provision for consultation – for information only.
 - b) **Applications Received since publishing the Agenda:** To be advised if applicable.
 - c) **Responses:** To note the following responses were submitted to LDNPA following consideration by the Parish Council
 - i) **7/2026/5038 – 1, Dodd's Howe, Crosthwaite, LA8 8HX:** Part demolition of existing building. Erection of two storey extension, including extending over part of existing dwelling. **Objection** submitted 03/03/2026 (See Item 8(d) below).
 - d) **Decisions:** To note decisions on planning applications notified by LDNPA since the last meeting: (ACON = Approved with Conditions):
7/2026/5038 – 1, Dodd's Howe, Crosthwaite, LA8 8HX: Part demolition of existing building etc: ACON 02/04/2026 (by Committee due to C&LPC Objection)
 - e) **Other planning matters** – To note the following:
 - i) **APP/Q9495/X/25/3376174 - Plum Tree Cottage, Lyth LA8 8DD: Appeal** against refusal of Change of Use of land to a garden. No update at time of writing.
 - ii) **Schedule of Other Developments:** (Schedule to be circulated).
9. **Highways and Footpaths**
 - a) To consider any matters not raised in the report from Westmorland & Furness Council.
 - b) Crosthwaite and Lyth Speed Reduction Project: To receive an update.
 - c) Public Transport: To note any subsequent developments (on the provision of a bus service etc).
10. **Trees, Woods, Hedges & Grass**
 - a) Trees and Woods:
 - i) Orchard, Jubilee Wood: To receive an update on the creation of a community orchard.

ii) Lyth Valley Damsons – community cooperative / Plum Sunday etc: To receive an update from Cllr. Harnby.

b) Hedges and Grass: To note the preparation of a Management Schedule.

11. Parish Land

a) Leases / Rents: To receive an update on the circulation of new leases and revised rents for Parish land with effect from 01 April 2026

b) Maintenance of Parish Assets including the Parish Room. Verbal Report.

c) Managing Assets: To receive an update on recent CALC training course.

12. Annual Litter Pick: To review the Annual Litter Pick 2026

13. Annual Parish Meeting: To confirm arrangements including date, venue, format and invitees.

14. Crosthwaite & Lyth Parish Council Strategic Plan:

a) To note the presentation of the draft Strategic Plan to the Annual Parish Meeting and public consultation.

15. Finance:

a) Receipts: To note there has been the following receipts (other than investment income) since the last meeting:

Rents received: £ 70.00

b) Receipts since publishing the agenda: To note any receipts since publishing the agenda.

c) Npower: To note the Npower payment for February 2026: £ 53.05

d) To approve the following payments made between meetings:

i) M R Curry - Salary and expenses March 2026: £ 478.37

ii) M R Richardson - Salary, overtime and expenses - quarter to March 2026: £ 794.90

e) To approve the following payments:

i. HMRC – PAYE and NIC on above salaries: £ 311.42

ii. H Young - Parish Room window cleaning: £ 12.00

f) To approve any payments due since publishing the agenda.

g) Financial Risk Assessment: To receive and approve the 2026/27 Financial Risk Assessment.

h) To note the bank balance at 31 March 2026 and authorise the Chair to counter-sign the bank statement.

16. Governance:

a) Assertion 10: To receive a report the implementation of the requirements of Assertion 10 (digital and data protection responsibilities).

b) Councillor vacancy: To note any updates on filling the current vacancy.

17. Correspondence: To note any other correspondence received and not included as part of an item on this Agenda and decide on any necessary action.

a) Updates from CALC and other Agencies previously circulated on various regional initiatives, training opportunities etc.

b) To consider any specific items of correspondence received not otherwise dealt with on this Agenda.

c) To note any correspondence received since publishing the Agenda.

18. To note any items 'For Information' – No decisions or action permitted

19. Councillor's issues to be Raised – No discussion to take place on these matters but will be placed on the next Agenda.

Date of the Next Meeting – To note that the next meeting would normally be held on Monday 04 May 2026 which is a bank holiday (Early May Bank Holiday) and to Agree an alternative date for the May meeting.

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