Scaleby Parish Council

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Chairman: Cllr Terry Moore

Minutes of Scaleby Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 July 2026 at 7.00pm in Scaleby Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. T Moore (Chair), Cllrs. S Brown, M Grant, G Little, L. Thompson. B. Waterman

Also Present: I. Blythe (Clerk/RFO)

29. Apologies for absence – received and accept apologies for absence from Cllrs. Hogg and Marsden and Cumberland Councillor J. Mallinson.

30 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING held on 19 May 2026 – authorised the chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meetings held on 19 May 2026.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION
Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 38.

32. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) -none

33. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (20 MINUTES ALLOWED) – none present

34. CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR REPORTS– none

35. POLICE MATTERS - none

36 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – dealt with by correspondence

37. FINANCE

a) Payments – authorised schedule of payments totalling £734.80

VN	Date	Payee	Purpose	Net £	VAT	Total £
14	1/6	Scribe	Accounts	15.00	3.00	18.00
16	27/6	HMRC	PAYE	63.20		63.20
17	27/6	I. Blythe	Salary June	279.20		279.20
15	30/6	Unity Bank	Charges	7.00		7.00
18	1/7	Scribe	Accounts	15:00	3.00	18:00
19	28/7	I. Blythe	Salary July	279.20		279.20
20	28/7	HMRC	PAYE	63.20		63.20
21	31/7	Unity Bank	Charges	7.00		7.00
22	21/7	DM Payroll	Payroll	66.00	13.20	79.20
23	21/7	B.Waterman	Printing	65.00		65.00

b) Monthly bank reconciliation– noted reconciled bank balances for May and June 2026.
c) noted bank interest received of £25.31 to Savings Account

38. Village Hall grant application – No budgetary provision had been made for this grant and it was considered under s.137 LGA 1972. The application was discussed at length and in reaching its decision, the Parish Council took account of the relative levels of reserves held by the two organisations, with the Village Hall's reserves being considerably greater than those available to the Parish Council. Given this

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position the Council concluded that a call upon its limited reserves would not be financially prudent at this time.

39. National Grid Upgrade – Cross Border Connection

- the importance of investing in an upgraded electricity infrastructure was fully recognised by the Parish Council as was the need to support the move to a more secure and resilient network.

- Councillors discussed concerns that had been expressed by residents over the increase in planning applications for solar and other commercial developments in the parish and across North Cumbria generally which would impact significantly on community and landscape. The cumulative impact of the proposed Cross Border infrastructure, the future demands of a Carlisle to Newcastle network upgrade and other commercial developments in the area raised concerns over the potential creation of an industrial corridor.

- As Parish Councils are identified as statutory parties for consultation in Government guidance the Clerk was instructed to write to Cumberland Council to seek detailed clarification on how the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) guidance for local authorities on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs), together with the Planning Inspectorate's guidance for local authorities was to be implemented; and specifically, how Scaleby Parish Council could be more closely involved. Action: Clerk

- The Clerk outlined an invitation from Westlinton Parish Council to join a North Cumbria Alliance of Parish Councils to enable councils to advocate as a single bloc with greater strength in response to the growing scale of energy, grid and associated industrial development facing communities. The invitation was unanimously accepted, and the Clerk was authorised to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the council.

40. Clerk's appraisal – Councillors present formed a Staffing Committee at the end of Council business and an appraisal was undertaken. It was resolved to increase the Clerk's hours to 28 p.m. on SCP 16.

41. Communications in the Parish - it was resolved to improve the regularity of communications, updating where appropriate; coordinating through the Clerk and using the channels identified in the supporting papers.

42. Himalayan Balsam - the Clerk outlined the appeal for volunteers and the reasons for tackling this aggressive and invasive plant which were fully noted.

43. Clerk and Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

- Community Led Plan

- Speed camera

44. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15 September 2026 in Scaleby Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk by 12 noon on 12 July 2026.