



Skelsmergh and Scalthwaiterigg Parish Council
Ordinary Meeting Minutes
29.01.2026 at Skelsmergh Community Hall

Present
Councillors
Clerk

Angela Brand-Barker, (ABB) Mick Crozier, (MC) Chris Loynes, (CL)
Ron Anderson (RA)

Minute no:

- 77/25 **Welcome and apologies.** John Chapman sent his apologies which were accepted. Chris Loynes chaired the meeting in his stead. Tim Maggs sent apologies after meeting had started.
- 78/25 **Declarations of Interest** Councillors were reminded of the need to update their Declarations of Interest
- 79/25 **Minutes of last Meeting.** The minutes of the meeting on 29 January 2026 were read and approved. Moved ABB, seconded CL
- 80/25 **Matters arising from the minutes.** None
- 81/25 **Formal announcements by Chair.**
The councillors recorded their best wishes for the chair's recovery.
- 82/25 **Finance.** The clerk presented the monthly finance statement which was approved by the council. Moved ABB, seconded MC. The year end carry forward will be £1218.46
- 83/25 **Assertion 10 Briefing (RA).** The council has a responsibility to comply with Assertion 10 (Data and IT Governance standards) Website is compliant and all councillors have .gov.uk email addresses which must be used for all council business and communications. Councillors having any difficulty can contact Active Council for support. Council needs to adopt IT policy;- MC will adapt CALC template for council's needs and bring to next meeting. Clerk will add accessibility statement to website. CL will access CALC GDPR training.
- 84/25 **Grant Applications.** Skelsmergh Toddler Group applied for funding for new equipment up to value of £500. The council approved this but will fund exact amount on receipt of invoice. Clerk will contact playgroup to facilitate this. Moved ABB, seconded MC
- 85/25 **Standing Items**
Community; Work on Judith's Wood is continuing. Two volunteer days were well attended by councillors, Kendal Conservation Volunteers and parishioners. Existing fencing and tree guards were removed and reused. There is still funding in the Woodland Grant for additional trees and signage.
Transport; A6 still subject to flooding near Garth Row turning. W&F council have done some work but it is ineffective. Parish Council will monitor.
- 86/25 **External Meetings.** Chris Loynes attended the Cumbria Nature Recovery Launch. CALC have provided a toolkit to enable councils to meet their statutory duties. CL will work through toolkit and pass findings to all councillors; it may be useful to set up separate workgroup to deal with any tasks identified. CALC are setting up support group and CL may be involved.
BIG Green Week is to be held May/June and CL is planning possible event at Holme House Farm
- 87/25 **Planning Applications.** Clerk received phone call from Mr Shepherd regarding a planning application he has made in regard to Coppice Howe, wishing to meet councillors and arrange a site visit. The application was only published on the afternoon of the pc meeting and was circulated to councillors for consideration. Councillors will report their response to clerk by 16 April
- 88/25 The vice-chair thanked everyone for their contributions and the meeting closed at 8.17pm

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Thursday 28 May 2026, 7pm in Skelsmergh Community Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting, The Annual General Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting of the parish council.

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Signed Chair..... Date.....