



Skelsmergh and Scalthwaiterigg Parish Council
Ordinary Meeting Minutes
28 May 2026 at Skelsmergh Community Hall

Present John Chapman, Chair, (JC)
Councillors Angela Brand-Barker, (ABB), Tim Maggs. (TM), Chris Loynes, (CL)
Clerk Ron Anderson

Minute no:

- 10/26 **Welcome and apologies.** Apologies, which were accepted, were received from Mike Crozier.
- 11/26 **Declarations of Interest** Councillors were reminded of the need to update their Declarations of Interest
- 12/26 **Minutes of last Meeting.** The minutes of the meeting on 26 March 2026 were read and approved. Moved ABB, seconded CL
- 13/26 **Matters arising from the minutes.**
- 14/26 **Formal announcements by Chair.** The chair formally acknowledged and praised the work done by Lynda Barron as the parish auditor. The chair proposed a suitable token of thanks be purchased by the clerk to show the appreciation and thanks of the council. All agreed.
- 15/26 **Finance report.** The clerk present the monthly finance report which was accepted by the council. Moved ABB, seconded TM.
The results of the annual internal audit were presented showing a gross annual income of £8148.67 and gross annual outgoings of £6437.61
The annual governance statement was presented and signed by the chair and clerk. The year end accounting statement showing a carry forward of £1711.61 was approved, moved CL, seconded TM. The Certificate of exemption was signed by chair and clerk and the dates for the exercise of public rights set as 1st – 30th July 2026.
- 16/26 **Grant Applications.** The management committee of Skelsmergh Community Hall submitted a request of £1500 towards the cost of a new mower and installation of an external power point. While generally in favour of approval the council would like to see estimates and a breakdown of actual costs. Clerk will write to Hall finance officer for further details.
- 17/26 **Standing Items**
Community: Chris Loynes presented the final report on the Judith's Wood development. The full report can be found on the parish website. Chris will present the report to the Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) workbook launch, and it will be incorporated into the workbook that CALC are producing to aid councils in implementing the Cumbria Nature Recovery Plan. Chris is to be a Biodiversity ambassador and suggested the council set up an ad hoc work group to feed into the CALC workbook. All councillors agreed to take part when available and as needed.
Highways and Footpaths. Further damage to Laverock Bridge has been reported. The council will draft a response to include repairs and future protection.
- 18/26 **Communications.** Mick Crozier has produced a draft IT policy for the council. Moved to adopt ABB, seconded CL
External Meetings. Chair attended Integrated Transport Hub Forum. The presentation was not helpful but work groups produced some common themes; notably the need for a flexible approach to public transport in rural areas. The Pick Up scheme in Ulverston was cited as good practice

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19/26 **Planning Applications.** A further application for the development at Dodding Holme has been received. The details of the new application are still covered by the council's previous response.

20/26 The chair thanked everyone for their contributions and the meeting closed at 9.05pm

The next meeting of the parish council will be on **Thursday 6th August**, 7pm in Skelsmergh Community Hall. This is a change of date previously published due to councillor availability.

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