

# WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of **WALTON PARISH COUNCIL** that will be held at the Village Hall, Walton on **TUESDAY, 11 November 2025 at 7.00 pm**. The Public and Press are invited to attend.

*Ian Blythe*

Clerk

## AGENDA

**50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – To receive and accept apologies for absence.

**51. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS held on 2 September 2025** – to authorise the chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meetings held on 2 September 2025.

### **52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

1. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests
2. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
3. To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature.  
(Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the meeting for the relevant items)
4. To make any requests for dispensation

**53. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)** To decide whether there are any items of business which require exclusion of the press and public

**54. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (20 MINUTES ALLOWED)** - this agenda item enables Parish Councillors to hear the views, comments and/or complaints from the public. The Parish Councillors can respond. However (unless the items are already on the agenda) no council decisions can be taken at this meeting but, if appropriate, the matters can be put onto a future agenda for decision. Comments limited to 5 minutes per person.

**55. CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**– to receive items for information (items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting subject to agreement by the council.)

### **56. POLICE MATTERS**

- a. to receive an update from the Clerk following a meeting with the Neighbourhood Policing team.
- b. to resolve whether to submit any matters to the Local Focus Hub

**57. PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - You may view the details on the Planning Authority website (Cumberland.gov.uk) where parishioners can submit their own observations directly

- a. To note the following applications that were delegated to the Clerk following consultation with councillors and the comments below made online.

<b>CA13/44: Application to deregister land wrongly registered as common land. CL 482 Knorran Fell, Walton Mill.</b>
Comment: No observations
<b>CA13/42: Application to deregister land wrongly registered as common land. CL 27 Walton Moss and Little Moss.</b>
Comment: Walton Parish Council wish to make the following observations in objection.  Application form CA13/42 refers: Box 5 (Rider 1 attachment) states ‘ all the tests are satisfied’ for de-registration.  This is disputed for the following reasons,  Box 5 - para 3.4.1 states there were no rights of common held prior to 10 November 1967. Registration of Common Land was driven by the Commons Registration Act 1965. This process began in earnest in January 1967 and was governed by the 1965 Act which set deadlines for applications, and establishing how applications for registration should be made and processed. To be registered land must have been subject to <b>existing rights of common</b> , such as the right for individuals to graze animals. Individuals claiming such rights were required to produce documentation which had to include a plan of the common land and other documents to verify their claim and prove compliance with any prescribed conditions. This was validated and confirmed to be accurate and correct by the Local Authority at that time. Therefore, in verifying the Rights of Common listed in the Register of Common Land ( Provisional Edition published 1956) the Local Authority provided confirmation of rights of common prior to November 1967.  Furthermore it is believed that there are residents in the Parish of Walton who still hold rights of common, or have succeeded to them.  Box 5 – para 3.4.1 a, and b, make assumptions regarding enclosure of the land in question. In reality, it is the enclosure of adjacent parcels of land that lead to the assumption that the parcel in question was enclosed – it became enclosed as a consequence. De-registering common land should not be on the basis of assumptions.  Also, and as a consequence of a successful application to build a large solar farm nearby, should this application be successful it is requested that restrictions are placed on the use of the land in question to avoid any negative impact on the environment, nature and/or landscape and for the protection of wildlife habitats in the area generally.

## 58. FINANCE

### a) Payments – to authorise schedule of payments totalling £2178.99

VN	Inv. Date	Payee	Ref/Inv no.	Purpose	Amount £	VAT inc.£	Net Amt. £
Already Paid £776.24							
48	7/9/25	One.Com	42035894	Website Hosting & Domain	116.24	19.37	96.87
49	20/9/25	Green Team	000011	Grass cutting	660.00	110.00	550.00
To authorise £1402.75							
52	28/9/25	Walton Village Hall	101023	Room hire	25.00	-	-
58	8/7/25	Brian Hogg	Screwfix	Replacement locks N/board	11.69	1.95	9.74
53	8/10/25	Green Team	0000102	Grass cutting	330.00	55.00	275.00
54	30/9/25	Ian Blythe	-	Salary/WFH Sept.	230.13	-	-
55	31/10/25	Ian Blythe	-	Salary/WFH Oct.	230.33	-	-
56	30/9/25	HMRC	-	PAYE/NI Sept	51.20	-	-
57	31/10/15	HMRC	-	PAYE/NI Oct	51.00	-	-
59	11/11/25	Ian Blythe	Travel claim	Clerk's duties	23.40		
62	31/10/25	James England-GIS Solutions	000316	Tree Survey	450.00		

- b) To note direct payments for Unity Trust Bank Charges and Scribe accounts for months Sept. and Oct. 2025
- c) Monthly reconciliation for Sept. and Oct. 2025 – to note reconciled bank balances. Signed copies held on file.
- d) Website renewal subscription – to note payment of annual website domain subscription.
- e) Defibrillator – to resolve whether to include a replacement cost in 2026/27 budget
- f) Standing Orders – to authorise setting up the following standing orders

Purpose	Payee	Regularity	Amount
Salary	Ian Blythe	Monthly	£230.00
PAYE	HMRC	Monthly	£51.00

**59. Budget 2026 -27.**

- a. To agree the budget headings and figures for 2026-27.
- b. To note the revised forecast of outturn and updated budget for 2025-26
- c. To resolve to levy a precept on Cumberland Council for 2026-27 and agree the amount.

**60. Tree survey – verbal update from Clerk.**

**61 Water run-off/drainage on Village Green – to receive a verbal update from the Clerk.**

**62. Update from representatives on Village Hall Management Committee – verbal update.**

- a) Insurance position - Clerk

**63. Flagpole - a) update from Clerk on previous Council involvement.**

- b) **to resolve** the request from the Village Hall Management Committee to transfer responsibility for the Flagpole to the Parish Council.

**64. Encouraging new councillors – to resolve actions to take in encouraging new councillors.** Cllr. W. Weaver.

**65. Membership of Open Spaces Society – to resolve whether the Council should register with and join the Open Spaces Society.** Cllr. B. Hogg.

**66. Clerk and Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

**67. Date of next meeting:**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on:**

**Tuesday 13 January 2026 in Walton Village Hall at 7.00pm.**

Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk by 12 noon on 5 January 2026.