

Torver Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the Schoolroom

On Thursday 1st May 2025.

Present:

Chair: Cllr P Worth

Deputy Chair: Cllr C Bradley

Councillors: M Feather, V Kay, T Stergiakis

Clerk: C Sargeant

Members of the public: C Barr, E Hadwin, Hadwin

Minute Number	
050/25	Election of Chair for 2025-2026: Councillor Peter Worth was proposed by CB, seconded by MF, and agreed unanimously.
051/25	Election of Deputy Chair for 2025-2026: Councillor Chris Bradley was proposed by MF, seconded by TS, and agreed unanimously.
052/25	Apologies: County Councillor Suzanne Pender sent her apologies and hoped to be at the next meeting.
053/25	Minutes of the Meeting on 6th March 2025: Resolved: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 th January 2025 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair P Worth and D. Chair C Bradley.
054/25	Requests for Dispensation: None declared.
055/25	Declaration of interests in respect of Agenda items: None declared.
056/25	Public Participation:
057/25	Planning: 1.Application 7/2024/5732 The Priestley Centre – No decision from LDNPA yet. However, CBa pointed out that the Report from the Head of Development Management to the Development Control Committee makes at 4.4 reference to:

	"The following Torver Neighbourhood Plan policies are relevant to this application:..." and challenged that there was such a document. The clerk is to investigate. 2.Application 7/2025/5211 Land at Torver LA21 8BS New agricultural storage building Notice of Intention (Agricultural Q6g - councillors noted that this was a Notice of Intention but wished at the earliest opportunity to register objections to such a development. The proposed agricultural storage building is not best placed in the location intended; it is visible from the highway when it could be hidden by a close re-siting; it would be a distraction on the landscape if permitted without adjustment. 3.Application 7/2025/5171 Hoathwaite Farm Caravan Park, Torver, LA21 8AX Installation of access track – councillors raised no objections. 4.Application RC/2025/0011 Wilson Arms, Torver, Coniston, LA21 8BB 60-day temporary recreational campsite – councillors recognised the nature of this and raised no objections.
058/25	Financial matters: It was agreed unanimously to authorise payments to: (i)Information Commissioner's Office - £50.00 (ii) Haverigg Enterprises (noticeboard) - £86.34 (iii)Zurich (insurance) - £485.08 PW said the Annual Audit had been put into the hands of Fiona Ebbs for examination.
059/25	Village Green: TS handed CBr a photographic record of Silver Jubilee event held on the green. CBr still working on Torver video. CBa asked about grass cutting. PW to speak to Fran Mayvers.
060/25	Coniston Medical Practice: The clerk had directed councillors to the ICB online and gave the Meeting a verbal update. CBa requested that the report be published on Nobbut and asked for more information of the role CHOC might play. The clerk to act.
061/25	Torver Plan: CBa said the fallen tree blocking Scar Lane had been cleared to allow passage. The clerk had reported to Highways the standing water problem caused by blocked drains on the A593 entering the village from the north. CBa said Highways had conducted some repairs to potholes around Crook Corner and Scar Lane. Councillors acknowledged with thanks the work done by Matthew Mayvers and others to keep the village tidy.

062/25	Noticeboard: The clerk reported notice from Haverigg of a delay in the making of the noticeboard and said an application had been submitted to Coniston 14 for a grant to cover the costs of the noticeboard.
063/25	VE Day: PW reported that Chris and Isaac Barr would hang bunting around the centre of the village, that the Wilson Arms was organising a party, that the Hawkshead Wind Band would be playing from 6pm, and that flyers were to be distributed.
064/25	BT Phone Box: The clerk had contacted BT to register the village's interest in keeping the box in place for community use and said BT had acknowledged the request and would respond at the appropriate time.
065/25	Correspondence – circulated to councillors as it arrived and included in discussions above. CBa requested a fuller summary. From CALC: 01.05 Town & Parish Council Neighbourhood Pledge Meeting 01.05 VE DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS 29.04 Sandylands Park KENDAL Pop-up pump tracks 3rd & 4th May 28.04 Second Homes 25.04 W&F Waste Services & Engagement Framework - 24th of April 25.04 Next County Volunteering Network Meeting Wednesday 7th May 24.04 Martyn's Law 23.04 Launch of Public Appointments Recruitment Campaign 17.04 Post Office - Directly Managed Branch Update 13.04 Partnership Press - Spring 2025 11.04 Practitioners Guide, Audit Return Reminder & Data Protection! 10.04 LDNPA letter -Cumbria Strategic Visitor Management Group 10.04 Update from LDNPA - Second Homes & Short Term Lets 09.04 Parish member elections for the South Distinctive Area 07.04 Cumbria in Bloom 03.04 Simpler Recycling waste duties 03.04 CALC/NALC Subscription for 2025/2026 03.04 CALC News From NALC: 01.05 Chief executive's bulletin 28.04 Jobs newsletter

	22.04 Events newsletter From W&F Council: 25.04 Weekly News: Marina Village update £500k for Roxy building Discounted homes for Sale 17.04 Weekly News: Opening hours for Easter weekend Almost 98% of children secure place at first choice primary school. 11.04 Weekly News: Council submits devolution consultation response Opening hours for Easter weekend Support Summer Reading Challenge 04.04 Weekly News: Council's blitz on back street litter issues Increased digital connectivity funding Devolution consultation
066/25	Councillor Matters: a. VK drew attention to possibility of dead ash trees on the A593 to Broughton. MF urged a delay in action to allow for the lateness of leaves appearing on ash. b. CBa requested the removal of plastic protectors from newly planted trees. CBr to collect. c. MF asked if it was possible to have happy-face speed cameras through the village. The clerk to investigate.
067/25	Resignation: Councillor Valerie Kay had sent her resignation to the Chair. Acceptance was proposed by PW, seconded by CBr, and agreed with regret by councillors. PW thanked VK for all her work and on behalf of the council presented VK with a bouquet of flowers.
068/25	Date of Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd July 2025 at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom.
069/25	Closure: The Chair closed the meeting at 8.48pm.

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