

## Torver Parish Council

Minutes and Actions of Torver Parish Council

Meeting held at Torver Schoolroom, Torver,

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr P Worth

Deputy Chair: Cllr C Bradley

Councillors: Cllrs M Feather and T Stergiakis

Clerk: C Sargeant

Members of the public: (J Barr snr, J Barr jnr, B Lewis, M Lewis)

| Minute Number |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Action By |
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| 096/25        | <b>Public participation:</b><br>1. Westmorland and Furness Cllr S Pender had sent the following emails:<br>10/08 Correspondence with United Utilities re- frequency of emergency works disruption.<br>18/08 M6 Lune Gorge Scheme – upcoming works and diversion routes.<br>22/08 Proposed Public Rights of Way Closure Annual Grizedale Stages Rally (06/12/25).<br>24/08 Local Surgeries.<br>31/08 Slower trains through Grange-over-Sands<br><br>2. Representation from members of the public: all were content to follow the Agenda and contribute to discussion where their interests were. |           |
| 097/25        | <b>Apologies:</b><br>All present.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |           |
| 098/25        | <b>Requests for Dispensation:</b><br>None declared.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |           |
| 099/25        | <b>Declaration of interests in respect of Agenda items:</b><br>None declared.<br>To satisfy a letter (20 <sup>th</sup> August) from W&F claiming Councillor Stergiakis's 'Declaration of Interests' had not been received, TS completed a new form for the clerk to submit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |           |
| 100/25        | <b>Minutes of the Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025:</b><br>Resolved: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2025 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair P Worth and Seconded by Cllr C Bradley.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |           |

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| 101/25 | <p><b>Matters Arising from Minutes:</b></p> <p>1.Flooding: The meeting was told that a resident had suggested drafting a plan of correction to send to the Environment Agency. CB had walked the area with a resident who thought both the EA and Natural England would take a negative view of human intervention by reinstating the height of the dam next to Bull Haw Moss Beck, instead they would likely prioritise nature. CB thought an alternative approach that sought permission to build-up the earthen barrier to protect wildlife and preserve the habitat in that area might be acceptable to those authorities. JBSnr questioned the threat to properties in the village, claiming that in his lifetime only the house of the Chair (PW) had suffered; he said the threat to Green Cottages only occurred when water came across Green Meadow; he thought surface water was not reaching the culvert because of the barrier created by new build; and he emphasised the need to keep the drains clear. CB is to talk to a resident with experience of working with the Rivers Trust.</p> <p>2.New Noticeboard: the clerk is waiting to hear from Haverigg. Councillors decided to keep the order open and reconsider it at the TPC Meeting scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025.</p> <p>3.Speed Indicators: the acquisition of two solar-powered speed indicators is ongoing. The clerk drew attention to the presence of indicators in Haws Bank, below the Catholic Church, on the A593, and thought an approach to Coniston Parish Council would be informative.</p> <p>4.Village Green: the maintenance of the village green to the left of the road leaving the A593 has yet to be resolved. The provision of fuel or a fuel donation for the mower used to cut the village green and verges, and a payment for the cleaning of the bus shelters, was held over to the next meeting.</p> <p>5.BT phone box (on the A593 to the west of The Church House): a letter from BT on the 28<sup>th</sup> August said that arrangements have been made for an engineer to visit to remove all the of the telephony equipment, and that once this has been confirmed and all of our systems have been updated, a completion notice will be sent. The clerk will contact Zurich to update the insurance cover.</p> <p>6.Coniston Medical Practice: from the 1<sup>st</sup> of August the new management has taken over and will operate for 6 months</p> |  |
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|        | <p>to allow time for permanent arrangements (doctors, practice manager, support staff, building, etc.) to be made. Currently there is no pharmacy, and prescriptions have to be sent or collected from Hawkshead and Ambleside. Concern about the future of the Coniston Carers scheme has been raised, and an AGM has been scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the Coniston Institute.</p> <p>7. SP Electricity North West: Annabel Hall requested (19<sup>th</sup> August) to attend TPC meeting in November. Councillors agreed; clerk to confirm.</p> <p>8. Parking Issues: the attention of the council had been drawn to parking issues in Butcher Moss. Councillors resolved to take no immediate action and to reconsider the matter at its next meeting.</p>                                                              |                                                                    |      |         |       |                   |                                                 |       |    |                       |       |     |                          |       |        |                                                                    |       |     |                                    |       |                 |                         |       |              |                                                       |  |
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| 102/25 | <p><b>Planning:</b><br/>Councillors considered planning application 7/2025/5436 Land adjacent to Walna Scar View LA21 8BF – three two storey terraced local needs houses. JBSnr, the applicant, explained that the houses were to be for sale or rent for local occupancy. Councillors unanimously supported the application and instructed the clerk to submit ‘no objections.’</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                    |      |         |       |                   |                                                 |       |    |                       |       |     |                          |       |        |                                                                    |       |     |                                    |       |                 |                         |       |              |                                                       |  |
| 103/25 | <p><b>Financial Matters:</b><br/>The following payments were authorised:<br/>To Fiona Ebbs for Annual Audit £50.<br/>To clerk reimbursement for purchase of software for TPC computer £142.13p</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                    |      |         |       |                   |                                                 |       |    |                       |       |     |                          |       |        |                                                                    |       |     |                                    |       |                 |                         |       |              |                                                       |  |
| 104/25 | <p><b>Councillor vacancy:</b><br/>None has come forward. Advertising to be renewed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                    |      |         |       |                   |                                                 |       |    |                       |       |     |                          |       |        |                                                                    |       |     |                                    |       |                 |                         |       |              |                                                       |  |
| 105/25 | <p><b>Correspondence:</b><br/>1. Published through ‘Nobbut’:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th><th>From</th><th>Subject</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>04/09</td><td>Electrical Safety</td><td>Community Grants for electrical safety projects</td></tr> <tr> <td>28/08</td><td>BT</td><td>Purchase of phone box</td></tr> <tr> <td>28/08</td><td>TPC</td><td>Agenda for Meeting 04/09</td></tr> <tr> <td>28/08</td><td>GOV.UK</td><td>National flood risk standing advice for local planning authorities</td></tr> <tr> <td>23/08</td><td>W&amp;F</td><td>Annual Grizedale Stages Rally info</td></tr> <tr> <td>22/08</td><td>Kofi Broadhurst</td><td>PhD Research in Cumbria</td></tr> <tr> <td>21/08</td><td>Kay Shepherd</td><td>The Thank You Event 23<sup>rd</sup> October Coniston</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | Date                                                               | From | Subject | 04/09 | Electrical Safety | Community Grants for electrical safety projects | 28/08 | BT | Purchase of phone box | 28/08 | TPC | Agenda for Meeting 04/09 | 28/08 | GOV.UK | National flood risk standing advice for local planning authorities | 23/08 | W&F | Annual Grizedale Stages Rally info | 22/08 | Kofi Broadhurst | PhD Research in Cumbria | 21/08 | Kay Shepherd | The Thank You Event 23 <sup>rd</sup> October Coniston |  |
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| 04/09  | Electrical Safety                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Community Grants for electrical safety projects                    |      |         |       |                   |                                                 |       |    |                       |       |     |                          |       |        |                                                                    |       |     |                                    |       |                 |                         |       |              |                                                       |  |
| 28/08  | BT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Purchase of phone box                                              |      |         |       |                   |                                                 |       |    |                       |       |     |                          |       |        |                                                                    |       |     |                                    |       |                 |                         |       |              |                                                       |  |
| 28/08  | TPC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Agenda for Meeting 04/09                                           |      |         |       |                   |                                                 |       |    |                       |       |     |                          |       |        |                                                                    |       |     |                                    |       |                 |                         |       |              |                                                       |  |
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| 23/08  | W&F                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Annual Grizedale Stages Rally info                                 |      |         |       |                   |                                                 |       |    |                       |       |     |                          |       |        |                                                                    |       |     |                                    |       |                 |                         |       |              |                                                       |  |
| 22/08  | Kofi Broadhurst                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | PhD Research in Cumbria                                            |      |         |       |                   |                                                 |       |    |                       |       |     |                          |       |        |                                                                    |       |     |                                    |       |                 |                         |       |              |                                                       |  |
| 21/08  | Kay Shepherd                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | The Thank You Event 23 <sup>rd</sup> October Coniston              |      |         |       |                   |                                                 |       |    |                       |       |     |                          |       |        |                                                                    |       |     |                                    |       |                 |                         |       |              |                                                       |  |

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|                                                                      | 11/08                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | W&F                       | Temporary road closure A593 Torver to Broughton                           |  |
|                                                                      | 05/08                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | TPC                       | Draft Minutes 31/07/2025                                                  |  |
|                                                                      | 05/08                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | SL Citizens Advice        | Help in reducing council tax                                              |  |
|                                                                      | 01/08                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | TPC                       | Flooding Strategy                                                         |  |
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|                                                                      | 2. From Cllr Suzanne Pender (see 096/25 above).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                           |                                                                           |  |
|                                                                      | 3. Forwarded to Councillors:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                           |                                                                           |  |
|                                                                      | 22/08                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | NALC/ACRE                 | Survey to help parish and town councils strengthen their flood resilience |  |
|                                                                      | 21/08                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Paul Devlin               | Butcher Moss parking                                                      |  |
|                                                                      | 19/08                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | W&F                       | Butcher Moss parking                                                      |  |
|                                                                      | 19/08                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | SP Electricity North West | Annabel Hall request to attend TPC meeting in Nov.                        |  |
|                                                                      | 19/08                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | LDNPA                     | Relaxation of Coniston Water byelaws for Records Week 2-6 Nov.            |  |
|                                                                      | 15/08                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Fiona Ebbs                | Invoice for Audit 2025                                                    |  |
|                                                                      | 07/08                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Carole Barr               | Amendments to Draft Minutes                                               |  |
|                                                                      | 04/08                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Environment Agency        | Flood History Report                                                      |  |
|                                                                      | 01/08                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Zurich                    | Payment Receipt                                                           |  |
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| 4. Other:                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                           |                                                                           |  |
| a. CALC notices received and forwarded to councillors when relevant. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                           |                                                                           |  |
| b. NALC Chief Executive's weekly bulletin.                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                           |                                                                           |  |
| c. RSN weekly news.                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                           |                                                                           |  |
| 106/25                                                               | <b>Councillor Matters:</b><br>MF raised issues about the need for the white lining at Crook Corner to be re-done, the ongoing blocked drainage on the A593 between the Corner and the church, and the consequent subsidence damage to the roadside walls on that stretch. The clerk to investigate and report. |                           |                                                                           |  |
| 107/25                                                               | <b>Date of Next Meeting:</b><br>The next meeting of Torver Parish Council will be held on Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom.                                                                                                                                                  |                           |                                                                           |  |
| 108/25                                                               | <b>Closure:</b><br>The Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                           |                                                                           |  |

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