

Torver Parish Council

Minutes and Actions of Torver Parish Council

Meeting held in the Schoolroom, Torver,

On Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 7.30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr C Bradley

Deputy Chair: Cllr T Stergiakis

Councillors: Cllrs M Feather, T Stergiakis, and J Ward.

Clerk: C Sargeant

Members of the public: 4 (R Graham, Mr & Mrs E Hadwin, and Annabel Hall: Project Manager SP Electricity North West).

Minute Number		Action By
001/26	Public participation: 1. Annabel Hall, Project Manager, Scottish Power Electricity North West spoke of work to be conducted on the A593 from Ambleside to Coniston and Torver and on the A5084 from Torver going south, between 2026 and 2029. AH said SP ENW maintains the electrical infrastructure across the north west of England, and as part of a major programme of works to increase the resilience of the electricity supply to Coniston and the surrounding area, it has three schemes of work due to commence later this year. Due to the nature of the works, there will be significant highway interruptions and where possible, SP ENW would like to collaborate with local communities to ensure the works cause as minimal intrusion as possible to village life. The clerk was instructed to provide AH with details of local media for publicity opportunities. 2. Rick Graham, having submitted a report updating his initial thoughts and recommendations regarding the threat of flooding in Torver, discussed with councillors possible flood prevention and improvement work. The clerk was instructed to draw RG's work to the attention of the EA, the Rivers Trust, UU, and W&F Highways. The Chair thanked RG for all he had done and was doing. 3. Eric Hadwin addressed the issue of parking opposite the garage on the A5084. He stated emphatically that as far as the business was concerned nothing had changed.	CLERK CLERK

002/26	Apologies: All present.	
003/26	Requests for Dispensation: None declared.	
004/26	Declaration of interests in respect of Agenda items: None declared.	
005/26	Minutes of the Meeting on 6th November 2025: Resolved: The Minutes of the Meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair C Bradley and Seconded by Cllr T Stergiakis.	
006/26	Matters Arising from Minutes: To start the new year, the clerk had listed the issues from 2025 that still needed the council's attention, including: 1.Community Governance Review: CB drew the council's attention to the W&F draft recommendations, saying: "Torver has not responded to the consultation. However, if the amalgamation of Coniston and Skelwith, and of Blawith & Subberthwaite and Lowick were to go ahead, Torver would stand out as being a small separate parish between two larger amalgamated parish areas. This may not be in the best interests of the parish, and a local ward member has suggested potentially including Torver in the combined new parish within the Draft Recommendations to allow local people and the parish councils to fully consider the options. Draft Recommendations: (1) Merge Coniston and Skelwith and Torver into a single parish council, served by three parish wards: Coniston (5 councillors), Skelwith (2 councillors) and Torver (2 councillors). (2) Name the new parish council Coniston, Skelwith & Torver. The future public consultation on the draft recommendations will provide an opportunity for parishioners and the parish council to either support or reject this option." In discussion councillors expressed concern about Torver losing its power under a Coniston dominated arrangement. The clerk was instructed to contact Skelwith to gauge its approach to the draft recommendations. 2. Coniston Medical Practice: the Clerk reported that the following update had appeared on Facebook (Coniston Village News) and would be published in the February edition of the Coniston and Crake Valley News: "The ICB has advertised for the new GP services with an initial 10	CLERK

	year contract beginning 15 June 2026. At first the practice will be based in the existing premises while negotiations continue to find a new improved site. A representative from the Patient Group will be included on the panel that scrutinises the applications.” The Clerk added that fuller details were available on the GOV.UK website under Primary Care Services to be delivered to Coniston Medical Practice. 3.SP Electricity North West: see 001/26:1 above. 4.Flood Risk: see 001/26: 2 above. 5.Parking Issues opposite Hadwin’ Garage: see 001/26:3 above. 6.Torver Water Treatment Works: the clerk was instructed to ask W&F for a copy of a report published this month. 7.All other issues were held over to the next meeting.	CLERK
115/25	Planning: No new planning applications for Torver.	
116/25	Financial Matters: Two payments were approved: a.Room hire £128.00 b.Reimbursement of clerk for payment to Chris Murphy £48.00	
117/25	Councillor vacancy: Unresolved.	
118/25	Correspondence: 1. Incorporated into Minutes 2. Published through ‘Nobbut’: 3. Regular circulars from NALC and CALC 4. Regular circulars from W&F 5. Regular circulars from LDNPA 6. From Coniston PC – papers for Meetings 7. A long comprehensive list is published separately.	
119/25	Councillor Matters: It was agreed unanimously that TS will function as Deputy Chair.	
120/25	Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of Torver Parish Council will be held on Thursday 5th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom.	
121/25	Closure:	

	The Chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm.	
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