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Planning and General Purposes Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 9th February 2026 at 6.45pm

Present:

Cllr Curley (Chair)
Cllr Connell
Cllr Davidson
Cllr Hilsden
Cllr Railton

Also in attendance:

Cllr Anderton
Cllr Chalmers
Cllr Heap
Cllr Rooke
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant

P1/02/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Turnbull.

P2/02/26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Railton and Cllr Connell both declared an interest in matters relating to Holme Farm Bridge as they are Trustees of St Anne's.

P3/02/26 Actions from the Previous Minutes

- **Update on Lune Valley Bridge works/J38 Closure**

The Stakeholder meeting the Clerk was due to attend in Tebay last week was cancelled, because an amended proposal in relation to the slip roads had been submitted by the "Keep Junction 38 Open" campaign group. The online petition setup by the group had also been taken to Downing Street.

- **Update on closure of Holme Farm Bridge**

An email update from St Anne's trustees stated that the bridge was likely to be closed for a least two years, while they work with Westmorland & Furness Council and the Environment Agency to work out the best course of action. Cllr Connell advised he was not aware of this update, but is due to attend a Trustee meeting and will provide an update when known.

- **Cumbria in Bloom Working Group**

It was agreed to defer Appleby's Cumbria in Bloom application to 2027.

- **Pump Track Working Group**

A provisional quote and plan have been received, so the working group know how much needs to be raised. There were lots of positive responses to the online consultation (192 responses were received with only 3 saying they didn't want a pump track in Appleby).

P4/02/26 Planning Applications

Under Westmorland and Furness Council's consultation process, to consider the following Planning Applications, plus any late arrivals, to prepare, under delegated authority, a response from Council:

2025/2419/TPO No comments **26 and 30 Castle View Road, CA16 6HH** Works to tree subject to Tree Preservation	

Order No 72: T16 Ash - reduction of the over-extended lateral limb back to a suitable secondary growth point at the property boundary. T17 Sycamore - crown raise involving the selective removal of lower secondary and tertiary branches only. *Applicant: Mr Robert Smith*	

P5/02/26 Planning Decisions

Under Westmorland and Furness Council's consultation process, to note the following Planning Decisions:

2025/2398/DISC Discharge of Conditions **Appleby Grammar School, Battlebarrow, CA16 6XU** Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 12 (Community Use Scheme), attached to approval 2025/0701/FPA. *Applicant: Morgan Sindall and The Department for Education*	2025/0144/FPA Approved with Conditions **Appleby War Memorial Swimming Pool, Chapel Street, CA16 6QR** Replacement of existing curved roof to include additional insulation, replacement of existing main entrance, escape doors and windows to swimming pool, and installation of solar array to roof. *Applicant: Westmorland & Furness Council*
2025/0951/LBC Withdrawn **Red House Cottage, High Wiend, CA16 6RD** Listed Building Consent for the removal of existing sandstone wall, extension of parking area and associated works. *Applicant: Mr F Potts*	2025/1595/TCA Not Progressed **28 Castle View Road, CA16 6HH** Reduction and crowning of two trees infringing on property *Applicant: Mr Nicholas Barnes*
2025/0068/TPO TPO Approved **Hycup House, Station Road, CA16 6TX** Various tree works to various trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders (Felling and removing deadwood.) *Applicant: Mrs Parkin*	2025/1863/HOU Approved with Conditions **21 Drawbriggs Court, CA16 6JA** Retrospective application for the construction of a gabion wall and associated works. *Applicant: Mr Mark Carruthers*

In November it was reported that Westmorland & Furness Council had issued Section 215 notices to the owner of No. 1 and Nos. 7-9 High Wiend. The notices requested that work was carried out to repair the west gable wall and repair the flues of No.1, and repair the roof, chimney stack and wall of Nos. 7-9. The Clerk reported that the deadline for compliance has now passed and as no work has been carried out, the matter has been passed onto W&F's legal team.

P6/02/26 Road closures and parking

There have been a number of issues with Fibrus over the past few weeks, as they have been advertising numerous road closures throughout the town, but then the work doesn't take place. Cllr Connell confirmed that as they are a utility company, Westmorland & Furness have limited powers. The Clerk has made a complaint to Fibrus, but has not received a response as yet.

Cllr Railton asked about the damaged kerbstones on Boroughgate. The Clerk reported that Westmorland & Furness Council were aware of this damage and had said they would carry out repairs and then sort it with whichever utility company had caused the damage.

The contractors working on the leisure centre improvements have set up their compound in the car park, which has meant the loss of 14 car parking spaces. This work is due to be finished in July.

A number of complaints have been received by residents about Station Road, as more double yellow lines have recently been installed from the end of the new double yellow lines on the corners of the junction with Battlebarrow, to join up with the double yellow lines further up. These have been reported to Westmorland & Furness highways officer.

P7/02/26 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- Cllr Anderton advised that many of the kerbstones and pavements in town are damaged and uneven. It was agreed the Clerk's Office would conduct an audit and take photos of all the damaged stones and kerbs and report these to W&F in one comprehensive report.
- Cllr Connell had attended a Family Help Networking Event hosted by W&F in the Public Hall and had passed on a booklet listing all the relevant agencies to the Clerk and the TIC.
- Cllr Hilsden reported that High Wiend has a lot of deep potholes, despite repairs being made quite recently. The Clerk asked him to send photos to the office so we can report it and also advised him to report it to Highways as a business owner on High Wiend.
- The drainage issues on the path from Storey Homes estate down to Drawbriggs has been raised again and Cllr Heap and the Clerk had carried out a site visit recently and photos have been sent to Network Rail, as the source of the problem appears to be the bank adjacent to the path, which is their land. Network Rail have confirmed they will look into this again.

P8/02/26 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Planning and General Purposes Committee will be on **Monday 9th March 2026** at **6.45pm** in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.14pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 18th February 2026**, the Chair of this meeting was authorised by the Council to sign these minutes, to confirm they are a true and accurate record:

Cllr Curley