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Planning and General Purposes Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 9th March 2026 at 6.45pm

Present:

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

Also in attendance:

Cllr Anderton
Cllr Heap
Cllr Kemp
Cllr Smith
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant

P1/03/26 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

P2/03/26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Railton declared an interest in matters relating to Holme Farm Bridge as he is a Trustee of St Anne's.

P3/03/26 Actions from the Previous Minutes

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

A new proposal to keep the slip roads at Junction 38 open during the M6 bridge works has been presented to the Transport Secretary and National Highways, which is currently being reviewed.

- **Closure of Holme Farm Bridge**

Cllr Railton reported that St Anne's have had confirmation that the bridge is unsafe and irreparable and will need to be demolished. The earliest demolition can take place is Autumn 2026 or Spring 2027. St Anne's are still in talks with Westmorland & Furness Council as to whether a replacement bridge will be for vehicular access or pedestrians only.

- **EA flood defence scheme drop-in event**

The Environment Agency held a drop in at the Public Hall on 24th February and although they had a steady stream of residents, there were no major complaints received.

- **Butts Shelters**

There have been some issues with the wood on the shelters expanding. The contractor is aware of this and is waiting for a stint of good weather before making repairs.

P4/03/26 Planning Applications

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

2026/0300/DISC No comments	2026/0405/NMA No comments
Appleby Grammar School, CA16 6XU	**Broad Close Car Park, CA16 6QR**
Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 11 (sustainable drainage	Non Material Amendment for relocation of the generator exhaust flue and increase in the size

management and maintenance plan), attached to approval 2025/0701/FPA. *Applicant: Morgan Sindall and The Department for Education*	of the louvre located on the western elevation of the Control Building, attached to approval 21/0869. *Applicant: Environment Agency*
2026/0463/TPO No comments **2 Drawbriggs Court, CA16 6JA** Works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order T24. T1-Sycamore- Prune specific branches to create the largest difference with the smallest negative impact for the tree. remove over extended branches and remove branch to crown raise from over the public footpath on the other side of the property boundary. *Applicant: Mrs Ruth Wilson*	

P5/03/26 Planning Decisions

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

2025/1297/LBC Refused **7 Chapel Street, CA16 6QR** Listed Building Consent for the re-siting of existing solar panels from the front roof slope to the rear roof slope. *Applicant: Mr Warren Cross* The application fails to provide sufficient, clear and proportionate information to properly assess the impact of the proposed works on the special architectural and historic interest of the Grade II listed building.	2025/2419/TPO TPO Approved **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*
2025/2433/HOU Approved with Conditions **2 Romany Way, CA16 6XY** Proposed two storey side extension and additional flat roof single storey side extension. *Applicant: Mr & Mrs T Sowerby*	2026/0178/TPO TPO Approved **Holme Wood, Appleby** Various tree works subject to Tree Preservation Orders *Applicant: PFK LTD*
2026/0124/TCA Tree CA No Objection **Beechcroft, Bongate, CA16 6US** Various tree works in conservation area *Applicant: Eden Treescapes Ltd*	2025/0028/FPA Approved with Conditions **Land at Station Road Appleby** Variation of condition 14 (noise) to vary the noise levels for garden and amenity areas, attached to approval 20/0312. *Applicant: Barratt Homes*

P6/03/26 Road closures and changes to parking

The Clerk reported that Fibrus have almost finished their works. The signs in town stating Bridge Street will be closed next week for two days, is an Openreach closure. Despite the signs stating it will

be closed on 19th and 20th, the works are only expected to take one day. We understand it will be a full road closure, although pedestrian and emergency access will be maintained. We are currently waiting for an update from Highways with more information on the extent, day, times, etc, which will be circulated when known. The official diversion is via the A66 to Penrith, then the A6 to Shap and through Orton.

Cllr Connell reported the road closure on Drawbriggs Lane is because of work being carried out by Northern Rail, to remove trees that are undermining the embankment.

Westmorland & Furness Council have an online consultation open relating to blue badge holders to enable the Council to have a single consistent approach to blue badges across its car parks. It is proposed that blue badge holders will be entitled to 3 hours free parking in their car parks, but only in the designated accessible parking bays.

The traffic management report for Horse Fair has been published. This includes making several streets in Appleby that have had issues in previous years, resident parking only. The parking in front of the library will be used for horse tethering again until the Thursday, when it will become disabled parking only until the Sunday. Edenside car park will be closed off, and the Leisure Centre car park will have a locked barrier, which will be accessible for residents and businesses only.

P7/03/26 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- Cllr Heap expressed concerns about the parking on the Market Square opposite the Spar and Tufton, and that she witnessed multiple cars mounting the pavement when backing out of the bays. She believed it was an accident waiting to happen and suggested pedestrianising the area and then extending Broad Close car park onto the grass area behind the toilets to compensate for the loss of parking.
- Cllr Heap suggested the give way road markings outside the Crown and Cushion need to be moved to Low Wiend, so that vehicles coming out of Low Wiend slow down and give way. The Clerk explained Highways have looked into this before and it is safer how it is marked currently. It was agreed that the Clerk will ask them again.

P8/03/26 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Planning and General Purposes Committee will be on **Monday 13th April 2026** at **6.45pm** in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.09pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 18th March 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 Connell