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Planning and General Purposes Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 12th October 2026 at 6.45pm

Present:

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

Also in attendance:

Cllr Anderton
Cllr Heap
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant

P1/10/26 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

P2/10/26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Railton and Cllr Connell declared an interest in item 8, as they are Trustees of St Anne's.

P3/10/26 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:

2026/1790/TPO No comments **11 Honeywood Close, Bongate, CA16 6FF** Works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order TPO 137 for removal of two larger lower limbs, followed by selective end weight reduction of the remaining lower branches to raise the overall canopy. *Applicant: Mr Martyn Wild, Wild About Trees*	2026/1897/TPO No comments **Battlebarrow Appleby** [on left hand side going up towards Grammar School] Works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order TPO 84. Crown list lime trees up to 2-3m (T1, T2, T3, T4) *Applicant: Mr David Gray*

P4/10/26 Planning Decisions

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

2026/1601/TCA Tree CA No Objection **9 Friary Fields, CA16 6UT** S211 Notification; Conservation Area tree works: T1 Birch - reduce crown by up to 30%. *Applicant: Mrs Barbara Lister*	

P5/10/26 Housing Developments

- **Story Homes, Cross Croft**

The Planning Officer has been keeping both the Clerk and the resident representative of Cross Croft well informed. There are ongoing drainage works currently taking place on the Story Homes owned field, which residents have queried as it is extremely extensive. The Planning Officer is addressing this with Story Homes.

- **Barratt Homes, Station Road**

The Barratt Homes estate is being advertised as 'Clifford Place'. The Committee raised concerns that as there is already a Clifford Street in Appleby, this could become confusing. The Clerk will seek clarification as to whether this is a temporary name.

P6/10/26 Doomgate Culvert FRMS

Communications and updates from the Environment Agency and their contractors, Volkerstevin, regarding when the work will be finished and when Broad Close car park will be re-opened have been very vague recently. Last year, the Council was reassured that Broad Close car park would be open before Christmas 2026, but now we are being told there is no guarantee, due to ongoing work being out of their control and relying on external contractors. The Clerk has been pushing for confirmation of dates and will continue to do so.

P7/10/26 Highway Issues

- **Roadworks**

The United Utilities works resulting in the closure of High Wiend and the two-way traffic lights on Low Wiend have been delayed slightly; however, as far as we are aware, the end date has not changed, and they are still due to finish on 11th November.

- **Double Yellow Lines**

Following further concerns from Cllr Turnbull, the Clerk chased up the missing small stretch of double yellow lines on Garths Head Road at the top of Lady Garths path. Highways are doing their best but every time they have come out to install the lines, there are cars parked over this rea. The lines on Battlebarrow, opposite Station Road, need to be looked at as part of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and Highways have this location on the list of sites to be assessed as part of the next review in November.

- **Speeding on Long Marton Road**

Highways conducted speed monitoring for a week over the summer between the railway bridge and the A66 bridge on Long Marton Road. This showed that the average speed is over the acceptable limit and worse for North bound traffic. Highways will look at ways to mitigate this through traffic calming measures in their 2027-28 budget, but in the interim asked whether Appleby Town Council would be willing to have a Speed Indicator Device installed. Highways would cover the cost of installing a pole and fitting it, but Appleby Council would need to pay for the device. It was agreed in principle, but the Council would need to know the costs before a decision is made.

P8/10/26 Holme Farm Bridge

Cllr Connell reported that he had been in communication with the Chair of St Anne's Trustees and they have nothing to add to what has already been reported. They are still in discussion with Westmorland & Furness Council about funding and whether the bridge will be replaced with a vehicular access bridge or just a footbridge.

Cllr Railton suggested contacting W&FC to ask whether they would be willing to install a new footbridge and restore the right of way, before any decision or work is carried out on the existing bridge. It was agreed the Clerk would write to W&FC to ask if this is possible.

P9/10/26 British Legion silhouette

The British Legion Silhouette has all been agreed and is due to be installed at the Leisure Centre car park in the next couple of weeks.

P10/10/26 Coronation Park

Coronation Park located on Garth Heads Road hosts a very small climbing frame suitable for young children. It is owned by W&FC, who carried out some temporary remedial repairs to the equipment at the beginning of year. The equipment needs to be removed, as it is not fit for purpose. Unfortunately, the site does not comply with current accessibility regulations and the amount of money required to make it compliant is not worth it, in terms of the extremely small size of the area.

As part of the Place Action Group (PAG), Appleby Town Council have been encouraged to apply for funding of £2,500, which could be potentially used to improve this space. The application needs to be completed by the end of October to secure funding, but it does not need to be spent until December 2026.

It was agreed the first step would be to secure the funding, then consult with the local community and ask what they would like to see the space used for.

The wooded area around the small playground was also identified as requiring improvement, but it was agreed to treat this as a separate project. This has been looked at previously by members of Appleby Rotary Club who were keen to get involved, but unfortunately they were unable to reach an agreement with W&FC at the time, so abandoned their plans. Cllr Heap commented that Cllr Hayes had planned to get in touch with Rotary to see if they might be interested in picking this up again.

P11/10/26 Voluntary Car Scheme

The Voluntary Car Scheme continues to be busy. During the period Jan-Sept 2026, the scheme carried out 977 single journeys, with the most popular reasons for using the service for doctor/health appointments, social and shopping trips. We have recently had a number of new drivers join the scheme which has been a great help.

The Committee thanked the Clerk's Office for taking on the scheme, as it likely would have been lost if they hadn't. Cllr Railton suggested drivers may be eligible for a 'Blue Light Card', which is for workers and volunteers is frontline sectors. It was agreed the Clerk would enquire about this.

P12/10/26 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- Cllr Curley would like to arrange a meeting at the Heritage Centre with W&FC Estates Officer as he is concerned it is becoming derelict.
- Cllr Railton advised that the White House is undergoing repainting this week.
- Cllr Anderton asked what was happening with the White Hart building. It was agreed to review the unkempt/redundant buildings in the town centre and seek a status update on Mr Bailey's High Wiend properties.

P13/10/26 Next Meeting

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.35pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 21st October 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