

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL** held in the **COUNCIL OFFICES, ESK STREET** on **MONDAY, 6th OCTOBER 2025** at **7PM**

PRESENT

Councillors Sir JFS Graham (Chair), G Routledge (Vice Chair), C Johanssen, E Jeffrey, M Irving, M Gunson, N Turrell, R Graham and C Adams

ALSO PRESENT – Parish Clerk and RFO

APOLOGIES – Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone

Minute Number	
089/25	<p>Apologies for Absence To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence</p> <p>RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone</p>
090/25	<p>Declaration of Interest To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda</p> <p>RESOLVED that a declaration was received from Cllr M Gunson regarding the allotments</p>
091/25	<p>Public Participation To receive representation from members of the public on issues relating to items on this agenda. <i>Members of the public are permitted to speak for up to 15 minutes (this is the total time for public participation) and are not permitted to speak at any other time during the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chair</i></p> <p>RESOLVED that 5 members of the public were present to speak</p> <p>Member of the Public No. 1 Wanted to know what the Parish Council had decided to do about the apple trees that are situated near the play area on Dolly's Brae. The issue of apples being thrown at their house has been raised before and the Parish Council said they would investigate further. RESOLVED that Cllr M Gunson had been picking up the fallen apples regularly and would continue to do so RESOLVED that for the remainder of the year the apples would be picked up and disposed of and that the Parish Council would make a decision over Winter before the trees fruit again</p> <p>The member of the public wanted the Parish Council to know that if there is any damage to their property, they will hold the Parish Council responsible and take the matter further</p>

	<p>Member of the Public No. 2 Wanted to talk about the hedge along the Netherby Road that goes up to The Peth It is now over 4ft wide, and the pathway is non-existent. Highways have also been contacted regarding the grass over the pathway RESOLVED that Cllr Sir James Graham will look at the hedge tomorrow and arrange to have it cut</p> <p>Member of the Public No. 3 Wanted to raise the issue of parking on double yellow lines and restricting pathway access on the A7 opposite the SPAR garage. This is an ongoing issue and has been reported to the Police, Highways and the Enforcement Office. The Clerk has also reported this issue to the above authorities. Would it be possible for bollards/safety railing to be installed along that stretch of road as the lorries and tractors mount the kerbs and park on the double yellow lines when going to the SPAR garage. You cannot walk along the path let alone get a child’s buggy or wheelchair past. RESOLVED that the Parish Council and member of the public to keep reporting the issues RESOLVED that Cllr Sir James Graham to speak to Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone regarding the issue</p> <p>Member of the Public No. 4 Wanted to talk about a grant that they asked for and was discussed at Parish Council meeting last month. They realised that the Parish Council declined to fund the ‘safe space’ due to the Family Hub being close to the school, however, they wanted to re-iterate how important the safe spaces are for the children. The safe space is located within the school so that they do not have to take the child somewhere else. It is somewhere where they can talk and take time to calm down and is an invaluable resource. They are looking for £500 RESOLVED that the Parish Council would re-visit this request in the November meeting RESOLVED that a member of the Community was present at the meeting and with an interest in the subject, made the generous offer to give a grant of the full amount</p>
092/25	<p>Minutes The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 1st September 2025 were submitted RESOLVED to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 1st September 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the Finance, Staffing & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 16th September 2025 were submitted RESOLVED to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the Finance, Staffing & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 16th September 2025</p>
093/25	<p>Councillor Resignation To note the resignation of a Parish Councillor RESOLVED that the resignation was received and noted</p>
094/25	<p>Cumberland Councillor Report To receive a report from Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone</p> <p>The main thing I would urge you to comment on is the Local Plan consultation (closes 31 October 2025) Cumberland Local Plan: Issues and options consultation Cumberland Council</p>

	<p>The main issue for Longtown is that in all the 'options' Longtown is identified as a place for some new houses to be built, but I think it is worth stressing that the capacity to do this should surely be limited by the lack of 'facilities', e.g. places at the primary school, and the complete absence of a secondary school.</p> <p>We can probably cope with some more housing in Longtown, but I will be making a submission which urges the Council to consider the availability of things like schools when making these decisions and perhaps focus more building on places that have good access to primary and secondary schools.</p>
<p>095/25</p>	<p>To receive a report from representatives on other bodies</p> <p>095/25.1 Longtown Community Centre Board of Trustees – Cllr Sir JFS Graham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Centre is doing well • The new Farmers Market is very successful • The gym is also very successful • All the above are bringing in money <p>095/25.2 Allotment Committee – Cllrs M Gunson and C Adams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tidying up for winter has started • 1 new tenant has taken over their plot • 2 more new tenants are waiting • We are trying to keep vacant plots up together • The best kept allotment competition took place at the Flower Show <p>095/25.3 Village Veg – Cllr C Johanssen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good progress is being made • The display for Halloween is in progress with the volunteer and Cllr E Jeffrey making decorations <p>095/25.4 CAP Initiative – Cllrs G Routledge and C Johanssen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr C Johanssen reported that this was ongoing and that nothing new had been received <p>095/25.5 Borderlands Project – Cllr M Gunson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr M Gunson gave apologies saying that she had missed the last 2 meetings for this project • There is a meeting of the town team next week which she hopes to attend <p>095/25.6 Borderlands Project – Community Representative Cllr C Johanssen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr C Johanssen attended the Public Meeting that was held regarding the plans for the A7 and Community Centre • Only 3 residents attended the meeting to see what the plans were • Cllr C Johanssen wanted to state that all information from the Borderlands meetings that have been attended has been passed to the Parish Council
<p>096/25</p>	<p>SID's</p> <p>To receive a report from Cllr Irving regarding installation costs</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cllr M Irving is waiting for a quote from Premier Traffic Solutions</p> <p>RESOLVED that the RFO to speak to the funding agents to enquire about changing the location of the SID that was due to be erected on the A7</p>

	<p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council write to Julie Minns, MP regarding the issues around installation</p> <p>Cllr G Routledge would like it noted that at a previous meeting it was agreed that the A Roads were to be the first priority and then in principle that the Old road be considered after that, due to the new housing developments and increased access to the play area across that road. Also that it might be worth asking the Police if they could place mobile SIDs at both entrances to the town on A6071, Brampton Road and A7 Carlisle Road until such time that we can erect the permanent ones</p>
097/25	<p>Trees on Dolly's Brae To give further consideration to the apple trees on Dolly's Brae RESOLVED that this was discussed earlier in the meeting</p>
098/25	<p>Halloween Cllr E Jeffrey To consider giving funding to Longtown Memorial Hall Community Centre RESOLVED that a £200 grant be given to the Community Centre so that the Children's Halloween Party is free for attendees</p> <p>Cllr C Johanssen To consider a Halloween competition RESOLVED that this should take place</p>
099/25	<p>Remembrance Day To consider purchasing another 'Tommy figure' for the memorial garden (<i>copy of price herewith</i>)</p> <p>To consider purchasing a couple of small figures for the Bobbin Mill Garden (<i>copy of price herewith</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED that both of the above be purchased</p>
100/25	<p>Village Veg To consider/approve Cllr Jeffrey working with Cllr Johanssen and the Village Veggers</p> <p>RESOLVED that this was considered and approved</p>
101/25	<p>Bobbin Mill Benches To consider turning the benches round so that they face the garden area</p> <p>RESOLVED that a new seat be purchased and placed in the garden area and not to turn the existing benches around</p>
102/25	<p>Longtown Newsletter – Cllr E Jeffrey To consider submitting articles to the Longtown Newsletter</p> <p>RESOLVED that this is to go ahead</p>
103/25	<p>Allotments – Cllr M Gunson To consider adding to clause 19 of the Allotment T&Cs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenants may not import hardcore, gravel or stones to their plots

	RESOLVED that this will be discussed at the next Allotment Committee Meeting and then brought back to the Parish Council for authorisation
104/25	Play Areas – Cllr C Johanssen To receive a report from Cllr Johanssen RESOLVED that the report was read out to the Councillors
105/25	DBS – Cllr C Johanssen To consider a DBS check for Cllr Johanssen due to being the Parish Councils play area inspector RESOLVED that a DBS check be undertaken
106/25	Longtown Primary School To consider the application for monies for a small Christmas present for the children RESOLVED that the application was considered and approved
107/25	Brampton & Longtown ICC (Integrated Care Community) To consider having a Parish Council representative (<i>forwarded prior to meeting</i>) RESOLVED that Councillors C Johanssen and E Jeffrey are to be the representatives
108/25	Quotes for Council Rooms Heating To receive and agree on heating for the Council Meeting Room and Office RESOLVED that the quote from Bob Lancaster & Sons was accepted
109/25	Office Hours over Christmas and New Year To consider closing the office for 2 weeks during the holidays RESOLVED that the office will be closed from the 22 nd December 2025 until the 5 th January 2026
110/25	Reports To receive and note a report from the Clerk detailing what has been worked on in September 2025 RESOLVED that the report was received
111/25	Planning (<i>circulated prior to meeting</i>) The following planning applications were considered App Ref: 25/0483 Proposal: Demolition Of Existing Garage; Erection Of Detached Garage/Store Including Repositioning Of Entrance/Driveway Location: The Old Sawmill at Haggistone Holme, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5TS THE PARISH COUNCILLORS WOULD LIKE CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THE ERECTION OF SWIFT BRICKS, AS THE BIRDS ARE IN DECLINE App Ref: 25/0511 Proposal: Alterations To Shopfront & Entrance; Removal Of 1no. Window And Installation Of 1no. Glazed Door & Side Screens To Create New Entrance Location: Classic Pizza, 14 High Street, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5UE

MORE INFORMATION TO BE SOUGHT BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE

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Planning (*circulated prior to meeting*)

To note the following decisions on the below planning applications

App Ref: 25/0393

Proposal: Extensions To Existing Industrial Building Including The Re Cladding Of The Office Building (Retrospective)

Location: The Peth, Netherby Road, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5NX

DECISION – GRANT PERMISSION

App Ref: 25/0433

Proposal: Change Of Use Of Agricultural Field & The Erection Of A Woodstore, Stables & Manege

Location: Land to the East of Croftlands View, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5RQ

DECISION – GRANT PERMISSION

RESOLVED that the above was noted