

Skelwith Parish Council

7.30pm 27th March 2025 Community Hall

Present: Cllrs D Nicholl (Chair), R Singleton, A Howes, R Howes, R Pickering and S Pender (Clerk)

	Declaration of Interest – none	
	Apologies: None	
40/24	Minutes; to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 th January 2025 6pm Britannia Inn as a true record	
41/24	<p>Public Participation:</p> <p>i)Police Report: no update but area newsletter for Low Furness and High Furness & Grange distributed to Cllrs by email</p> <p>ii) Update from W & F Authority from Cllr Pender:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update on devolution in Cumbria ● Working hard on management of events ● Update on water quality and UU investment in Coniston Waste Water Treatment Plant ● Update on Road Closures/Event Management ● Update on Coniston GP Surgery 	
42/24	<p>Update on ongoing matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highways Matters – pots holes logged ● Community Centre – progressing positively with Diocese ● Stang End – road end being blocked still and signage to Cathedral Caves still poor, to be raised with Highways, Police and National Trust 	SP RH AH RP SP
43/24	<p>Planning Matters 7/2025/5079 at Tip Log, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside, LA22 9NP</p> <p>The Parish Council Objects to this retrospective application</p> <p>Neighbours are concerned about the amount of infill that has been undertaken, now placing new development at a considerable height above the original ground level and this has resulted in a loss of privacy.</p> <p>The property already has provision for the parking of some 5/6 cars fronting The Cumbrian Way, concern is that further hard landscaping is excessive for this property and not in keeping with the existing environment.</p> <p>The proposed Storage Shed is immediately adjacent to The Cumbrian Way footpath, this is detrimental to the area and out of character with</p>	SP

	<p>the adjacent properties and detracts from the views of the neighbouring properties.</p> <p>The main objection is the positioning of the Shepherds Hut, being at a 'view point' and having a significant adverse impact. Shepherd's huts are not part of the historic Cumbria landscape, originating from Suffolk. We note that mains infrastructure already in place, so wondering if really a temporary structure</p>	
44/24	Members discussed the Interview with potential new Parish Clerk Andrea Airey that was undertaken earlier in the evening. All agreed that Andrea met the requirements of the job descriptions and was an excellent candidate, agreed that the Clerk to email to offer the role (completed).	SP
45/24	<p>Financial matters: resolved:</p> <p>i) Approved payments to the Clerk for Clerk for Home Working and travel</p>	
	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Resolved: That correspondence be accepted – all circulated by email</p>	
	<p>Date of future meeting: To confirm the date of the AGM and Parish Meeting will be Wed 16th July 2025</p>	