

Minutes of the Meeting of Skelwith Parish Council

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Thursday 10th September 2026

Brathay Church Hall

1. Apologies

2. Declaration of interest

3. Minutes; to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the last meeting as true record

4. Public Participation: to receive reports from:

Westmorland and Furness Councillor – challenges of future funding settlement for WF Council, progress of Mayoral election, update on Coniston Medical Centre. The Parish discussed challenges for Ward Members in influencing Westmorland and Furness to achieve local priorities.

Also noted current Westmorland and Furness consultation on elections and polling stations. As Skelwith Community Centre was now closed it was agreed that Parish should respond and indicate that the community would like to use Brathay Church Hall please as the alternative to the Community Centre. Action – Clerk to contact WF Election team (completed).

No other agencies attended or sent reports

5. Issues for discussion

- Community Centre – no change since the last meeting. The Quiz organised by the Community Centre Committee was successful and enjoyed by Community.
- Highways issues – Ambleside one way system, community still observing drivers going the wrong direction – action to be raised by the Clerk with the Highways department (completed)
- B5286 Clappersgate – on the bend at Pullwyke – ask for site visit with Cllr Audland, Chair of the Highways Working Group (arranged)
- Hedges – flailing appears not to be being done locally by landowners, action Clerk to ask Parish Lengthsman Mathew Keighley to cut back across Parish (completed)

6. Planning applications none so far

It was noted that the response to the Planning Appeal for Tiplog was not visible on the LDNPA website and the Clerk was asked to chase this again (Completed)

7. Councillor Matters (anything from Parish to be raised by Councillors)

i) Toileting in the Cathedral Quarry area - there is so much human waste - can a discussion be held please about what can be done - can summer toilets be considered - local people are finding it distressing and unsanitary - it is the volume of visitors, it is many thousands of people each year

ii) New trend of Belfies (Bum Selfies) increasing reports of young women and men pulling down trousers in front of locals to take photos with the Cathedral/Langdale back ground.

Action – Clerk to raise these with the Strategic Visitor Management Group (completed)

iii) Ongoing fly camping issues at Holme Ground

Action Clerk to ask Westmorland and Furness and the National Trust if Holme Ground can be added to the current Public Space Protection Order (completed)

8. Financial Matters

i) To authorise payments due to the clerk for home working

ii) To authorise Zurich Insurance Renewal for 2026/27

9. Correspondence, all circulated by email

10. Date of next meeting

To confirm the date of the next Parish meeting will be Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 7.30pm