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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Hethersgill Parish Council to be held on **Tuesday 18th November 2025 in the Parish Hall, Hethersgill at 7.30**. Please confirm, in writing, if you are unable to attend.

Allan Dawes
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence: to receive written apologies and approve reasons for absence
2. Declarations of Interest and Request for Dispensations:
 - a) The Clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest and to;
 - b) receive declarations by members of interests in respect of items on this agenda
3. Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th September 2025
To receive and approve the accuracy of the last minutes of the Parish Council and to authorise the Chair to sign.
4. Public Participation
In accordance with Standing Order 3e the Chair will, at their discretion:
 - a) invite members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at this meeting and;
 - b) receive reports from the Cumberland Councillor
 - c) receive report from the Police
5. Administrative Matters
 - 5.1 Solar Farm update
 - 5.2 I.T. and E-Mail sub-committee update

5.3 Highways Matters

Crossroads responses from Highways & M.P.

5.4 Common Land update

5.5 Community Resilience update

5.6 Facebook Page - update

5.7 Christmas Lights group – update and invoicing

5.8 Community Lunch – feedback

5.9 Cross border group

5.10 Defibrillator and replacement “parts”

5.11 Community Governance Review

6. Planning Matters

25/0555 Erection of front porch; single store Rear/Side extension to provide additional living accommodation. Wenalt, Hethersgill. CA6 6EH

25/0585 Change of use of barn to dwelling & associated works at Stone Flatts House, Kirklington. CA6 6DL

7. Finance

7.1 To resolve to authorise the payments below:

Date	Payee	Amount
18/09/2025	A Dawes	£344.14
18/09/2025	HMRC	£ 73.60
18/09/2025	Hethersgill Parish Hall	£250.00
18/09/2025	Christmas in the Village	£250.00
18/09/2025	The Black Lion	£ 63.00
18/09/2025	Hethersgill Parish Hall	£ 60.00
15/10/2025	The Defib Pad	£184.19
15/10/2025	Equiphase	£ 20.00
15/10/2025	Equiphase	£ 72.00
15/10/2025	A Dawes	£335.04
15/10/2025	HMRC	£ 73.60
15/10/2025	HMRC	£ 14.48

7.2 To receive Bank reconciliation and Finance papers relating to September and October 2025

7.3 Precept and Budget 2026/2027

8. Clerk Report

9. Councillor Matters: To bring to the attention of the Clerk any new issues on behalf of residents

Note: no decisions can be made on these matters, but the Clerk may make investigations and/or they may be placed on a future agenda of the Council.

10. Date of Next Meeting

To resolve that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at on Tuesday 20th January at 7.45pm in Hethersgill Parish Hall.

Re: [External Sender]CGR - Hethersgill Parish Council

From Alison Sisson <alison.sisson@hethersgill.org.uk>

Date Fri 11/7/2025 1:51 PM

To Clerk <clerk@hethersgill.org.uk>

I'm a bit confused Allan as we have nine parish councillors. I guess we just co-opted people rather than them be elected? I don't see why we should reduce the number of councillors we have. It is difficult to get people to stand for election but when approached to fill a vacancy by co-option we seem to manage so I would be reluctant to reduce the numbers but we can discuss at the meeting.

Alison

From: Clerk <clerk@hethersgill.org.uk>

Sent: 06 November 2025 12:04

To: Alison Sisson <alison.sisson@hethersgill.org.uk>

Subject: Fw: [External Sender]CGR - Hethersgill Parish Council

Any thoughts?

From: Lee Jardine <Lee.Jardine@carlisle.gov.uk>

Sent: Thursday, November 6, 2025 10:03 AM

To: Clerk <clerk@hethersgill.org.uk>

Subject: [External Sender]CGR - Hethersgill Parish Council

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Good afternoon,

Following on from the email that was sent via CALC on 04 November 2025...

Electoral Services at Cumberland Council are looking to start a Community Governance Review in 2026.

This email is to inform you of our provisional suggestions.

The review will only consider the following

- A) Councillor Numbers
- B) Merging of Parish Councils
- C) Minor Boundary Amendments (anomalies)

At the last scheduled election for Hethersgill Parish Council, 6 nominations were received for 9 seats, leaving 3 seats vacant.

The National Association for Local Councils (NALC) recommends that for an electorate of ~~2036~~ ²⁰³ (October 2025) the number of seats should be 7.

With the above in mind, we (Electoral Services) want to seek your views as to whether we should proceed with a review into the number of seats on Hethersgill Parish Council.

If you agree with our suggestion, we will recommend to Council in January 2026 that we begin a review.

As with any Community Governance Review, a formal timetable, consultation, terms of reference will be produced, and we will begin engagement events as and when necessary.

Please can you let us know your comments/thoughts by Friday 28 November 2025, by replying to this email or emailing elections@cumberland.gov.uk

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Regards,

Lee Jardine

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