

PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 11th May 2026

7pm

Reading Rooms

Minutes

Attendees	Mrs Athersmith Mrs Bell (Clerk) Ms Brockbank Mr Corbett Mrs Corbett	Mrs Slater (Chair) Mr Stretch Mr Squires 3 Members of the Public
	DISCUSSION	
1 Previous Minutes	Minutes of the previous annual meeting that had been previously circulated were signed as a true and accurate reflection of the resolutions made.	
2 Chairman's Annual Report	- The Chairman's Annual Report was received by all in attendance with thanks extended to Councillor members, residents and community groups for their continued support and commitment to the community. - Special thanks were extended to the previous Chair Mrs Thompson for her strong guidance and leadership and continued support of the community.	
3 Community Group Reports	None to receive	
4 Public Participation	- One resident requested clarification relating to the new bench at Cross-a-Moor. It was confirmed that due to damage sustained during the grass cutting process, the bench had been replaced by National Highways. It was confirmed that the original wooden bench is being kindly stored by a resident and council are considering a new location for the same. - One resident requested that PCSO Madden be thanked for her support over her many years of service to the community following her retirement. Council confirmed that they are in the process of doing so. - One member of the public updated Council on the ongoing communications with WAF Council and Corporate Assets teams in relation to grass cutting, boundary walls and general maintenance at Birkrigg Park. - One resident questioned why the grass cutting and maintenance contract was outsourced to a firm that doesn't appear to be local, querying why local firms are not contracted. It was confirmed that there are strict rules in relation to tendering	

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	and whilst there are many factors involved, cost and locality may influence decisions, it was clearly noted that this grass cutting contracts do not fall within the Parish Council remit and therefore any questions relating to the same should be directed to WAF Council.
	• Residents in attendance were thanked for attending and for their input and were advised that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would follow, they were however welcome to stay. • All 3 residents left.

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