

HOLME ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Date: 8 May 2026

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Local Government Act 1972

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting for Holme Abbey will be held in the Community **Sports Pavilion** on **Tuesday 19 May 2026 at 6.30pm.**

Local Government electors for the village will be entitled to vote at the meeting which will be open to the public.

The business to be transacted at the meeting will be as follows:

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2025**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Chairwoman's Report**
- 5. Any other Business**

A McIntyre

Ashleigh Mcintyre

Chairwoman

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting with Electors held on Friday 9 May 2025 at 6.30pm in Abbeytown Community Sports Pavilion

Councillors present: Mrs A Beverley, Mr R Bowness, Mrs M Hocking, Mrs Z Horsley (Vice Chairwoman) and Mrs F McIntyre (minute taker)

Also present: Cumberland Councillor A Markley and 6 members of the public

AM/25/01 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Mrs A McIntyre (Chairwoman)

AM 25/02 To confirm the minutes from the previous meeting held on 14 May 2024 circulated with agenda

The minutes of the Holme Abbey Parish Council Annual Meeting with Electors held on 14 May 2024 were approved

AM 25/03 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

AM 25/04 Report from the Chairwoman of Holme Abbey Parish Council for the last year circulated with agenda

The Annual Report presented by the Vice Chairwoman of the Parish Council was noted

AM 25/05 Cumbria in Bloom County Emblem Award – to discuss plans for the entry

Observations from those present:

Concern was expressed that there wasn't much to evidence for the award at present and that there wouldn't be an opportunity to discuss activities that have happened with the judges. Some members of the community did note however, that the Council was more visible within the community. Members of the Council summarised its recent activity:

- Refurbished memorial bench adjacent to the Wheatsheaf
- Memorial Garden with planters and bench
- Playpark undergoes annual safety inspections and maintenance
- Litter picking in conjunction with the Eco Church
- Eco Church:
- Bus shelter (Abbeytown to Silloth) display of children's artwork and planters
- Bus shelter (Abbeytown to Wigton) planters

Suggestions from those present:

- Memorial Garden – planters require monitoring
- Bus shelter (Abbeytown to Silloth) – planters require regular maintenance
- Bus shelter (Abbeytown to Wigton) – could it be painted and display artwork? Tractor tyres have been offered by a member of the community which could be used for planters. What plants would be most suitable and who would maintain them?
- Historical agricultural machinery – where could these be displayed?

- More village signage – a village trail for example including the Abbey and wild area. Perhaps a more long-term project focusing on Abbeytown’s heritage?
- No1 Station View – could this be painted again?

How can these goals be achieved?

- Involve the whole community including the primary school
- Donate/share plants
- Continue litter picking/keeping Abbeytown tidy – perhaps children’s artwork could help?
- Request sponsorship by the primary school, clubs and local businesses
- Make more of the community allotment initiated by the Eco Church, wood for raised beds could be sourced from Rebuild Carlisle or asking for donations
- Grants – the Council needs to take the lead on applying for grants and doing more to enhance the visible areas and preparing them for judging which commences 30 June

AM 25/06 **Open Session** – to receive any items or issues members of the community wish to raise with the Parish Council

The Council heard the following concerns which were raised by members of the community:

- The Old Garage, asbestos is potentially peeling from the roof. Cllr Beverley agreed to raise this concern with the owners
- The new noticeboards are not fit for purpose because members of the community can’t open them. Those in the community who do not access social media rely on the noticeboards for information. Perhaps a third noticeboard could be installed in the playpark?
- Can the Council help to reopen the Abbey tearoom?
- Alleyways need sweeping
- Gleeson Homes are failing to maintain Barley Meadows by not weeding the footpath
- Nuisance dog barking in Friars Garth
- The ‘presence’ of the Council needs to be seen around the community

AM 25/07 **Date and venue for next meeting** – Annual Parish Meeting with Electors Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 6.30pm in Abbeytown Community Sports Pavilion

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed:

Date: 19.05.26

Chairwomen's Annual report 2025/2026

On behalf of Holme Abbey Parish Council, I would like to thank current and past members of the Parish Council and local volunteers for their hard work over the last year, it is very much appreciated.

We remain committed to supporting and holding various events within our community such as Easter Egg Hunt, Car Boot Sale, the Allotments, Archery Club, Christmas Light Switch On, Coffee and Chat, with a special mention to our Football Club who are having a tremendous season.

We are re-entered into this year's Cumbria in Bloom and look forward to building on last years success and hope more of the village will join in too. More details will follow in due course.

We have purchased a new bench for the playpark for children; it has snakes and ladders and draughts on the tabletop for everyone to enjoy with another adult's bench arriving soon. This bench will have wheelchair access. I hope you all enjoy these.

Any suggestions, comments or enquiries are welcome, please contact the below websites or contact a Councillor member.

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