

SOCKBRIDGE & TIRRIL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SOCKBRIDGE AND TIRRIL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 2025 AT 6.30PM AT TIRRIL READING ROOMS

Present: **Councillors:** Phillip Greening (Chair), Gillian Barnes, Ian Chambers
 Clerk / RFO: Lisa Beken

Nine members of the public were also in attendance.

2025/0046	Election of Chair RESOLVED that Councillor Greening was unanimously elected as Chair for 2025-2026.
2025/0047	Election of Vice-Chair RESOLVED that Councillor Chambers was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair for 2025-2026.
2025/0048	Apologies for absences: RESOLVED that there were no apologies to be received.
2025/0049	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation: RESOLVED that there were no interests declared.
2025/0050	Minutes of the last meeting of Sockbridge and Tirril Parish Council: RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 th April 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.
2025/0051	Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960): RESOLVED that no matter required exclusion.
2025/0052	Public Participation: RESOLVED that the following matters were raised; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A resident raised that the noticeboard at Sockbridge is rotten, with no cover. The board is not owned by the Parish Council, but the Council would be willing to replace. Councillor Chambers to speak to land owner regarding board type.• The Clerk was requested to look into the costs/practicalities of mirrors for road safety.• A resident asked if there was any scope to expand parking for Tirril Reading Rooms.• A resident informed the Council that the table at the play area was broken and required a support piece.• The Clerk was requested to investigate the policy regarding to lighting, in relation to new development.• A request was made about reinstating the light between Ladybeck to old Sockbridge toward the play area. Clerk to enquire regarding Westmorland and Furness' new policy.• The Clerk was requested to enquire regarding restrictions on private lighting.
2025/0053	Annual Accounts: RESOLVED to approve the account as audited by the internal auditor, and authorise the Chair to sign them.
2025/0054	Policy Updates: RESOLVED that the policies had been reviewed by the Clerk and no updates were required at this time.
2025/0055	Westmorland and Furness Council Representation: RESOLVED that the Chair welcomed Nicola Vecqueray as the new Councillor for Eamont and Shap.
2025/0056	Recruitment of Councillors: RESOLVED that leaflets had been delivered, and three residents had expressed an interest in joining the Council.
2025/0057	Community Led Plan: RESOLVED that an update had been provided at the Annual Meeting, prior to this meeting.

2025/0058	20mph speed limit: RESOLVED that Westmorland and Furness had provided a draft proposal, that Councillors were unhappy with. Clerk and Chair to respond.
2025/0059	Neighbourhood Development Plan: RESOLVED that the consultation had now ended, and Westmorland and Furness Council will publish the results in May.
2025/0060	Footway Lighting: RESOLVED that Councillors agreed to transfer ownership of lights to Westmorland and Furness Council, and to opt for the option to have them dim to 60% overnight.
2025/0061	Website: RESOLVED that Councillor Barnes would enquire with Johnathan Davies.
2025/0062	Play Area: RESOLVED that Councillors were informed of options to replace broken equipment. Clerk was requested to investigate grant opportunities.
2025/0063	Planning Applications: RESOLVED that there were no applications currently open for comment in the Parish.
2025/0064	Planning decision notices: RESOLVED that no planning decision had been made in the Parish since the last meeting of the Parish Council.
2025/0065	Other Planning Matters: RESOLVED that the Council were updated on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) With regards to planning application 23/0268 on land between Ladybeck and 1 Green Kiln Tirril for the erection of 8 dwellings and associated infrastructure that the planning officer is currently waiting for a Nutrient Neutrality assessment for the site before he can proceed.
2025/0066	Financial matters: RESOLVED that the following matters were agreed; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Payments: RESOLVED to approve payments as listed in the payment schedule.
2025/0067	Footpath, Highways and Parish Maintenance Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation on the wall blocking the road. • Potholes – no action has been taken. • Drains at Celleron are still blocked.
2025/0068	Council Matters: RESOLVED that the following matters would be included in the agenda for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Neighbourhood Plan b) Co-option c) 20mph
2025/0069	Date and Time of the Next Meeting: RESOLVED to hold the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting of the Parish Council on Wed 9 th July at 6.30pm.
	Meeting closed 19:19 pm
	Chair Signature: _____ Date: _____