Torver Parish Council Agenda

Ordinary meeting to be held in the Schoolroom

on Thursday 19 November 2026 at 7.30 pm

Prepared from the minutes of 22 October 2026.

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests relating to agenda items.

3. Requests for Dispensation

To consider any requests for dispensations.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 October 2026 as a correct record and arrange for signatures.

5. Public Participation and Schoolroom Committee

To receive representations from members of the public and, if attending following the invitation agreed under minute 083/26, the Schoolroom Committee. To discuss:

(a) An accessible composting toilet, an emergency community hub and a generator for power cuts.

(b) Funding opportunities, including information offered by C Barr; insurance, emergency planning, safety and practical responsibilities.

(c) Kitchen-floor works and the anticipated Schoolroom closure during January and possibly February.

6. Reports from External Partners

To receive reports and updates, including proposed care-home closures, bus services 11 and X12 and the Blueworks contract position, Westmorland and Furness Council's financial position, and matters arising from the Undercrag surgery.

7. Finance & Governance

(a) To receive current bank balances and any budget-monitoring or internal-audit updates.

(b) To consider the 2027–28 Precept submission, following the resolution under minute 085/26(b) to limit it to reflect inflation.

(c) To receive an update on the collation of legally required documents.

(d) To receive the Clerk's review of the Financial Regulations, Risk Management Policy and Document Retention Policy and consider any proposed revisions.

(e) To receive confirmation of the salary payment and beck-camera reimbursement approved under minute 085/26(f)–(g), and consider any further payments presented:

(i) Coniston Parochial Church Council for wreaths - £50.00

(ii) DM Payroll services - £160.80

8. Planning

(a) To consider any new planning applications and receive decision updates.

(b) To receive an update on application 7/2026/5218, Garth Nook, and any further response to the Council's objection.

(c) To receive the Clerk's report on clarification sought from the Lake District National Park Authority regarding the Parish Council's role where private development activity might not comply with planning controls.

9. Parish Infrastructure, Maintenance & Projects

(a) Bus shelter: to receive Cllr M Feather's update on purchasing Perspex and repairing the windows.

(b) Noticeboard: to receive an update on Highways approval for siting near the road from the A593 to the Wilson Arms.

(c) Village green trees: to receive an update on arranging removal of lower branches.

(d) Parking on the green: to receive Highways' response regarding deterrent shrubs.

(e) Speed warning indicator: to receive Highways' advice within the proposed £500 budget.

(f) Footpaths, verges and planting areas: to receive updates, including the Clerk's enquiry to Colton Parish Council about lengthsperson arrangements.

(g) Torver Beck and flood-risk reduction: to receive updates from Cllr M Feather on discussions with South Cumbria Rivers Trust, including upstream water management at Bull Head Moss, potential works beneath Hollis Bridge and ponds at the Mill; survey, calculation and design work; funding, landowner co-operation, farmers' concerns and local support. To install a reference post near nosey cam, for example, a small sign saying TPC flooding reference point, please leave.

(h) To consider an open afternoon and further consideration of a hydro scheme; receive updates on water-testing kits, camera and gauge installation and publication of Mill rainfall data on the Council's website; and receive C Barr's report on comparable work at Staveley.

10. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

(a) To receive resignation of Cllr Thomas Stergiakis; approve Notice of Vacancy; elect a new Deputy Chair.

(b)Electricity North West road closures: to receive updates on the paused closures, including the A5084, traffic-light arrangements and the revised plan expected by the end of November.

(c) Fibrus: to receive updates on completed and outstanding works, complaints, the contract extension and alternative providers.

(d) Declaration of Interests forms: to update correspondence with W&F Council re- full submission of forms.

(e) Parish Plan revision: to resume the deferred discussion, including beck and flood-prevention work and consultation through a drop-in session and online survey.

(f) Remembrance Sunday and support for veterans: to receive the Clerk's update on the Council-donated wreath for Coniston on 8 November, within the approved £50 budget, and Cllr M Feather's update on a village-green display, within the approved £100 budget.

(g) Schoolroom: to note any further correspondence not covered under item 5.

(h) United Utilities: to receive any further update on the Coniston Wastewater Treatment Works upgrade.

(i) To consider the acquisition of a map of Torver Parish.

(j) To note Torver hosting an informal meeting of local parish clerks, 27 November.

(k) To consider action to take to stop fly camping in parish lay-bys.

(l) To note correspondence received since the last meeting and consider matters requiring a response.

11. Items for Information / Future Agenda Items

To receive items for information and identify matters for a future agenda.

12. Date of Next Meeting

To agree the date, time and venue of the next ordinary meeting.

13. Closure