

ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL

NEW COUNCILLOR – ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL PC (ACPC)

Following the council meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2024, we are able to announce that Mark Pendlebury has been co-opted as councillor to serve on the Allithwaite and Cartmel Parish Council.

COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION – ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL PC (ACPC)

At the council meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2024 Councillors noted that Cllr John Barrett had resigned from the ACPC.

PARISH COUNCIL – VACANCIES

Allithwaite and Cartmel Parish Council still have one vacancy and in accordance with Section 87 of the Local Government Act 1972 anyone interested in serving the community in this way and who want to become a councillor for co-option should write to the clerk at: clerk@allithwaiteandcartmel-pc.gov.uk.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WITH WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL

Prior to the Council Meeting in Allithwaite on the 12th September, Councillors met with a number of Westmorland Council Officers to review several outstanding and in some instances, contentious matters. Discussion included:

- Adoption by W&FC of the Cartmel River Eea footbridge completed in 2019 which is still awaiting transfer to the new Unitary Authority. It is expected progress can now be made.
- The footpath into Market Square from the footbridge and restoration of the adjacent Listed cobbles. Title and liability issues were addressed and there was agreement a solution leading to essential maintenance would be explored.
- **Cartmel TRO Review.** Future conduct of the review was discussed including the necessary funding to progress the scheme once the statutory process has been completed.
- **Parking Permits.** It was acknowledged this is a contentious issue with continuing permit abuse by some holiday lets and Airbnb's denying residents use of the limited number of parking spaces. It was agreed to continue working together towards reducing unauthorised use.
- **Cartmel Riverside Toilets.** W&FC will respond on a possible surrender of the Lease of the building which would then have to be sold in the open market. Accepting the need for suitable conveniences the PC will, nevertheless, discuss possible options for the site.
- **Roadside maintenance.** Officers were asked to respond on the Councils policy for limiting the growth of weeds etc in the villages and especially within the Cartmel Conservation Area.
- **Road Closures.** The policy of notification on temporary road closures and unnecessary signage was explored and the possibility of a better form of advance notice.
- **Green bin collections.** The sometimes-erratic bin collections in Allithwaite and Cartmel was raised and despite acceptance this was largely due to staff shortages and sickness, it was nevertheless acknowledged this needs to be reviewed to reduce the frustration felt by residents and impact on the street scene when bins remained uncollected.

CONSULTATION ON WARD BOUNDARIES FOR WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

A ten-week public consultation inviting proposals for new council wards and ward boundaries for Westmorland and Furness Council, the consultation started on the 27th August and will end on the 4th November 2024. After the Commission have considered all representations made during the consultation, they intend to publish draft recommendations in March 2025. There will then be a further period of consultation on the draft recommendations. The final recommendations are expected to be published in September 2025. The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in **2027**.

What is an electoral review?

The electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for Westmorland and Furness. The Commission will propose:

- the total number of councillors elected to the council in the future;
- the number of wards;
- the number of councillors representing each ward;
- ward boundaries; and
- the names of wards.

Get in touch

The Boundary Commission welcomes comments on warding arrangements by **4th November 2024**. Representations should be made:

- Through the website: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/westmorland-and-furness>
- By email to reviews@lgbce.org.uk
- Or in writing to Review Officer (Westmorland and Furness), Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London, EC1Y 8YZ

20MPH SPEED LIMIT - HAVE YOUR SAY

The Parish Council has provisionally secured funding through Westmorland and Furness Council to reduce the speed limit in Allithwaite to 20mph, to promote safer roads, reduce vehicle noise and enhance the environment for more walking and cycling. W&FC will include Cartmel in the next funding round in 2025/26.

Public consultation was launched on Wednesday 4th September until Friday 18th October 2024 for the 27 proposed speed limit schemes in Westmorland and Furness. Speed limits will only be reduced to 20mph if the wider community supports the scheme.

Have your say on the proposal by completing the Council's consultation before Friday 18 October:

- Online at www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph
- At your local library or local link.

You can also share your views with the Westmorland and Furness 20mph team from 4pm to 7pm at:

- Kendal Town Hall on Tuesday 8 October
- Ambleside Parish Centre on Thursday 10 October

There are other events planned across the Westmorland and Furness area. To find out more, visit www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph.

It's noted that RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) indicate that journey times are increased minimally by a few seconds over short distances, Allithwaite being approximately 1 mile from end to end over the furthest distance. It also suggests that reducing speeds from 30mph to 20 mph decreases the risk of fatal injury from 8% to 1.5% and reduces risk of other incident's substantially. Further information with regard to 20 mph can be obtained from www.rospace.com.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of all planning applications can be viewed on the Parish Council website:

www.allithwaiteandcartmel-pc.co.uk and the Westmorland and Furness link to the planning applications of the South Lakes: www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/planningapplications.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY – CARTMEL - UPDATE

ENW have indicated three sites for a new electricity sub-station for Cartmel.

They are:

1. outside the stables entrance for the racecourse;
2. adjacent to the racecourse toilets, and
3. against the wall at Cartmel Village Hall entrance.

ENW are talking to the neighbours at the locations, finding out who owns each piece of land, contacting land owners and looking into access issues. Cllr Johnson will be kept informed of progress.