

CORNSAY PARISH COUNCIL

At a Meeting of Cornsay Parish Council held on Wednesday, 25th March, 2026, at 7.00pm, in Hamsteels Community Centre, Esh Winning.

Present: Councillor D Robb (in the Chair)
and Councillors D Bottoms, R Makepeace, L McKendrick, H Pegum and A Scott
and County Councillor A Neil

106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest of requests for dispensations.

108. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

The following items were reported on by County Councillors:

- In Cornsay Colliery TRACC was being supported with funding towards the cost of the Easter fish and chip lunch for those over 65 in the village.
- Residents in Cornsay Colliery had requested flowers and planting which would be considered for next year.
- In Cornsay Village, residents had carried out a village litterpick.

Items raised for the County Councillor:

- A request for potential financial support towards the village Easter event organised by Cornsay Village Residents Association.

Resolved: *That the report be noted.*

109. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25th February, 2026, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

110. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 100 Repairs to the gatepost were in progress.
Minute 102 Mike Ackroyd had confirmed he was able to undertake the internal audit this year.
Minute 104 Damage to the Village Green had now been repaired.

111. FINANCIAL REPORT

(a) Agreement was given for the payment of:

- (i) £334.48 in respect of Clerk's wages for the month of March
- (ii) £83.76 to HMRC in respect of PAYE for the month of March

(b) Cheques issued:

(i)	25 th Feb 2026	£	334.48	Clerk's wages	No.1423
(ii)	25 th Feb 2026	£	83.76	HMRC	No.1424
(iii)	25 th Feb 2026	£	75.00	Durham Hospitals Radio	No.1425

112. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) North East War Memorials Project – information received on the Project’s Friends scheme and details of war memorials across the North East.

Resolved: *That a donation of £35 be made to support the Project’s website (s137)*

113. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

114. HAMSTEELS COMMUNITY CENTRE – ENTRANCE DOORS

The Clerk provided an update on a potential options for funding the work and the information that would be required for an application.

Resolved: *That the report be noted.*

115. TRACC – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

A request had been received from TRACC for funding towards the cost of this year’s Easter fish and chip lunch which was offered to all residents age 65 and over in the village.

Details of the event itself, the benefit to the village and the current financial position of TRACC had been included within the request.

Resolved: *That £100 be offered to TRACC under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 on condition that photographs and feedback from attendees which could be used on the Council’s website be provide after the event.*

116. IT POLICY

The Council had in place an IT Policy however it was necessary for this to be kept under review to ensure it remained up to date and relevant for the Council’s needs.

The new assertion 10 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return also required the Council had in place a suitable policy.

An updated policy had been drafted, copies of which had been circulated.

Resolved: *That the IT Policy be approved and adopted.*

117. HAMSTEELS COMMUNITY CENTRE – UPDATE REPORT

Upcoming events included acoustic duo Fool’s Gold, a 60/70s event and a children’s K-Pop Disco.

An event in conjunction with Redhills including a film around the miners’ strike was also planned for 14th August.

Resolved: *That the report be noted*

The Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed as a correct record:

Chairperson Date

Clerk Date