

CORNSAY PARISH COUNCIL

At a Meeting of Cornsay Parish Council held on Wednesday, 29th April, 2026, at 7.00pm, in Hamsteels Community Centre, Esh Winning.

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

118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L McKendrick.

119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillor H Pegum declared an interest in Minute No. 113(b) and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillors D Bottoms and R Makepeace declared an interest in Minute No. 115

120. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were no reports from County Councillors.

121. MINUTES

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

122. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

123. FINANCIAL REPORT

(a) Agreement was given for the payment of:

- (i) £334.48 in respect of Clerk's wages for the month of April
- (ii) £83.76 to HMRC in respect of PAYE for the month of April
- (iii) £848.40 to Makepeace Landscapes in respect of grounds maintenance for March and April and repairs to the gate at Cornsay Colliery Park.
- (iv) £211.36 to CDALC in respect of membership fees

(b) Cheques issued:

(i)	2 nd Apr 2026	£	334.48	Clerk's wages	No.1426
(ii)	2 nd Apr 2026	£	83.76	HMRC	No.1427

124. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) The Burnhope Partnership – invitation received to attend the Burnhope Centenary Gala on 16th May, 2026.

Resolved: *That Members attend the Gala if they wished.*

125. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) DM/26/00019 South Farm, Cornsay
Erection of replacement livestock shed

Resolved: *That the Council has no objection to the application*

(b) DM/26/00907 Land to the south of South Terrace, Cornsay Colliery
Change of use of land from commercial to domestic and erection of
three bedroom house with parking and garden

Resolved: *That the Council has no comments to make on the application, subject to the views of local residents being taken in to consideration.*

126. ANNUAL PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

The annual play area inspections were now due and Rospa had indicated their availability in June to undertake them at a cost of £83 plus VAT per play area.

Resolved: *That Rospa be requested to carry out the annual play area inspections.*

127. PLANTERS

A number of planters were now in a poor condition with some having collapsed and others on the point of doing so. The planters at Cornsay Colliery had been inspected with 6 being in need of replacement, together with a number of others also being required at Hamsteels.

Resolved: *That a price be requested from Makepeace Landscapes to replace the damaged planters.*

128. DURHAM PRIDE – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

A request had been received from Durham Pride for financial support towards the Durham Pride event which was to take place towards the end of May.

Discussion took place on the request with it being noted that the community centre hosted a monthly LGBTQ+ coffee morning/drop in session which was regularly attended by a number of people.

Resolved: *That a donation of £50 be made under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972.*

129. HAMSTEELS COMMUNITY CENTRE – UPDATE REPORT

Recent events at the community centre had included a K-Pop disco for children, acoustic duo Fools Gold and a 60s/70s afternoon, all of which had been well attended.

Coming up, the Methodist Chapel would be hosting a regular coffee morning, the carers group would be meeting again in May and a community picnic with entertainment was being held on 31st May.

Resolved: *That the report be noted*

The Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Signed as a correct record:

Chairperson Date

Clerk Date