

# SEDBERGH PARISH COUNCIL

## AGENDA 2026 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

**This meeting will be held on Thursday 14 May 2026, and will commence approximately 7.30pm. It follows the Parish Annual Meeting (commencing at 7.00pm). Meetings to be held in the Committee Room, Sedbergh People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh.**

### Agenda

1. Elect a Chair of the Parish Council
2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Chair
3. Elect a Vice Chair of the Parish Council
4. Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Vice Chair
5. Apologies for Absence
6. Declaration of Interest – including any updated Declarations required for Westmorland and Furness Council
7. Requests from Councillors for Dispensations to Speak and/or Vote – including review of previous dispensations relating to Sedbergh School
8. Approval of the minutes from the monthly Parish Council meeting 16 April 2026
9. Approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Return
  - i. Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/2026
  - ii. Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026
  - iii. Annual Accounting Statement 2025/2026
  - iv. Exercise of Public Rights Notice - 3 June to 14 July 2026
10. To continue to adopt General Power of Competence (GPC)
11. To consider committees and appoint Members
12. To consider outside bodies/organisations and appoint representatives
13. Scheme of delegation Arrangements
14. Continued annual adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Asset Register and Risk Assessment (following annual review) along with Councillor Code of Conduct i) Schedule of policies/Risk Assessments for ongoing and future consideration
15. Insurance arrangements
16. Review of Policies/Procedure as might be required, including any recommended by Internal Audit
17. To consider ongoing payment of annual subscriptions/commitments. Including Cumbria Association of Local Council, Parish Online, energy costs, business rates and maintenance contracts.
18. Schedule of future meetings 2026 and 2027