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Local Government Act 1972

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of the Cornforth Parish Council will be held on Monday 9 March 2026 commencing at 7pm in West Cornforth Community Centre, Station Road, West Cornforth, DL17 9LA to which members of the council are summoned for the transaction of the under-mentioned business.

Dated this 27th day of February 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'R. Ormerod'.

Richard Ormerod - Clerk to the Council

THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

Photographing, recording, broadcasting, or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is permitted however the privacy of (i) persons who object to the same and (ii) children and vulnerable adults must be respected by anonymising the identities of such.

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public notice of the meeting is given in accordance with schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

1	Apologies Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting as, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.
2	Declarations of interest At this point, Members are asked to declare: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests• any prejudicial interests or• any disclosable pecuniary interests which they may have in respect of business on this agenda.
3	Members' dispensation To consider written requests, submitted in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting, for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.
4	Public participation Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances, or which are about a matter where there is no right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.

5	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Draft minutes reflect an accurate record of what transpired at that meeting and are put before this meeting for confirmation of accuracy and to consider, resolve to approve and to be signed by the Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinary meeting of the council held on Monday 9 February 2026.
6	<p>Chair's announcements: To receive any announcements from the Chair.</p>
7	<p>County Councillors' report: To receive reports by the County Councillors.</p>
8	<p>Police And Communities Together (PACT): To receive an update if needed.</p>
9	<p>Clerk's update: To receive updates from the Clerk.</p>
10	<p>Planning</p> <p>To consider any planning applications received from Durham County Council which are of interest to the parish council and to make representations if necessary.</p>
11	<p>Financial matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To receive, consider and approve the receipts and payments analysis for February 2026. To receive, consider and approve the bank reconciliation statement for February 2026. To receive, consider and approve the summary of receipts and payments against budget analysis from 1 April 2025 to 28 February 2026. To approve pending payments.
12	<p>Grant applications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To consider an application for funding from West Cornforth Miners To consider an application for funding from the Cornforth Partnership Great North Air Ambulance West Cornforth Community Centre
13	<p>Service level agreement with Durham County Council for the inspection and maintenance of fixed play equipment 2026-27</p> <p>To consider whether the service level agreement proposed by Durham County Council is acceptable.</p>
14	<p>Play equipment and surfacing, Bill Wilson Memorial Park</p> <p>To consider the quotes for replacement of the play equipment and wetpour surface of the toddler play area.</p>
15	<p>Co-option of councillors</p> <p>To decide whether the parish council's current co-option policy needs amending and to decide on the process for filling vacancies.</p>
16	<p>Letter of thanks to volunteer litter-pickers</p> <p>To decide on a way forward.</p>
17	<p>Motions on notice: None.</p>
18	<p>In Private: Terms and conditions of employment for the Clerk</p>