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Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held Wednesday 25 March 2026 at 8:30pm in West Cornforth Community Centre, Station Road, Cornforth, DL17 9LA.

Present: Councillors P Metcalfe (in the Chair), J Beetham-Yelland, N Coombs, P Crathorne, P Drew, S Metcalfe, V Parnaby & R Vaughan.

In attendance: Mr R Ormerod (Parish Clerk).

1	**Apologies** Apologies were received from Councillors M Cunningham & J Snowball. ***Resolved: To receive and accept the apologies.***
2	**Declarations of interest** The Chair invited members who wished to do so to make declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting. ***Cllr P Drew declared an interest in item 4 as a member of the board of the Cornforth Partnership.***
3	**Members' dispensation** None.
4	**In Private: 64 High Street, West Cornforth, DL17 9HS** It was noted that the building was for sale at a starting price of £84,990 and a discussion took place. Quotes for carrying out structural surveys had been received from five companies at the following prices: 1. £1275 + VAT 2. £1500 without VAT 3. £1650 + VAT 4. £985 including VAT 5. £950 including VAT Cllr Drew thought that the building was worth buying if that were possible Cllr Crathorne said that nothing should be rushed into as it was public money involved. Cllr P Metcalfe was of the view that the matter was worth pursuing but that it was essential to have a structural survey to ensure that the building would not be a liability. Cllr Coombs asked whether the Cornforth Partnership was guaranteed the funding it sought to carry out its plans for the building. Cllr S Metcalfe said that the property was definitely not worth the asking price. It was proposed by Cllr Vaughan and seconded by Cllr Beetham-Yelland that the council commission a structural survey of the property and it was:

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	Resolved: That the council commission a structural survey on the building as soon as possible. (six votes in favour, two abstentions). It was proposed by Cllr Vaughan and seconded by Cllr Parnaby that the work of carrying out the structural survey of the property be offered to Company 4 and it was: ***Resolved: That the council commission Company 4 to carry out a structural survey on the building as soon as possible. (six votes in favour, two abstentions).*** ***Resolved: That the Clerk obtain the legal pack from the estate agent relating to 64 High Street.*** ***Resolved: That the Clerk approach the Cornforth Partnership to establish whether the partnership is still wishing to make use of the building.***

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