

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday 31 July 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. R. Davison, J. Lee and M. Underwood.

Also Present: J. Rae (Clerk)

Cllr J. Lee in the Chair

840/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. Clark, A. Cozens and W. Miller.
The reasons for absence were noted and accepted.
An apology for absence was also received from K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor.

841/25 Declarations of interest

None.

842/25 Requests for dispensations

None.

843/25 Minutes - Meeting 29 May 2025

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 29 May 2025 were a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

844/25 Public Participation

No members of the public were in attendance.

845/25 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cumberland Council - Cllr K. Thurlow was not in attendance

Village Hall Committee – A letter had been received from the Village Hall Committee to thank the PC for the funding offered to support the village hall activities and for the increase in the annual grant which will go towards the increased costs of running the hall and maintenance of the play area and field.

846/25 Financial Statement

The financial statement as at 30 June 2025 had been circulated with the agenda and was noted by members. Balance 30 June 2025 - Cumberland Building Society £10,553.15.

847/25 Payments and Receipts

(a) Income Received: None

(b) The following account was authorised for payment:

Clerk's expenses Quarter 1 £13.00

848/25 Planning Matters

(a) Applications Received: None

(b) Decisions:

HOU/2025/0029 - Threeways, Langrigg, Wigton, CA7 3LL

Driveway to front of property, proposing to drop the kerb GRANTED

HOU/2025/0081 - Bramblewood, Crookdake, Aspatria, Wigton, CA7 3SH

To erect a block-built chicken/potting shed. GRANTED

849/25 Correspondence

The following correspondence received was noted:

CALC - Future of Libraries Survey

CALC - The Big Lunch 2025

CALC - Appointment of a Treasurer for the CALC Board

Wigton Baths Trust - Open Meeting Invite

Letter from Wigton Baths Trust thanking the PC for the donation

Letter from St Mungo's Church thanking the PC for the donation

Letter from the Village Hall Committee to thank the PC for the donation

CALC - Cumberland Ward Boundary Review - Draft Recommendations
CALC - Volunteer Week 1 - 7 June 2025
CALC - Online Banking Event
CALC News - March to April 2025
Cumberland Council Newsletters
CALC – Possible Event with Fibrus
Cumberland Council – Update on Devolution
Cumberland Council – Call for Sites
ACRE/NALC Flooding Survey
CALC – Local Resilience Plans
CALC – Cumberland Hyperfast Broadband Event - 7.00pm Tuesday 23rd September 2025

850/25 Highway Matters

The following matters were reported:

Pot holes and road surface deteriorating from Langrigg House to Greenside Cottage, Langrigg.
Road side edges are crumbling on Gilmorend Brow in the vicinity of Ranny Gill.

851/25 Items for Discussion:

- Notice Boards
Cllr Miller had obtained quotations to replace the noticeboards at Bromfield and Langrigg. Resolved to accept the quotation from the Noticeboard Company Cumbria Ltd in the sum of £1864.80 for 2 post mounted StormGuard noticeboards, colour green with gold lettering.
- Bus Shelter, Wheyrigg
Further to min ref 837/25 Wheyrigg Hall Hotel had contacted the Parish Council regarding the advertising sign on the bus shelter at Wheyrigg. It was resolved to grant consent for the advertising sign subject to regular maintenance checks being undertaken.
- Cumberland Ward Boundary Review – Draft Recommendations
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published the draft recommendations for new wards, ward boundaries, and ward names for Cumberland Council. The LGBC are now inviting comments on the recommendations. The consultation closes on **11 August 2025**. <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/cumberland>.
The Boundary Commission is proposing that Cumberland should be represented by 55 councillors, nine more than there are now and the boundaries of two wards will stay the same, the rest will change. Aspatria ward will be renamed Aspatria and Waverton.
- Resignation – Cllr S. Lunken
Cllr S. Lunken had resigned from the Parish Council due to work commitments. The vacancy will be advertised.
- Vacancies
Members noted there are several vacancies on the Parish Council that can be filled by co-option.
- FOI Request
Cllr M. Underwood reported that she had received a request for information from a parishioner with an allegation that the clerk was deliberately being obstructive and does not follow correct procedure and is not open and transparent.
It was noted that the parishioner had previously been provided with the parish councils financial accounts for the last five years. The parishioner had been advised that the agendas and minutes are available to view and download from the website. It was resolved to contact CALC for advice on how to deal with the unsubstantiated allegations.

852/25 Items for the Next Agenda

Items for the next agenda to be with the Clerk by 13 September 2025

853/25 Date and time of next meeting

Bi monthly Meeting 25 September 2025 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Blencogo

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 pm