

BLINDBOTHEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Blindbothel Parish Council held at Yew Tree Hall, Lorton on Monday 27 January 2025 at 7.15 pm. (Meeting scheduled for 6 January cancelled due to inclement weather conditions).

Present: Cllrs. A. Baker, J. Clark, P. Jenkinson (Chair) and S. Riley.
Also present: J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor and J. Rae (Clerk).

1/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2/25 MINUTES 4 NOVEMBER 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2024 were signed as a correct record.

3/25 REPORTS

Cumbria Police - The newsletter for the Cockermouth/Keswick area had been circulated by email.

Cumberland Councillor – Cllr J. Perry reported she had attended the launch of the Cumbria Police Neighbourhood Community Pledge. The Parish will fall into the Cockermouth Community Police Team area. Two meetings will be held each year in each of the locality areas to which the Parish Council will be invited. Cllr Perry also reported she had attended the meeting at Cockermouth Rugby Club on 17 January which focussed on Active Travel. Presentations were received at the meeting from the Cumberland Bus Infrastructure Officer and a Cycling Officer who provided an update on cycle paths in urban areas and the next stage is to look at cycle paths in rural areas.

4/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were in attendance.

6/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 4 NOVEMBER 2024

None.

7/25 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received and circulated by email:

Peter Walter's LDNPA Newsletter
Peter Walter Invite - Feedback on LDNPA meeting
CALC - Friends of the Lake District & LDNPA – Who Pays for the Lake District
Cumberland Council: Have your say Consultations
Cumberland Council - Newsletters
ACT Update - November 2024
Local Government Boundary Commission - Cumberland Warding Pattern Consultation discussion with the local Boundary Commission
CALC - Website training/information session
CALC news
CALC - Copyright Issues for Parish Council Websites
CALC and Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Events

8/25 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(a) The financial statement had been circulated with the agenda.

Balance at 31 December 2024 £4881.05

(b) Members noted that the Local Government Services Pay award had been agreed on 23 October 2024 back dated to the 1 April 2024

(c) Payment of Accounts

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| Clerk's account Quarter 3 (includes backdated pay award) | £667.60 |
| HMRC PAYE Quarter 3 | £138.40 |
| ICO – Data Protection Fee (DD) | £ 35.00 |

(d) Budget 2025-26

It had been agreed to increase the precept to £3740.00. The precept demand had been submitted to Cumberland Council. Cumberland Council had provided the draft council tax base figure of £76.67. Dividing the precept by the draft council tax base figure will give an estimated Band D figure for the parish precept of £50.08.

9/25 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received since the last meeting:

7/2024/2204 - Fellside Farm Mosser Cockermouth CA13 0SR
Demolition of existing buildings to constitute a material commencement of application
7/2021/2193 (proposed conversion of existing agricultural buildings to tourism accommodation)

7/2024/2228 - Mansion House, Brandlingill, Cockermouth, CA13 0RD
Extension and alterations

7/2024/2238 – Field adj to Underwood Mosser CA13 0SS
Roof over and replace existing livestock handling pens and erect agricultural building for equipment and feed

7/2024/2248 – Rake Barn, Southwaite CA13 0RF
Array of ground mounter photovoltaic panels

7/2024/2255 – High Mosser Gate, Mosser, CA13 0SR
Glazed conservatory

7/2024/2229 – Mansion House, Brandlingill, CA13 0RD
Proposed installation of a domestic package treatment plant (Marsh Industries Shallow Ensign 16)

(b) Decisions:

7/2024/2228 - Mansion House, Brandlingill, Cockermouth, CA13 0RD
Extension and alterations GRANTED

7/2024/2238 – Field adj to Underwood Mosser CA13 0SS
Roof over and replace existing livestock handling pens and erect agricultural building for equipment and feed GRANTED

7/2024/2218 - Field to southeast of Abbeygate, Blindbothel, CA13 0RE
Roof over existing solid muck midden PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED

10/25 ROADS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was noted that some roads in the Parish had been marked up for repair.

There had been no progress regarding the replacement sign for Mosser.

11/25 BROADBAND

Cllr A. Baker advised there were no updates to report.

12/25 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION – REVIEW OF CUMBERLAND COUNCIL WARDS

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is inviting proposals for new council wards and ward boundaries for Cumberland Council. The electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for Cumberland Council and will propose: the total number of councillors elected to the council in the future; the number of wards; the number of councillors representing each ward; ward boundaries; and the names of wards. The public consultation is inviting views from individuals and organisations across Cumberland on where they think new ward boundaries should be drawn. The Boundary Commission is recommending that 55 councillors should be elected to Cumberland Council in the future. This is 9 more than the current number of councillors. Proposals are invited to help draw up a pattern of wards to accommodate 55 councillors. The consultation will close on 24 February 2025. Draft recommendations will be published in July 2025.

13/25 WEBSITE, DOMAINS AND EMAILS

The information from Active Councils regarding the move to a .gov domain had been circulated. Members resolved that as it is not mandatory at the moment to have a .gov website the Parish Council would continue with the current arrangements.

14/25 CUMBERLAND COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

The Cumberland Council Consultations on the Council's Budget, the Waste Collection Service and Bus Services in Cumberland had been circulated by email. The "Shape the Future of Bus Services" in Cumberland consultation is still open and closes on 31 January 2025.

15/25 VACANCY

It was noted that no expressions of interest had been received.

16/25 PARISH MATTERS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr S. Riley reported that he had attended the Lake District National Park Meet and Greet event at Braithwaite. Amongst the topics discussed were local occupancy needs and the number of holiday homes in the area. LDNPA Planners had advised that as part of their planning policy 1200 new houses are to be built in the LDNPA area by 2035.

Cllr S. Riley reported that he had been in contact with the Chair of Buttermere PC concerning the impending UU project at Crummock Water. Concerns have been raised about the potential extra traffic this will create and that a contingency plan needs to be in place in case of road closures due to accidents or roadworks. It was noted that a formal planning application has not yet been submitted. Once the application has been submitted to the LDNPA these issues will be raised.

No additional items to be added to the agenda.

17/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3 March 2025 at 7.15 pm in the Supper Room, Yew Tree Hall, Lorton.

The meeting closed at 7.58 pm

Signed.....Chairman Date.....