

BLINDBOTHEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Blindbothel Parish Council held at Yew Tree Hall, Lorton on Monday 1 September 2025 at 7.15 pm.

Present: Cllrs. A. Baker, R. Bell, J. Clark, and S. Riley

Also present: J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor

Members of the public: L. Sparling, Community Chaplain, Grasmoor Mission

J. Rae (Clerk)

Cllr J. Clark in the Chair

68/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs V. Jay and P. Jenkinson. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted.

69/25 MINUTES 7 JULY 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2025 were signed as a correct record.

70/25 REPORTS

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

Cumberland Councillor – Cllr J. Perry reported that the sign for Mosser had now been replaced. Cllr Perry also reported on the changes to the recycling collections starting at the end of September. Paper and card will be collected fortnightly and soft plastics can now be included in the plastic recycling bin. There may also be some changes to the routes and anyone not already on doorstep recycling will receive a letter if they are to be added to the routes. Cumberland Council has launched its Issues and Options consultation for the Cumberland Local Plan. The consultation relates to the areas of Cumberland which are outside the St. Cuthbert's Garden Village (Carlisle) and the Lake District National Park as these areas of Cumberland are covered by separate Local Plans.

71/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

72/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lois Sparling introduced herself and spoke briefly about her role as the Community Chaplain for the Grasmoor Mission community.

73/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 7 JULY 2025

Members noted that the road sign for Mosser had been replaced.

The Parish Council's response to the review of wards for Cumberland had been submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission.

74/25 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received and circulated by email:

Grasmoor Mission Community Chaplain Update

CALC - Devolution update

CALC Cumberland Hyperfast Broadband Event - 7.00pm Tuesday 23rd September 2025

CALC - NJC Pay agreement

CALC News

ACRE/NALC flooding survey

Cumberland Council – Newsletters

Cumberland Council - Councillor Conduct: Respect, Social Media and Refresher Training

CALC - Important Update – New Assertion 10 in the 2025 Practitioners’ Guide – It was agreed to include this on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the new requirement in the 2025 Practitioners Guide relating to digital and data protection responsibilities in the following areas Email management, website compliance, personal data and GDPR and IT Policy. It was discussed whether advice should be sought from CALC/Local MP regarding the costs to small parishes of implementing these requirements.

CALC - Carbon Literacy Action Day 2025

CALC Invitation: Presentation by Alex Scott, Cumbria’s Lord Lieutenant – 8 September

75/25 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- (a) The financial statement had been circulated with the agenda.
- (b) NJC Pay Agreement – Members noted that the NJC pay award had been agreed on 24 July back dated to 1 April 2025.
- (c) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

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| Clerk’s account Quarter 2 (includes back dated pay award) | £641.70 |
| HMRC PAYE Quarter 2 | £135.60 |
| Yew Tree Hall – Room Hire | £ 36.00 |
- (d) Banking arrangements – Members discussed updating the mandate with the Cumberland Building Society. Resolved that former councillors P.J. Poole and J.F. Moore should be removed from the mandate.

76/25 PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) Applications received since the last meeting:

For information only

7/2025/2138 – Wood Farm, Cockermouth, CA13 0RB
Approval of details reserved by the Biodiversity Net Gain Condition on planning permission
7/22025/2041 Change of use of Unit 1 and Unit 2 from holiday let to residential use. Creation of new car parking spaces to serve residential units. Demolition of lean-to barn.
- (b) Decisions: None

77/25 ROADS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members discussed the confusion around recent temporary road closures.

78/25 BROADBAND

Cllr. A. Baker reported that some progress had been made with a further two properties being included in the project. Cllr. Baker advised he would be attending the Hyperfast Broadband event arranged by CALC on Tuesday 23 September.

79/25 PARISH MATTERS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Digital and Data Protection Policies
Budget 2026-2027

80/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 7.46 pm

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