

BLINDBOTHEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Blindbothel Parish Council held at Yew Tree Hall, Lorton on Monday 5 January 2026 at 7.15 pm.

Present: Cllrs. A. Baker, J. Clark, V. Jay and P. Jenkinson (Chair)

Also present: J. Rae (Clerk)

Members of the public: None

1/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. R. Bell and Cllr. S. Riley. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted. An apology for absence was also received from J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor.

2/26 MINUTES 3 NOVEMBER 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2025 were signed as a correct record.

3/26 REPORTS

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

Cumberland Councillor – Cllr J. Perry was not in attendance.

4/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public in attendance.

6/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 3 NOVEMBER 2025

Members noted that the litter on the land at Mosser road end reported as fly tipping had been picked up by Cumberland Council.

It was noted there are still some issues in the Parish with the waste collection service. This will be raised at the next meeting.

The Highways and Transport Services public consultation which is available on Cumberland Council's website closes on 31 January 2026.

<https://consult.cumberland.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-survey>

An explanation from Cumberland Council on how the Council Tax figure is calculated had been circulated to Members.

7/26 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received and circulated by email:

GMC Community Chaplain Update

Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council

Cumbria LNRS Launch and Celebration Event, Friday 5th December

Have your say on the future of the Lake District

United Utilities priorities service register

Lake District National Park Partnership Plan Consultation

Cumberland EV Infrastructure

Letter re Election Costs

Peter Walters Newsletter

CALC AGM 2025 notes and Guest Speaker presentation slides

Cumberland Council - Have your say on our budget proposals for next year

CALC - Equality and diversity training – Cllr V. Jay expressed an interest in attending the training.
LGBC - additional phase of public consultation in the review of Cumberland Council's electoral arrangements
CALC - Website session on Accessibility and Assertion10
Cumberland Council had forwarded the draft Council Tax base figure for the Parish.

8/26 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- (a) The financial statement had been circulated with the agenda. Balance 31 December 2025 £4,985.27
- (b) The following accounts were presented for payment:
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| Clerk's account Quarter 3 | £622.90 |
| HMRC PAYE Quarter | £131.20 |
| Yew Tree Hall – Room Hire | £ 36.00 |
| ICO – Data Protection Fee | £ 47.00 (DD) |
- (c) Bank Mandate – The mandate had been completed by Cllr V. Jay and was signed by two existing authorised signatories. The mandate will be forwarded to Cumberland BS.

9/26 PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) Applications received since the last meeting:
- 7/2025/2217 - Mansion House, Brandlingill, Cockermouth, CA13 0RD
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2024/2228, extension and alterations - amendment to elevations and layout
- T/2025/0234 - Whinfell Caravan Park, Low Lorton, Cockermouth, CA13 0RQ
Proposal: Fell 3 willow trees
- (b) Decisions:
- 7/2025/2094 - Whinfell Caravan Park, Low Lorton, CA13 0RQ
External fabric (wall and roof) refurbishment, window/door replacement, solar panel installation and external deck installation to existing bungalow. Repairs to the building. GRANTED
- Appeal APP/Q9495/C/24/3354443 and 3354444
Land at How Farm, The Howe, Mosser, CA13 0RA
Decision: The appeals are allowed, the enforcement notice is quashed and planning permission is granted.

10/26 ROADS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS

Concerns had been raised regarding the flooding to the West of Bridge End Cottage. It was agreed to raise this with the Cumberland Councillor at the next meeting.

It was noted that some pot holes had been filled with gravel which had subsequently washed out.

11/26 BROADBAND

Cllr A. Baker reported that he had attended a meeting at the end of November when Fibrus had advised that their services would be switched on in the area by the end of the year. Members noted that Fibrus broadband is now available in some parts of the Parish

12/26 DIGITAL AND DATA PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITIES

Members noted that the domain name www.blindbothel-pc.gov.uk had been registered at the Cabinet Office at a cost of £15.00. The format for emails for the parish councillors had been agreed and forwarded to Mackintosh Electronics. The cost of £42.00 annually for 10 mail boxes was noted. Confirmation that the mail boxes have been registered is awaited.

13/26 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION - CONSULTATION ON THE FURTHER DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WARD BOUNDARIES IN CUMBERLAND

Members noted the LGBC further draft recommendations. The comments put forward by the Parish Council together with other groups/individuals relating to the parishes that make up Melbreak Communities had been considered by the LGBC. The new proposed Ward Melbreak and Skiddaw will now include all the parishes that make up the Melbreak Communities. The consultation on the further draft recommendations will run until 26 January 2026.

14/26 PARISH MATTERS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Waste Collection Service
Flooding
Emails

15/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2 March 2026 at 7.15 pm in the Supper Room, Yew Tree Hall, Lorton.

The meeting closed at 7.47 pm

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