

BOOTLE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8TH OCTOBER 2025 IN THE CHAPEL MEETING ROOM BOOTLE, COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllr R Kenworthy (Chair), Cllr D Faulkner, Cllr S Duck, Cllr A Woodcock, Cllr R Reed (7.45pm),
Cllr A Pratt -Cumberland Council
Mrs L Cooper, Clerk

59/25 Apologies for absence: Cllr A Anderson(ill),

60/25 Exclusions of Press and Public: Agenda item 17,Closed Session

61/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Kenworthy declared an interest in Agenda item 12 BDSSA

62/25 Minutes of Meetings held on 10 September 2025

The minutes of the meeting were recorded as correct and signed by the Chair

63/25 Police Liaison Report

Previously circulated.

Councillor Read joined the meeting

64/25 PROGRESS REPORTS

Clerks Report

The Clerk had reported the broken salt bins and also requested "Do not follow satnav" signs for Middleton Place.

65/25 Public Participation

None

66/25 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Pratt gave the following report

- Cumberland undertaking a Place Standard evaluation in Urban areas. Parish Councils encouraged to undertake an appraisal which would highlight shortfalls Funding to be directed to shortfalls.
- South Cumberland Community Panel – Cllr Pratt elected chair
- 4 November a Food Cumberland event – access affordable food
- Environmental enhancement funding available for National Lottery £300 - £300k applications by December2025
- CALC AGM cancelled due to storm Amy, will be online in November
- GDF – bird surveys undertaken over next 2 years prior to drilling
- Wellbank footpath progressing should be completed by end of October
- Reports of a tractor driver not complying with traffic lights at works putting workers at risk at the installation of the new footpath at Wellbank
- Corney Bridge opening delayed due to storm, should be open 13 October, traffic will be monitored.

The chair thank Cllr Pratt for his report

67/25 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

67/25.1 Applications

None.

67/25.2 Ratifications

None

67/25.3 Approved Planning Applications

None

68/25 FINANCIAL RECORDS

68/25.1 The following payments were approved:

Valda Energy	Direct Debit	£ 19.92
Waterplus	Direct Debit	£ 41.14
Clerks Salary & expenses		£ 239.88

HMRC	PAYE	£ 51.40
K Englefield	Toilet cleaning Sept	£ 364.00
Thomas Graham	Cleaning supplies	£ 64.08
Fox-AD	Planning docs	£1130.00
Whamos Ltd	Web site maint	£ 220.00

68/25.2 Receipts

Rental	£
Donation boxes – toilets	£ 10.92
Donation boxes – Book box	£ 5.00

68/25.3 To receive and note the bank statement 30 September 2025

Not received

68/25.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 September 2025 and determine action needed to address deviations from the budget.

None required. C/Act £74786.44 (includes £38500 for footpath and £15276.44 for BDSSA project) £16360 committed reserves. D/act £26392.31.

68/25.5 To receive and discuss the Draft Budget report and Draft Budget for 2026/27

The Clerk presented a draft budget for consideration, Final budget to be presented at November meeting

69/25 VILLAGE MATTERS

69/25 Community Plan

Clerk to present a Questionnaire at November meeting, Ascertain cost of placing on website.

69/25.2 Footpath Wellbank/S106 monies

Footpath between Inmans Farm and Bootle Station completed. Footpath to Wellbank due to be completed end of October. Statement to be put out once completed.

69/25.3 Hycemoor Field

Clerk to chase application to connect to land drain.

69/25.4 Church View

Awaiting estimate to install an opening window and to make alterations to extract system. Quote for electrical check approved. Outstanding rent for September and replacement flooring. Spend approved up to £1500

69/25.5 Environment Issues

Cllr Kenworthy reported that the community woodland had suffered some storm damage which will be addressed in November volunteer/maintenance.

69/25.6 Car Park by Toilet block

The Clerk had received correspondence with regards to car park. Council resolved to reconsider proposal once works had been completed and the installation of EV charge points had been completed.

69/25.7 Grass by Lane House

Owned by Cumberland Council, cut twice a year.

69/25.8 Grass cutting contract

Clerk to ask current contractor for a quote.

69/25.9 Clerk's Appraisal

To be undertaken after the November meeting. Appraisal form to be circulated

69/25.10 Assertion 10 compliance

Resolved to accept £2k quotation to upgrade website for compliance.

To set up a Bootle Parish Council Facebook page

69/25.11 Councillor vacancies

To promote with opening of footpath

70/25 Reports from representatives on outside bodies and working groups

70/25.1 BDSSA – Plans now completed and ready for submission to LDNP

71/25 Correspondence

All correspondence has been previously circulated. The following had been received:

- None

72/24 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Faulkner reported that ENW are replacing cables from Sellafield to Barrow to be put on November meeting to discuss.
- Cllr Duck still receiving complaints re raised grids. Cllr Pratt to investigate
- Cllr Duck showed an example in another area of a village map to discuss at November meeting
- Cllr Woodcock reported that she had received complaints re the change to bin collections and the confusion. New bins delivered to Monk Moor residents.
- Cllr Woodcock reported that she had ordered a new set of pads for the Monk Moors defib, but was still concerned at the lack of electricity heater pack to be investigated to extend battery life. .

73/25 Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held at the **Chapel Meeting Room** Bootle on Wednesday 12 November 2025 at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2135hrs

74/25 Closed Session

It was resolved to award the cleaning contract to the existing contractor