

BOOTLE PARISH
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON 15 MAY 2025 AT 7.30PM AT CAPTAIN SHAWS SCHOOL, BOOTLE

P1 Present: 21 members of the public were present

P2 Mrs Lesley Cooper was elected as Clerk for the meeting

P3 Chairman's Report

- The Chair of the Parish Council Cllr Kenworthy gave a report on the Council's activities.
- Road closures on A595 – no alternative route as Corney Bridge closed, work committed to commence on replacing Corney Bridge to be completed September
- Speeding through villages reported to Police/Cumberland. Speed monitoring at the bridge showed not a major issue, important for all to report incidents to police
- Protection of the beach road at Stubbs Place – Cumberland Investigating and developing a scheme in conjunction with QinetiQ.
- Continued to support Bootle in Bloom/litter picks won another Gold and Silver gilt award – thanks and congratulations to all involved.
- BDSSA – supporting the project
- Wellbank project – work is starting on a safe footpath from Wellbank to the Station in conjunction with Wellbank, LDNP and Cumberland Council. Route from Wellbank via Inman's farm to station. Semi sealed surface for pushchairs/wheelchairs. Work to commence early June. Received a quote for roadside path, secured some funding and applied for remainder. Cumberland will install, adopt and maintain the roadside path.
- Wellbank complex will include a swimming pool allowing Parish access for 2 hrs per day, plus school swimming.
- Defib now installed at Monk Moors
- New benches installed around the parish and provided for the school field
- Dog waste bins reinstated at Hycemoor, still good practice to take it home and place in dustbin
- Woodland – replanting/ maintenance has taken over winter. Bracken around trees requires trampling down.
- Cllr Faulkner pursuing faster broadband for remote areas should be installed by 2026

P4 Muncaster Microbus – David Marsden and Liz Clegg

Requires more volunteers to drive the bus. Tues/Thurs trips with door to door pickup. 1 a month to Egremont farmers market. Based in Ravenglass. Alternate Saturdays do trips into the Lakes. Would appreciate people's thoughts/views on how it can improve for Bootle. Suggested a monthly timetable on Bootle Crack. Can be hired out to Community Groups has disabled access. Received funding from GDF for a replacement bus.

P5 BDSSA Project

Cllr Kenworthy gave an update. All surveys now completed and fed back to the design. Plans to be drawn up for submission, when plans done will place on Facebook with images of how the buildings will look.

P6 Launch Community Plan questionnaire

Being developed and will launch following June meeting, important that everyone completes and gives feedback

P7 WI

Recruitment drive and have 9 new members. Celebrating 100years of WI, party planned for Sunday 18 May. Free coffee morning on the Saturday 17th with a display of memorabilia. Supporting Bootle in Bloom with litter picks and sweep prior to judging. Little garden designed celebration. Planning trips to theatre. Meet 2nd Tuesday of month at Capt. Shaws.

P8 Street map

A draft of the proposed street map was shown to help delivery drivers. Suggested that the council put up road signs

P9 Councillor vacancies

Still require 3 more councillors

P10 Comments from the floor

- No events for VE day organised
- Community litter pick
- Village Magazine ?
- Duddon/Esk cycle way making progress
- Bootle in Bloom could the road sweeper come and sweep Main Street in June prior to judging
- Could there be a raised flower bed "Welcome to Bootle" on grass by car park?
- Bus shelter – roof leaking, falling to bits – Cllr Pratt to chase/ review
- Defibs – WI organising a training day, open to all
- River Annas – looking for EA to undertake gravel management
- Abbeyfield/Alexander House -community care hub. Steering group formed – feasibility study undertaken and a business plan being put together, Working with local authorities and Health. Survey of house to be undertaken to bring it back up to standard.
- No consultation re Mill Street closure
- Homegroup = left state of gardens/rubbish. Name/number of houses to be passed to Cllr Pratt to bring up with Homegroup
- Road signs = left after works completed Cllr Pratt to chase.

.Meeting closed 9.43pm

BOOTLE PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY						
Income	23/24	24/25		Expenditure	23/24	24/25
	£	£			£	£
Precept	19500	19500		Staff costs	2646	3187
Projects	38707	0		Insurances	604	685
VAT	6105	2537		Council expenses	1169	1349
field rent	100	110		Website	280	200
Bootle in Bloom	450	0		Donations	2127	720
Misc	1078	523		Grass & garden	6394	6544
Interest	196	967		projects	10965	19566
Office space	3180	2915		Gen Maint + defibs	450	618
				toilets	6762	5993
				Misc Purchases	764	0
				Misc expenses	0	0
				Footlight maint	0	0
				Bootle in Bloom	1395	2409
				hall rental	130	110
	69316	26552			33686	41381
Balance as of 31/3/25						
Current Account	£19,851	(£16606 allotted to BDSSA project)				
Deposit Account	£26,392	(£15860 allocated reserves)				