

BOOTLE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2026 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

Cllr A Pratt -Cumberland Council

2 members of the public

Mrs L Cooper, Clerk

96/25 Apologies for absence: NONE

97/25 Exclusions of Press and Public: None

98/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Kenworthy declared an interest in Agenda item 12 BDSSA.

99/25 Minutes of Meetings held on 12 November 2025 and 17 December 2025

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

100/25 Police Liaison Report

Previously circulated. Cllr Kenworthy stated a resident had reported to him of an intruder within their garden and advised that they report the incident to the police.

101/25 PROGRESS REPORTS

Clerks Report

The Clerk is awaiting a response from Community Heartbeat.

102/25 Public Participation

The Chair of the Millom Town Deal gave an update on the progress of the various projects. Sports Hall/pool expected to be completed October 2026. Iron Line project – planning to be submitted end of February 2026. The Old Bank is expected to be completed May/June 2026, and a tender has gone out to find an operator for this space. Active travel £3.6m has been allocated to improve transport links and improvements to road junctions cycle paths etc. Looking for Community engagement and assistance in distributing information.

A member of the public gave an update on the Barrow to Esk Active Travel (BEAT) project which is looking for safe routes away from traffic for walking/cycling/horse riding. A funding application is to be submitted for a feasibility study for the following routes Millom to Silecroft and Millom to The Green.

The chair thanked both speakers for their information.

103/25 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Pratt gave the following report a copy of which is attached to these minutes, The chair thanked Cllr Pratt for his report.

104/25 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

104/25.1 Applications

7/2025/4101 10 Monks Moors, Eskmeals.

Construction of a new flat roof extension with glazed lantern above to an existing dwelling with internal and external alterations

104/25.2 Ratifications

None

104/25.3 Approved Planning Applications

7/2025/4050 12 Monk Moors, Eskmeals, Cumbria, LA19 5YD

Removal of rear conservatory and the construction of a front, side, and rear extension, with internal and external alterations, plus the construction of a detached garage/maintenance store

Granted

105/25 FINANCIAL RECORDS

105/25.1 The following payments were paid under Financial Standing Orders during the month of December:

Valda Energy	Direct Debit	£ 33.10
Waterplus	Direct Debit	£ 41.14
Clerks Salary & expenses		£ 241.88
HMRC	PAYE	£ 51.40
K Englefield	Toilet cleaning Nov	£ 364.00
Fox AD	plans for BDSSA project	£1500.00
Cumberland Council	Balance of footpath payment	£4466.00
LDNP	Planning application fee	£ 289.00
Lakeland Tree Consultancy	Tree report BDSSA project	£ 700.00
105/25.1.1 The Following payments were present for approval		
Valda Energy	Direct Debit	£ 100.99
Waterplus	Direct Debit	£ 41.14
Clerk's salary & expenses		£ 677.39
HMRC	PAYE	£ 160.20
SLCC	membership renewal	£ 51.62
Bootle Evangelical Church	room hire	£ 110.00
LDNP	Planning fee BDSSA	£5246.00

105/25.2 Receipts

none

105/25.3 To receive and note the bank statement 31 December 2025

Verified by Cllr Duck

105/25.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 December 2025 and determine action needed to address deviations from the budget.

The Clerk reported that reserves had to be used for unexpected costs on footpath and website rebuild. C/Act £8238.17 (includes £6231.44 for BDSSA project). D/act £26490.50. Spending to year end to be closely monitored. Clerk has submitted the claim for the remaining £10500 grant money for the footpath. If necessary, the Clerk will transfer £6k from the deposit to the current account.

105/25.5 To note the precept request has been submitted.**105/25.6 To approve the Clerk's overtime payment for 2025.**

Approved

106/25 VILLAGE MATTERS**106/25 Community Plan**

The Clerk provided a draft questionnaire. Councillors to review and return with alternative questions at the February meeting.

106/25.2 Footpath Wellbank/S106 monies

Cllr Kenworthy reported that he had received a request from the developer to meet with Cllr Pratt to discuss the Wellbank footpath. Trees have been donated from the Woodland Trust to install on those parts of the footpath that still required hedging. This work to be carried out by the LDNPA and BPC have arranged for the school to be involved in the project.

106/25.3 Hycemoor Field

Still awaiting permission to tap into the surface drain. Trees and shrubs at the road end need cutting back. Cllrs to review and develop plan at Feb meeting.

106/25.4 Church View

5 expressions had been received with 3 making positive requests. All 3 discussed on merits and the lease was awarded. Clerk to contact all applicants with the result and draw up the lease agreement with the successful applicant.

106/25.5 Environment Issues

11 February to plant hedgerow in Community Woodland

106/25.6 Car Park by Toilet block

Cumberland have made an offer for the asset transfer of the car park to Bootle PC but require the Council to pay legal costs of approx. £1200 and to pay monies if income generated. Councillors rejected both conditions.

106/25.7 Councillor vacancies

To be readvertised

106/25.8 Village Map

Cllr Duck had received 2 quotes from companies and is to seek further clarification as to SCOPE provided within the quotes.

106/25.9 Active Travel

See Public participation above.

107/25 Reports from representatives on outside bodies and working groups.

107/25.1 BDSSA – LDNPA have confirmed they require a bat survey and further drainage information to validate the application.

108/25 Correspondence

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

- None

109/24 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Woodcock reported that the grit bin had still not been replaced.
- Cllr Woodcock reported that the flooding was still bad around Monk Moor viaduct, it is reported that the water is coming through from the abutments and this has been reported to Network rail for investigation.
- Cllr woodcock has requested a height sign for the bridge.
- Cllr Duck reported that the grit bin on Summerhill is now hidden by the overgrown hedge.
- Cllr Duck has been approached by a resident if a speed camera could be placed within the village like other communities.
- Cllr Faulkner had received an enquiry from Bootle in Bloom re the new Beehive planter that has been ordered. Clerk to give an update.
- Cllr Kenworthy reported that the dog warden had not been sighted re the poo bags being left / tied to trees. Cllr Pratt to chase.

110/25 Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held at the **Chapel Meeting Room** Bootle on Wednesday 11 February 2026 at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2132hrs.