

BOOTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY 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

2 members of the public

Mrs L Cooper, Clerk

110/25 Apologies for absence: NONE

111/25 Exclusions of Press and Public: None

112/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Kenworthy declared an interest in Agenda item 12 BDSSA.

113/25 Minutes of Meetings held on 14 January 2026

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

114/25 Police Liaison Report

Previously circulated. No comment.

115/25 PROGRESS REPORTS

Clerks Report

None

116/25 Public Participation

A representative of the Wellbank development gave an update on the progress of the scheme. Amended planning application had been submitted with regards to proposed hub/swimming pool. It was hoped to have this element completed by December 2026.

Cllr Kenworthy raised the issue of water and debris flowing from the site onto the new footpath and road and requested that footpath across the site linking the footpath to the station be progressed.

The chair thanked the representative for their report.

117/25 District Councillor's Report

In his absence the Clerk gave the following report:

A595 at Beckside - road works to commence 17 February for 1 week.

GDF – request for permission to drill test boreholes to be submitted to Secretary of State end of March. Desktop study of pros/cons of a GDF to commence.

118/25 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

118/25.1 Applications

7/2026/4109 BDSSA Pavillion, Millholme Bridge, Bootle

Replacement of existing Pavillion with new fit for purpose building and the addition of an indoor Training Barn for community use.

Supported

118/25.2 Ratifications

None

118/25.3 Approved Planning Applications

7/2025/4101 10 Monks Moors, Eskmeals

Construction of a new flat roof extension with glazed lantern above

Granted

119/25 FINANCIAL RECORDS

119/25.1 The following payments were presented for approval:

Valda Energy	Direct Debit	£ 116.50
Clerks Salary & expenses		£ 241.88
HMRC	PAYE	£ 51.40
K Englefield	Toilet cleaning January	£ 364.00
R Kenworthy	Office keys	£ 26.00
Environtech NW Ltd	Bat survey BDSSA	£ 180.00

119/25.2 Receipts

Rental	£ 275.00	
Security Deposit	£ 275.00	
Donation boxes – toilets	£ 35.25	
Donation boxes – Book box	£ 8.87	
Cumberland Council	£10500.00	Cumberland Council final donation for footpath

119/25.3 To receive and note the bank statement 31 January 2026

Verified by Cllr Duck

119/25.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 December 2025 and determine action needed to address deviations from the budget.

No actions required C/Act £12336.33 (includes £6231.44 for BDSSA project). D/act £26490.50.

120/25 VILLAGE MATTERS

120/25 Community Plan

The Clerk to modify some of the questions to make them more open and circulate amongst councillors prior to March meeting. To launch questionnaire at the Annual Parish Meeting

120/25.2 Footpath Wellbank/S106 monies

Cllr Kenworthy reported that Children from Capt Shaw's School were involved with LDNP Rangers in the planting of 1500 hedgerow plants along the footpath. Awaiting photos. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the school.

120/25.3 Hycemoor Field

Still awaiting permission to tap into the surface drain. Overhanging tree needs removing. Clerk to contact a contractor for a quote.

120/25.4 Church View

New tenant appointed. New grab rails and toilet seat for disabled toilet to be installed by end of February.

120/25.5 Environment Issues

Hedgerow in Community Woodland planted. Cllr Duck reported that she had visited every lay bye between Holmrook and Whitbeck loiter picking and had sent pictures to Michelle Scrogam MP re the problem. Clerk to contact Cllr Pratt re poor signage and unsuitable bins.

Cllr Kenworthy brought up the issue of the beach road at Stubbs Place with Michelle Scrogam MP and the failure of Cumberland to address the issues which have been ongoing for at least the last 10 years.

120/25.6 Car Park by Toilet block

No response from Cumberland to last email.

120/25.7 Councillor vacancies

Cllr Woodcock had reposted on Facebook, no response. To address at the Annual Parish Meeting.

120/25.8 Village Map

Resolved to accept from Forepoint to produce a village map. Cllr Duck to take photographs of key points.

120/25.9 IT Policy

Approved Proposed Cllr Faulkener, Seconded Cllr Duck

120/25.10 Speed Limits

Resolved council would like a traffic calming scheme on A595 through village.

120/25.11 Monk Moors

Cllr Woodcock reported that BR engineers had been out to look at the water coming through the railway bridge and also to instal a height sign on the bridge. Cllr Woodcock had sent pictures through to Cllr Pratt re the flooding at Stubb Place. The Clerk had spoken to Community Heartbeat re the defib battery. They are to send out a thermal bag to trail for the defib and also contacting the manufacturer re the battery.

121/25 Reports from representatives on outside bodies and working groups.

121/25.1 BDSSA – Cllr Kenworthy reported that planning had now been submitted and acknowledged. Cumberland require a CCTV camera down the culvert to ensure it is suitable for land drainage.

122/25 Correspondence

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

- None

123/25 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Faulkner reported that the level crossing will be closed 14 March 2026 from 10pm to 7 am. Cllr Woodcock to put up on Facebook.
- Cllr Duck stated that she had again reported the drains to Highways.
- Cllr Duck had been approached by a Summerhill resident re insulation pieces being left around during the demolition of the houses. Advised that resident report directly to Environmental Health.
- Cllr Woodcock raised concerns that the fire brigade hydrant checks had not been undertaken for a while. Clerk to write and seek information.
- Cllr Woodcock gave her apologies for the March meeting due to work commitments.

124/25 Next Meeting

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

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2109hrs.