

BOOTLE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER 2026 IN THE CHAPEL MEETING ROOM BOOTLE, COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllr R Kenworthy (Chair), Cllr S Duck, Cllr A Woodcock, Cllr D Faulkner, Cllr R Reed

Mrs L Cooper, Clerk

2 members of the public

63/26 Apologies for absence: None.

64/26 Exclusions of Press and Public: Agenda item 16 Closed Session

63/26 Co-option of Councillor

David Watson expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the council. Proposed by Cllr Duck, Seconded by Cllr Read that he be duly co-opted.

Cllr Watson Signed the acceptance of office in the presence of the Clerk.

64/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Kenworthy declared an interest in Agenda item 12 BDSSA.

65/26 Minutes of Meetings held on 9 September 2026.

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

66/26 Police Liaison Report

No report received

67/26 PROGRESS REPORTS

Clerks Report

None.

68/26 Public Participation

A member of the public raised safety concerns re the water running across the pavement and the road from the Wellbank site. Cllr Kenworthy stated this had already been previously raised many times with the Wellbank management team. Given there being no improvement this has been escalated to Highways via Cllr Pratt. Clerk to again report to Highways.

A member of the public raised concerns of vehicles turning right onto the A595 at the end of Chapel Lane which has a "no turn right" sign. Requires clearer signage. Clerk to report to Highways and the police.

69/26 District Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr Pratt, the Chair read a report submitted:

Cumberland have a new CEO.

Director of Children's services has left.

Cumberland have called in the external auditors to help with regards financial matters.

The new boundaries are now registered with the Electoral Commission.

A595 road snagging to commence 11-15 January and will involve some road closures.

Drigg - Muncaster 15-27 March, overnight works with some road closures.

GDF still awaiting Secretary of State's decision.

70/26 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

70/26.1 Applications

none

70/26.2 Ratifications

None

70/26.3 Approved Planning Applications

None

7126 FINANCIAL RECORDS

71/26.1 The following payments were presented for approval:

Valda Energy

Direct Debit

£ 33.05

Waterplus	Direct Debit	£ 54.79
Clerks Salary & expenses		£
HMRC	PAYE	£
K Englefield	Toilet cleaning September	£
Thomas Graham Ltd	Cleaning supplies	£72.90
Technophobia Ltd	Website services	£300.00

71/26.2 Receipts

Rental August	£ 275.00
Toilet Donation box	£ 18.59
Book Box	£ 15.16

71/26.3 To receive and note the bank statement 30 September 2026.

Checked and verified by Cllr Duck

72/26.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 September 2026 and determine action needed to address deviations from the budget.

None required Current Acct £25482.04, Deposit Acct £27479.13 Committed reserves £11366.

72/26.5 To discuss the proposed budget spend for financial year 2027/28.

The Clerk presented a draft budget spend for the next financial year. Some amendments were made to the proposed spend. Clerk to present a final budget spend at the November meeting.

72/26.6 To appoint an Internal Auditor for the financial year 2026/27.

Resolved that the current Internal Auditor Mrs V Falconer be retained.

73/26 VILLAGE MATTERS**73/26 Community Plan**

Cllr Kenworthy has contacted the school to allow the children to use the data for a project and feedback of their work expected early November. Cllr Kenworthy to produce data charts. Clerk to produce Action plan. Report to then be produced.

73/26.2 Footpath Wellbank/S106 monies

No clear route identified across Wellbank development. Wellbank currently revamping plans for the site. No clear route from Ananside road to Chapel Lane.

73/26.3 Hycemoor Field

Cllr Kenworthy still awaiting contact at Cumberland with regards to drainage. Complaint of trees overgrown. Clerk to contact a contractor to remove. Still issues around map confirmation for land sale.

73/26.4 Environment Issues

Cllr Kenworthy confirmed that Cumbria Rivers Trust would run the volunteer maintenance day the works woodland in December for £278.40 including replacing any trees.

73/26.5 Councillor vacancies

No more co-options allowed until after May elections.

73/26.6 Village Map

Map now in place on Office/Toilet block wall.

73/26.7 Monk Moors

No issues

73/26.8 Land next to car park.

Clerk to pursue with Cumberland Council.

73/26.9 Dog fouling

Cllr Woodcock confirmed that the reporting link had been placed on Facebook. There had been a noticeable drop in incidents of dog waste.

74/26 Reports from representatives on outside bodies and working groups.

7/26.1 BDSSA – Cllr Kenworthy reported that a draft Heads of Terms had been sent to the subgroup. Document to be presented at November meeting for approval. A new lease to be written up on agreed trms.

75/26 Correspondence

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

- none

76/26 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Duck reported that a resident had complained about the lack of progress on Summerhill.
- Cllr Woodcock gave her apologies for the November meeting.

77/26 Next Meeting

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

The members of the public left the meeting, and the council went into Closed Session

78/26 Closed Session

- Toilet Cleaning Contract – 2 firm applications had been received and considered by the Council. Clerk to contact successful applicant.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2115hrs.