

Bridekirk Parish Council
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Minutes of the meeting of Bridekirk Parish Council held on Thursday 13th March 2025

Present: Mr R Stenson (Acting Chair); Mr B Crosby; Mr W Nixon; Mr R Coy; Mr D Hodgson; Mr F Armstrong; Mr M Rollison; Mr I Chambers; & Clerk: Ms D Cosgrove

1.2.25 Apologies received from: Mr S Dumbill & Cllr M Harris

2.2.25 The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 9th January 2025 were signed as a true record.

3.2.25 No declarations of interest

4.2.25 There were no members of the public present at the meeting

5.2.25 Accounts approved for payment and finance matters:

No new payments to approve

6.2.25 **Reports from outside bodies:**

Cumberland Council : report previously circulated

Cumbria Constabulary: report previously circulated & posted to website

7.2.25 **Planning Applications:**

- **Ref:WTPO/2025/0001; Applicant:** Peter Mountfield; **Proposal** sycamore trees, remove overhanginglimbs and make trees safe; **Location:** 1 Priors Lodge,Tallentire, CA13 0PR - **circulated via email. No objections**
- **Ref: HOU/2025/0011; Applicant:** Anne Stead; **Proposal:** The erection of a tool shed to store toolsand ride on mower. **Location:** Limetree House, Dovenby, CA13 OPN.- **circulated via email, no objections. Approved with conditions.**

8.2.25 **Clerks report - reported under appropriate headings.**

9.2.25 **Flooding updates – nothing to report**

10.1.25 **Parish Maintenance – .**

There are Ash, Beech etc growing on the highway side of the Dovenby Beck Wall and some loose brickwork. Resolved to contact them to ensure they are aware.

Grass cutting contract: Currently three possible options, but due to the urgent nature of the contract it was delegated to Mr Armstrong to identify the best value and to move us forward in this matter.

Footpath Lighting in Dovenby: Further discussion took place regarding the potential siting and funding of the lighting required for the lighting to be

renewed following the removal of several lights by ENW. Mr Armstrong will get further advice for next meeting and Mr Chambers has agreed to approach home owners about the potential of siting them on their land. However the PC resolved to fund one and then review the success. Maximum approved £200, would need to be brought back to PC if this is insufficient. It was further resolved that if this lighting option is successful that an application into the Tallentire Wind Farm Fund should be made for the other lights required.

It was noted that Fibrus appear to have installed a number of poles in Dovenby without any application being seen by Bridekirk PC. It hasn't been possible to speak to anybody from Fibrus. It is assumed that the work was carried out under Permitted Development, but no notification or correspondence has been received by the Clerk.

Grit Box - Tallentire. There is no intention at this time to replace the grit box as the part of the road that requires gritting is actually on a route that should be covered by the gritting team, however it was noted that this was not happening and a number of minor accidents occurred due to black ice on the bend.

Resolved to add an agenda item for the duration of the completion of the Dovenby Green works as this needs the momentum to be continued or part of the funding would need to be returned.

11.2.25 Tallentire Wind Farm Fund

At the meeting of the CCF there was only one application received for bell restoration at Plumblund School. It was noted that approx. £5,000 was awarded, which was 50% of the application.

Gilcrux is currently preparing a bid for a Feasibility Study, currently anticipated to be £25k. Noted that the grant cap is £10k

Next meeting of TWFF is 25th September 2025

12.2.25 Noted date and time of next meeting : Thursday 8th May 2025 at 7.15pm - Bridekirk Parish Church for the APM, to be immediately followed by the Parish Council Meeting