

**Bridekirk Parish Council**  
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**Minutes of the meeting of Bridekirk Parish Council held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Present:** Mr S Dumbill (Chair); Mr B Crosby; Mr W Nixon; Mr R Coy; Mr D Hodgson; Mr F Armstrong; Mr I Chambers; Cllr M Harris & Clerk: Ms D Cosgrove

**1.3.25** Apologies received from: Mr R Stenson; Mr M Rollison

**2.3.25** The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were signed as a true record.

**3.3.25** No declarations of interest

**4.3.25** There were no members of the public present at the meeting

**5.3.25** Accounts approved for payment and finance matters:

- Clerks salary (paid twice yearly) £1,090
- Grant to St Bridget's for 2024/25 & 2025/26 - £1,000

AGAR approved and signed by Chair

Request for Invoice rather than receipt for Mr & Mrs Birkett, including BACs

Annual accounts for 2024/25 agreed as correct. Information to be processed and added to the Parish Council as required.

Noted that grass cutting has been done, but no invoices yet received.

**6.3.25** **Reports from outside bodies:**

**Cumberland Council** : report previously circulated

**Cumbria Constabulary**: report previously circulated & posted to website

**7.3.25** **Planning Applications:**

- **Notice of Approval : Applicant:** J Masters. **Proposal:** New access drive from existing dwelling onto existing highway. **Location:** Middle Croft, Tallentire, CA13 OPR Application Approved subject to conditions as shown on Planning Portal. **Noted**
- **Notice of Approval: Works to Tree Preservation Order** – 1 Priors Lodge, Tallentire, CA13 OPR – **Granted with conditions as shown on Planning Portal**
- **Ref:** VAR/2025/0011 **Applicant:** Chris Scammell ; **Proposal** : Variation to condition 1 of approved application VAR/2024/0011 to amend house type on plot 2. **Location:** Land near Bonnyhill Farm, Bridekirk, Cockermouth : **Noted**
- **Ref:** FUL/2025/0040 **Applicant:** M Sport; **Proposal:** siting of 15 luxury lodges for short stay overnight accommodation for conferences, corporate events and hospitality events at Dovenby Hall Estate, (change of use of land to provide overnight accommodation). **Location:**

M Sport Ltd, Dovenby Hall, Cockermouth, CA13 0PN : Previously circulated and objections submitted to Planning Department, these can be viewed on the Planning Portal. **Noted**

**8.3.25 Clerks report - reported under appropriate headings as appropriate.**

- Sexual harassment policy adopted and to be filed on website under Parish Documents.
- Resolved that the Clerk would not renew current insurance provider as much less expensive option available for same cover, with Zurich. Clerk to action.

**9.3.25 Flooding updates – nothing to report**

**10.3.25 Parish Maintenance – .**

Resolved to reduce the grass cutting contract to three weekly, rather than fortnightly.

Unable to support the mirrors for the member of public that requested them, Clerk will look into how others are managing this.

Reminder to encourage public to report potholes as this is of the benefit to all road users and if this can reduce risk of injury and vehicle damage.

Further discussion about lack of movement on completion of the work to the Dovenby Green site.

**11.3.25 Tallentire Wind Farm Fund**

No update however, next meeting of TWFF is 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**12.3.25 Noted date and time of next meeting : Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm - Bridekirk Parish Church**