

Bridekirk Parish Council
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Minutes of the meeting of Bridekirk Parish Council held on Thursday 20th November 2025

Present: Mr S Dubmill (Chair); Mr R Stenson; Mr R Coy; Mr D Hodgson; Mr I Chambers;
Mr B Crosby; M M Rollison; Cll M Harris & Clerk: Ms D Cosgrove

1.6.25 Apologies received from: Mr F Armstrong & Mr W Nixon

2.6.25 The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 11th September 2025 were signed as a true record.

3.6.25 There were no declarations of interest

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5.6.25 Accounts approved for payment and finance matters:

- Clerk salary to November 25 (6 months) - £1,070 chq100144
- Grass Cutting Keith Loudon £240 - chq 100145
- WEL Medical (Defibrillators) £2,187.67 - chq 100146
- TEEC Web Hosting £194.39 - chq 100147
- Refund to Tallentire Wind Farm sent £1,000
- Monies received Tallentire Windfarm Fund £2,187.67 (defibrillators)
- Resolved to raise the Precept to £7,500 year 26/27 to comply with Gov guidance on website hosting and email addresses.

6.6.25 Reports from outside bodies:

- Cumberland Council : report previously circulated
- Cumbria Constabulary: report previously circulated & posted to website

7.6.25 Planning Applications:

- **Decision Letter received:** Ref No: HOU/2025/0137 Applicant: B&R Waller & Hobson Proposal: Removal of existing garden summer house and replace with a new structure Location: Limefield, Dovenby CA13 OPN – Approved
- **Decision Letter received: Application: Ref No: PIP/2025/0002 Applicant:** Mark Kingham **Proposal:** Planning in Principle for max of two residential dwellings **Location:** Land adjacent to 10 Fernleigh Close, Cockermouth, CA13 0NS – Rejected
- **Application: Ref No: FUL/2025/0143 Applicant:** Michael Harper **Proposal** Circular Slurry Tower **Location:** West House Farm, Dearham, CA15 7LD - Previously circulated. No objections- **Approved by Planning Authority**

8.6.25 Clerks report - reported under appropriate headings as appropriate.

9.6.25 Flooding updates –

- It was noted that there were three areas of wall that had fallen into the Dovenby Beck during the heavy rains on the 12th/13th November. Highways had visited the site and it was determined that the Grade 2 listed wall would need to be reinstalled, but that it needed to have permits to do so, this is being handled between Highways and M Sport. The debris in the Beck is causing concern but this also requires a permit and this is being arranged and the work will commence as soon as the weather permits and the permit is granted. The part of the wall outside Lime Cottage is also being discussed with the householder and Highways to resolve the issue there. Cllr Harris has also committed to monitor the progress with Cumberland Council Highways department.
- It was noted that the heavy rain did cause some flooding on the roads at Tallentire, but nothing reported as having gone into the properties in either Tallentire or Bridekirk.

10.6.25 Parish Maintenance – .

- The new defibrillators have been received and put in place by Mr Hodgson.
- Cllr Harris reported that the street lighting is being reinstalled during this financial year.

11.6.25 Tallentire Wind Farm Fund

- The next meeting for this group is 25th February 2026, however any new applications must be submitted no later than 9th January 2026
- The final report on Dovenby Village Green was submitted by Mr Hodgson and has been accepted.

12.6.25 Noted date and time of next meeting : Thursday 8th January 2026 7.30pm - Bridekirk Parish Church