

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday 27 November 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. A. Cozens, R. Davison, and M. Underwood.

Also Present: J. Rae (Clerk)

Cllr R Davison in the Chair

868/25 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr J. Lee. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.

869/25 Declarations of interest

None.

870/25 Requests for dispensations

None.

871/25 Minutes - Meeting 25 September 2025

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2025 were a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

872/25 Public Participation

No members of the public were in attendance.

873/25 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cumberland Council - Cllr K. Thurlow was not in attendance.

Village Hall Committee – A written report had been received:

“September saw the return of our annual Produce show and although numbers were slightly down on last year it was still a successful day with plenty of entries and we made over £200. The Committee are looking at ways we could possibly boost this but the main focus of the show is to preserve an important tradition that helps to bring the community together.

October saw the return of the Blen-Scare-Cro trail for Halloween and this was augmented by a Halloween Crafts event and Kids Halloween party on the 31st October. We had good attendance throughout the week with the craft event and party both proving popular. In the end the event raised over £400 for Hall funds.

November sees our annual Christmas market and Santas grotto returning although in a very competitive market as there are now a lot of these events throughout the local area with limited crafters available. We still have strong support from many of our regulars and we are also bringing a few new stalls this year.

December has a new event booked for us in the form of a Christmas Wreath making day. This sold out within a few days of being advertised and we are hopeful that we can bring this back next year maybe with an additional date.

January will see the annual Pensioners lunch and the annual Harry Douglas Memorial Quiz is programmed for February. Further events are currently being scoped for 2026 and an events list should be published before the end of 2025.

The Committee is actively looking to recruit more members at present as we have a small but dedicated crew who do as much as they can given that all but one have full time jobs and most have young families. We are looking to recruit as many people as possible of all ages from across the parish, especially Scales.

Our AGM is scheduled for the 26th November at 19:00.

Work on funding bids continues although with the current financial climate opportunities for large bids to purchase the hall seem limited. Work is continuing to source potential funders who will fund running costs to cover as much of the rent increase as possible".

Cllr A Cozens also provided an update following the Committee's AGM on 26 November.

874/25 Financial Statement

The financial statement as at 31 October 2025 had been circulated with the agenda and was noted by members. Balance 31 October 2025 - Cumberland Building Society £8,032.95.

875/25 Payments and Receipts

(a) Income Received:

Rent of Parish Land – £10.00

(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 3	£462.38
HMRC PAYE Quarter 3	£115.60
Ministry of Doing Website Hosting/Maintenance	£320.00

876/25 Planning Matters

(a) Applications Received: None

(b) Decisions: None

877/25 Correspondence

The following correspondence received was noted:

CALC - Cumberland Libraries News

CALC - EV Charging Infrastructure Event - Monday 20 October 2025

CALC - Slides from the Hyperfast Broadband Event

CALC - Online food conversation invite 4 November 2025.

Cumberland Council - New reporting system for environmental issues

CALC Devolution Update

Cumberland Council Newsletters

Raise – Funding for Tree Planting

CALC – AGM rescheduled to 15 November 2025

Cumberland Council – Community Governance Review

Cumberland Council – Election Costs

CALC Newsletter

878/25 Highway Matters

Cllr R Davison reported that a resident had advised that a street light was out in Langrigg.

This had been reported to Cumberland Council. Cllr. R. Davison had also reported to

Highways an issue with a drain/pipe outlet at Langrigg.

879/25 Items for Discussion:

▪ Bank Mandate

The mandate from Cumberland Building Society to add Cllr Adrian Cozens as an authorised signatory was completed and signed by two existing signatories.

▪ United Utilities EIR Request Update

United Utilities had responded to the EI request and confirmed that there are a number of asbestos cement water main present in the water network around the Parish of Bromfield. These can be viewed on the United Utilities online viewing facility or by contacting the Property Searches Team.

▪ Digital and Data Protection Responsibilities

Members noted that the new .gov website was live <https://www.bromfield-pc.gov.uk/>

Members resolved that the format of the .gov email addresses would be

cllr.surname@bromfieldpc.gov.uk Once the emails are set up an IT/email policy would be adopted.

- **Budget 2026-27**
Members considered the draft budget circulated with the agenda. The usual income and expenditure items were discussed together with projects and commitments for the next financial year. Members resolved to increase the precept to £7,500.00.
- **Cumberland Council Community Governance Review**
Members discussed the correspondence from Cumberland Council advising that the Electoral Services Team are looking to commence a Community Governance Review in 2026. The review will consider councillor numbers, merging of parish councils and minor boundary amendments. Following a discussion Members resolved that they did not wish the Parish to be involved in the review at this time.
- **Raise – Tree Planting Grant**
Members discussed the correspondence from Cumbria Community Forest advising that tree planting grants are available to communities across Cumbria. The correspondence was noted. Members agreed not to pursue this further.
- **Vacancies**
Members noted there are several vacancies on the Council. Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council should contact the Clerk for further information.

880/25 Items for the Next Agenda

Any items for the agenda to be with the Clerk by 18 January 2026.

881/25 Date and time of next meeting

Bi monthly Meeting 29 January 2026 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Blencogo

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35 pm