

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Committee Room, Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday 29 January 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. A. Cozens, R. Davison, J. Lee, W. Miller and M. Underwood.

Also Present: K. Thurlow, (Cumberland Councillor) and J. Rae (Clerk)

Members of the Public: One

Cllr W. Miller in the Chair

882/25 Apologies for absence

None.

883/25 Declarations of interest

None.

884/25 Requests for dispensations

None.

885/25 Minutes - Meeting 27 November 2025

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2025 are a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

886/25 Public Participation

One member of the public was in attendance and expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.

Correspondence had been received raising concern about the increase in incidents of dog fouling and dog owners failing to pick up. Over recent weeks this had been a daily problem with many cases on footpaths up and down the village, on the community field and down the lonning past the village hall.

887/25 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cumberland Council - Cllr K. Thurlow reported that the weight restriction sign on the Leegate to Fletchertown road had been reinstated. Cllr Thurlow advised that residents should keep reporting potholes and highway issues via the HIAMS on Cumberland Council's website. Cllr Thurlow will submit a request to Cumberland Council to carry out stenciling on the pavements to deter dog fouling in Parish.

Village Hall Committee – The Chair's written report had been circulated:

"2025 was a year of ups and downs for the hall. It's been hard work trying to source funding for the purchase of the hall and at present there doesn't seem to be much help around after the government closed the main community fund. However, the committee are continuing to work towards ultimately purchasing the hall as soon as we can finalise the funding. On a positive note, the hall was as busy as ever last year with plenty of events getting fantastic support. We've got a packed schedule of events for 2026 with our annual Quiz, Murder Mystery night, a country music night, Easter crafts and egg hunt, Spring craft fair, Bingo, Strawberry Teas, Ladies pamper night, Jigsaw Challenge, Farmers markets, fitness classes and Children's STEM days all planned or in the process of being planned. The Senior Parishioners Lunch in January was hugely successful with a great turn out. The Wreath making class in Dec of 2025 was also very successful and sold out within a day of being advertised. Our annual Sacre crow trail was again popular and the addition of a Kids Halloween party boosted engagement, participation and income. This is my last report as Chairman of the Village Hall. I took over from Adrian back in late 2019 and I've led the committee to the best of my ability for the last 6 years. This has seen some pretty serious lows with the whole Covid pandemic and the hall being shut but it's also seen some great progress, especially in our online presence and in putting on extra events and bringing in more users for the hall. The committee remains devoted to preserving and promoting our beautiful Hall to ensure that it's there for everyone who needs it when they need it".

The Village Hall Business Plan for this financial year and the request for the agreed grant of £3500 for the current 25/26 financial year had also been received.

888/25 Financial Statement

The financial statement as at 31 December 2025 had been circulated with the agenda and was noted by members. Balance 31 December 2025 - Cumberland Building Society £7.134.97.

889/25 Payments and Receipts

(a) Income Received: None

(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Ministry of Doing Wi-Fi Village Hall	£120.00
X-Net -10 Email accounts	£120.00
X-Net – Registration .gov domain	£150.00
Zurich Insurance – Annual Insurance	£734.28
Grant to Blencogo Village Hall	£3500.00

890/25 Planning Matters

(a) Applications Received:

FUL/2025/0194 - Bromfield Hall, Bromfield, Wigton CA7 3NB
Proposal: Extension of existing cattle building (no increase in livestock)

FUL/2025/0193 - Bromfield Farms Ltd, Bromfield Hall, Bromfield, CA7 3NB
Proposal: Extension to existing silage pit

(b) Decisions:

FUL/2025/0148 - Blencogo House, Blencogo, Wigton CA7 0BZ
Proposal: Erection of livestock building GRANTED

Regulation 5 - Informative

Cumberland Council - Regulation 5 - Part 16: Electronic communications code operators from Viberoptix with regards the proposal Proposed telecommunications installation:

- 17 x 9 metre medium telecommunications poles at Sewage Works, Bromfield
- 4 x 9m medium telecommunications poles at Near The Barn, Scales, Aspatria, CA7 3NL.
- 6 x 9m light telecommunications poles Smithy Cottage, High Scales, Aspatria, CA7 3NG.
- 12 x 9m medium telecommunication poles - Near Intack House, Crookdake, CA7 3SH
- 22 x 9 metre medium telecommunications poles at Oak Tree Cottage, Langrigg, CA7 3LN
- 3 x 9 metre medium telecommunications poles at Mulberry House, Blencogo, CA7 0BZ.
- 11 x 9 metre medium telecommunications poles at Mereside Cottage, Bromfield, CA7 3NB
- 6 x 9 metre medium telecommunications poles at Greenah Hall, Langrigg, Wigton, CA7 3LQ

891/25 Correspondence

The following correspondence received was noted:

Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council

Ellenvale Service 39 variation effective from 17 February 2026

United Utilities priorities service register

Cumberland EV Infrastructure

Cumberland Council – Have your say on Cumberland Council’s budget proposals

CALC AGM 2025 notes and Guest Speaker presentation slides

CALC - Protect Where We Play - request for support

CALC - Equality and diversity training

LGBC - additional phase of public consultation in our review of Cumberland Council's electoral arrangements

CALC - Website session on Accessibility and Assertion10

Cumberland Council - Cumberland Go

Cumberland Council – Council Tax Base Figure

892/25 Highway Matters

Cllr R Davison advised he had reported that the waste bin that was attached to the lighting column reported at the last meeting had not been reinstated.

The surface of the highway from Langrigg to Bromfield is breaking up.

Drain blocked outside Crookdake Hall.

Subsequent to the concerns raised at the last meeting relating to a wall built on/ adjacent to the highway. Cumberland Council Highways Team had confirmed that a letter will be sent to the home owner to make contact with the Streetworks team to discuss the recent works.

893/25 Items for Discussion:

- **Annual Insurance**

The renewal documentation from Zurich Insurance was considered. RESOLVED that the policy with Zurich Municipal be renewed at an annual premium of £734.28.

- **Bank Mandate**

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

- **Digital and Data Protection Responsibilities**

The new .gov email accounts had been set up for councillors. Cllrs Lee and Miller are still to activate their accounts. Once all mail boxes are active an IT/Email Policy will be adopted and the Parish Council will need to register with the Information Commissioners Office.

- **Dog Fouling**

Members considered the concerns raised regarding the increasing problem of dog waste not being picked up by dog owners. It was agreed to put some posters up the Parish promoting responsible dog ownership. Cllr K. Thurlow will arrange for stenciling on the pavements to be re-done.

- **Vacancies**

John Ferguson was in attendance and expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. On the proposal of Cllr A. Cozens, seconded by Cllr. J. Lee it was resolved that John Ferguson be duly co-opted onto the Parish Council. Mr. Ferguson signed a declaration of acceptance of office and will complete a register of disclosable pecuniary interests form.

There are still vacancies. Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council should contact the Clerk for further information.

894/25 Items for the Next Agenda

Any items for the agenda to be with the Clerk by 15 March 2026.

895/25 Date and time of next meeting

Bi monthly Meeting 26 March 2026 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Blencogo

Members recorded their thanks to Cllrs Lee and Miller for installing the new noticeboards at Bromfield and Langrigg.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 pm