

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Committee Room, Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday 30 July 2026 at 7.30pm.

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

Also Present: J. Rae (Clerk)

Cllr. A. Cozens in the Chair

928/26 Apologies for absence

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

929/26 Declarations of interest

None.

930/26 Requests for dispensations

None.

931/26 Minutes - Meeting 28 May 2026

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 28 May 2026 were a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

932/26 Public Participation

No members of the public were in attendance.

933/26 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cumberland Council - Cllr K. Thurlow was not in attendance

Village Hall Committee – The report from the Village Hall Committee had been circulated:

“We have had some successful events recently including our first bingo night which we hope will become a more regular feature and a ceilidh which was a lovely community event with various generations coming together with music and dance. Also, we have had some new regular users coming into to offer sessions in the hall. This includes sound baths monthly fitness class weekly and a farmers market. We are hopeful they will also settle into our lovely space and bring some nice variety to what is on offer to our community.

Fundraising is going well towards the purchase of the hall. We are currently calling in pledges with the hope that we will be able to proceed with the purchase. We are around 85% of the way to the amount need to complete the purchase from the diocese.

Could we also formally request the agreed contribution from the Parish council of £3500 for this financial year. This will help with meeting some of the costs of the upkeep of the hall, playground and field for the benefit of the community.

We are planning our produce show in September and wondered if anyone from the Parish Council would like to be involved in awarding the prizes on the day (5 Sept). Please let us know. Would be great to see our Parish Councillors at the event”.

Cllr A. Cozens also provided Members with an update regarding the fund raising.

934/26 Financial Statement

The financial statement as at 30 June 2026 had been circulated with the agenda and was noted by members. Balance 30 June 2026

Cumberland Building Society	£9,547.91
VAT Overpayment	(£ 445.15)
Unpresented Cheque	£ 230.80
Actual Balance	£ 8871.96

935/26 Payments and Receipts

(a) Income Received: None

(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Blencogo Village Hall Committee	£3500.00
Clerk's expenses Quarter 1 2026-27	£ 22.23
M. Underwood Refund Defib Pads	£ 124.80

Donations granted to:

St. Mungos Church	£600.00
Citizens Advice Allerdale	£100.00
Wigton Baths Trust	£100.00

936/26 Planning Matters

(a) Applications Received:

LBC/2026/0018 - The Windmill, Langrigg CA7 3LY

Proposal: Listed building consent for removal of the UPVC front and kitchen outside doors, replacement with solid wood-core timber doors

HRN/2026/0003 - Scales Demesne Farm, Low Scales, Aspatria, Wigton, CA7 3NE

Proposal: Removal of 260m of hedge to allow better access

(b) Decisions

FUL/2026/0065 - Sea View, Wigton, CA7 0BW

Proposal: Application for change of use from Class E (Nursery) to Class C2 (Residential Care Home) GRANTED

LBC/2026/0018 - The Windmill, Langrigg, CA7 3LY

Proposal: Listed building consent for removal of the UPVC front and kitchen outside doors, replacement with solid wood-core timber doors LBC GRANTED

937/26 Correspondence

The following correspondence received was noted:

Cumberland Council - Cumberland Local Plan timetable updated following new government guidance

Cumberland Council Newsletters

CALC - Highways reporting system - My Account

CALC - Highways slides from 20th May

CALC News

CALC - Newsletter for Town and Parish Councils about the Nourish project, which is around improving the school food culture.

Cumberland Council - Cumbria Bus Reform Pilot Study

Cumberland Council - Removal of requirements to publish a member's home address

CALC/Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Conferences 2026

CALC Climate/Net Zero Event

Planned Temporary Road Closure - C2010 Bromfield

Silloth and Aspatria Neighbourhood Policing Pledge Meeting, Wednesday 8 July 2026

Village Heat Share Mailout.

938/26 Highway Matters

It was noted that the bus stop flag pole signs near Leegate House had still not been replaced. This will be re-reported to Cumberland Council.

939/26 Items for Discussion:

- **Donation Requests** Members considered the three requests received for financial support:
St Mungo's Church - RESOLVED to grant £600.00
Citizens Advice Allerdale – RESOLVED to grant £100.00
Wigton Baths Trust – RESOLVED to grant £100.00
- **Purchase of Village Hall/Possible Parish Council Contribution**
It was agreed to look at this again once the final details of the sale are known.
- **Update on Defibrillators at Langrigg and Blencogo**
Cllr M. Underwood reported that replacement pads for the defibrillator at Blencogo had been ordered. Cllr R. Davison advised he would speak to the former guardian of the defibrillator at Langrigg regarding the reporting procedure.
- **Vacancies**
No expressions of interest had been received.

940/26 Items for the Next Agenda

Any items for the agenda to be with the Clerk by 12 September 2026.

941/26 Date and time of next meeting

Bi monthly Meeting 24 September 2026 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Blencogo

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