

Bridekirk Parish Council

Appletree House, Allerby, Aspatria,

Minutes of the the Annual Parish Meeting of the Bridekirk Parish Council held on Thursday 14th May 2026 in Bridekirk Church

Attendees: Mr R Stenson (Acting Chair); Mr D Hodgson; Mr R Coy; Mr F Armstrong; Mr I Chambers; Mr B Crosby; Mr W Nixon; Cllr M Harris & Ms D Cosgrove (Clerk)

Apologies: S Dumbill (Chair); Mr M Rollison

- APM.1.26 Chairs report for the previous year.
 Appointment of Chair Simon
- APM.2.26 Dumbill was voted to be returning
 Chair
 Appointment of Vice Chair Roy
- APM.3.26 Stenson was voted as returning
 Vice Chair
- APM.4.26 Financial Report
 Delivered by Clerk and Annual Accounts approved. These will be posted on website

This meeting was immediately followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Minutes

- 1.2.2026 Apologies for absence. Mr S Dumbill; Mr M Rollison
- 2.2.2026 The minutes of the meeting held 13th March 2026 were approved as a true record.
- 3.2.2026 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
- 4.2.2026 Suspension of Standing Orders for members of the public to speak.

 There was 1 member of the public present who was enquiring about the alleged breach of planning conditions. Questions answered and updates will be provided.

- 5.2.2026 Accounts approved
- Clerks salary x 6 months to May 2026 £ 1,070 cheque 100151
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 - Grant St Bridgets Church £500 cheque 100152
 - N Power £30.21 (NB: previously cheque not posted as new invoice received) cheque 100153
 - Rent of meeting space for PC Meetings 12 x £25 = £300 cheque 100154
 - Zurich insurance £241.00 cheque 100154

- Keith Laydon Grass Cutting £400 cheque 100155

It was resolved that the Clerk is permitted to pay via BAC's any invoices that require paying between Meetings subject to approval by the PC and claim back at the next meeting.

6.2.2026 Reports from outside bodies :

Cumberland Council previously circulated

Cumbria Constabulary – previously circulated

7.2.2026 Planning Applications:

- **Ref:** PIP/2025/2025 **Applicant:** Mark Kingham, **Proposal:** Planning in Principal for max of 2 residential dwellings **Location:** Land adjacent to 10 Fernleigh Close, CA13 0NS Now under **Appeal Reference 6008089**-previously circulated via email and objections remain the same as when this was initially submitted 03/09/2025. Clerk has replied to the Planning Department as instructed
- **Ref:** HOU/2026/0064 **Applicant:** Maria Phillips **Proposal:** Installation of a floor standing external air source heat pump to side elevation. **Location:** 7 Highcroft Close, Tallentire, CA13 0NR Previously circulated via email and concerns raised that the siting of the heat pump due to the noise levels which are outside the guidelines and may impact on neighbouring properties. Clerk has notified the Planning Department as instructed.
- **Ref:** HOU/2026/0060 **Applicant:** Kamila Winterbottom; **Proposal:** Installation of an air source heat pump to front of property; **Location:** 1 Appleton Court, Bridekirk, CA13 0PE Previously circulated via email and concerns raised as the application fails to meet neighbour noise compliance levels as per MCS 020(A) Heat Pump Sound Calculator and the Clerk has passed these concerns to the Planning Department as instructed.
- **Ref:** LBC/2026/0012; **Applicant:** Joel Wells; **Proposal:** Listed building consent for removal of entrance porch and coal bunker at gable end, alterations to roof, replace cement render, replacement of 2 windows, replacement door and replacement fireplace with log burner. **Location:** Dale House, Tallentire, CA13 OPT – Previously circulated via email and no objections to this Proposal.

8.2.2026 Clerks report -

Gov.uk domain has now been purchased and there will be new email addresses issued to all Parish Councillors and the Clerk in the near future. Details will be posted on the Parish Website. The formats will be Chair@; Clerk @ & first name.surname@bridekirkparishcouncil.gov.uk

Request for information regarding Paupers Graves in Bridekirk Church, this is being handled by the Church.

Request for support to install a crossing for parents taking children to Bridekirk School from Dovenby. This has been raised in the past and declined by Highways due to cost of installation and maintenance for a limited number of people and no suitable site.

9.2.2026 There were no flooding issues across the Parish in this period.

 Mr Hodgson will follow up re Leaky Damns to see if there is any update on maintenance schedules.

10.2.2026 Update on any Parish Maintenance inc:

- Street Lighting in Dovenby . Nothing has been done so far, but had been promised by end of last financial year.
- Update on Dovenby Beck wall repairs. Contractors appointed and permissions should be received and work commenced in June 2026.

11.2.2026 Tallentire Wind Fund, next meeting August 2026.

12.2.2026. Noted the date and time of the next meeting **Thursday 9th July 2026 7.30pm - Bridekirk Church.**