

Brigham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th of August 2025

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mrs M. Light, Mr D. Wilson, Mr J. Myers, Miss S. Simcox, Mr Stephen Morris, Mr Bruce Mumford

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Mr Andrew Semple

CLERK: Mrs D. Holliday

1. Apologies of absence notified to the Clerk

Cllr Greaves. The Council accepted their apologies.

2. To approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 20th May 2025

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council:

Proposed by Cllr Myers and seconded by Cllr Wilson.

Parish Council Meeting:

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Signed as a true record by Chairperson Light.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes held on the 20th May 2025

Agenda item 9: AGAR submitted

Agenda item 11: New 3 year budget now on the website, bench painting organised, playpark equipment repaired, awaiting 2 new bins

4. To receive declarations of interest in respect of Matters on the Agenda

None

The meeting will be suspended to allow the public to speak

No parishioners in attendance

5. Police Matters

Cllrs Light and Wilson informed the Cllrs that they had not received any invites to the Community meetings and will investigate why.

6. Cumberland Councillor

Cllr Semple updated the Cllrs on:

- o Enhanced bus services and explanation of bus tenders
- o Lakes2Sea update
- o Cumbria Police engagement meetings
- o Community Panel and spending

There was discussion around these subjects, Cllr Myers asked if there was any monitoring of bus breakdowns, non-service, maintenance issues. Cllr Semple explained that there wasn't.

7. Correspondence

All relevant emails and correspondence is forwarded to the Cllrs.

8. Update from planning subcommittee

- **Planning applications and Decision Notices**

All Parish Council comments can be found at:

<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/search-planning-applications>

Ref: FUL/2025/0096

Proposal: Change of use from Vehicle servicing/repairs and second hand car sales to Class E (d) namely a location to provide Cheerleading classes for a Community Interest

Location: Allerdale Yard, Low Road, Brigham, Cockermouth, CA13 0XH.

Decision: Pending decision

Ref: FUL/2025/0087

Proposal: Alterations to porch, including new ramped access, new steps and installation of new door.

Location: Brigham Methodist Church, High Brigham

Decision: Granted with conditions

Ref: WTPO/2025/0015

Proposal: removal of 2 trees

Location: Hotchberry Road

Decision: Granted with conditions

Ref: FUL/2025/0035

Proposal: Erection of self build dwelling (resubmission of FUL/2024/0175)

Location: Holabie House, Broughton Cross, Cockermouth CA13 0TY

Decision: Pending decision

Ref: HOU/2025/0080

Applicant: P Sheppard

Proposal: Extension in width to existing Driveway and alterations to access steps

Location: 3 High Rigg, Brigham, Cockermouth, CA13 0TA

Decision: Granted

9. Update from Council's working parties

- **Finance**

Clerk Holliday advised the Cllrs that the money saved up for new play equipment has yet to be spent and all spendings can be found on the website.

- **Village Quality**

- **Playpark**

The equipment has been repaired. No decision on any new equipment.

- **Speed bumps**

Clerk Holliday asked if the money available for new playpark equipment could be considered for speed bumps before Colin Grove and between Broughton Cross and the School. The Cllrs discussed and agreed that this could be investigated.

Clerk Holliday to contact Highways and to investigate options

- **Potholes**

Cllr Morris stated he had reported several potholes near St. Bridget's school

Cllr Myers stated he had reported a blocked drain near the flats on Stang Lonning, caused by gravel washing down the road.

- o **Benches**

Mr Laydon has agreed to paint the benches in the Parish and remove the broken bench from the playpark.

- o **Bins**

2 new bins are to be installed, one next to the Memorial Hall and one next to the bench on Ellerbeck Brow. The Clerk has sent several emails to Cumberland Council to request they are emptied without success.

- o **Bus shelters**

Cllr Semple was informed by the Clerk that the funding from the appropriate bus funding department has been unsuccessful. He has advised that he will ask Sue O'Neil to contact us regarding other funding options.

- o **Notice Boards**

Clerk Holliday stated the notice board at Broughton Cross is still in good condition, but the one at the Memorial Hall will need replaced in the next 2 years.

- o **Footpaths**

Cllr Wilson discussed the 3 public rights of way. National Highways have trimmed back the steps at Broughton Cross onto the A66. They have asked for a yearly reminder to maintain them.

There was also general discussion on the footpath from Cockermouth Lonning to the A66, it has been reported that there is a barbed wire fence obstructing it. Clerk Holiday reported that there was not an obvious path off the A66 to Brigham, but that the footpath across the A66 into the Fitz is usable.

Further investigation required

- o **Maintenance**

Clerk Holliday informed the Cllrs that only 1 person had applied to finish off the Grass cutting Tender after the mutual agreement with the previous contractor to discontinue with the rest of the contract. It was also discussed that the Cllrs should consider changing the grass cutting contract to a maintenance contract, as this would make the contract more useful due to the difficulty in getting small jobs completed.

To be decided at the next meeting

- **Communications**

Cllr Greaves (not in attendance) has circulated the flier to the Cllrs for review. Any comments or changes to be sent to the Clerk.

- **Business**

- o **East Quarry**

Cllr Myers updated the Cllrs that a TPO has been placed on the East Quarry and that the owner was doing a Woodland Plan. There has also been heavy equipment using the archways under Stang Lonning and Cllr Myers is awaiting a reply to an email he sent about it.

- o **Business List**

Cllr Myers and Light informed the Cllrs that they had updated the Business List after visiting businesses in the Parish and circulated a new list, which is to be updated on the website.

Clerk Holliday to update on the website.

10. Community Plan update

Cllr Wilson explained the new Community Plan action document and how it was going to be updated. There would now be a spreadsheet to show how the Council are progressing on the agreed actions. It may show that some actions need to be removed, or some expanded.

11. CALC update

Cllr Wilson updated the Cllrs on CALC matters:

- Increase in CALC and NALC subscription and value for money
- Mayoral election postponed to 2027

13. Members Queries

Cllr Wilson provided feedback on the Tendley Quarry nighttime work causing excessive noise. Chairperson Light stated she had emailed them previously, but would email them again about it.

14. Date of next Meeting: 12th November 2025