

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at Bothel Village Hall on Tuesday 8 September 2026 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:

D. Crosdale

P. Musk (Chair)

J. Taylor

R. Watson

N. Todhunter (Chair, Community Fund Committee) for part of the meeting

J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor

Members of the Public: None

J. Rae (Clerk)

42/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. M. Story. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.

43/26 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 14 JULY 2026

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2026 are a true record and were signed by the Chair.

44/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

45/26 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

46/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident had raised the issue of the maintenance of the serviced areas of the Washington Homes development and the grounds maintenance contract. A representative from Washington Homes had been invited to attend the Council meeting on the 8th September to address the issues with the residents.

As a representative had failed to attend the meeting the Chair agreed to follow this up with Washington Homes.

Two issues relating to parish maintenance were raised:

The noticeboard adjacent the Crofts will not close securely.

Cllr D. Crosdale confirmed that the dead swallow in the bus shelter at Threapland had been removed.

47/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 14 JULY 2026

Cllr J. Perry provided an update on the closure of the bridleway 213002 reported at the last meeting. The bridge is unsafe for pedestrians as well as for horses and has to be closed to both horses and those on foot. The good news is that the funding has been earmarked so it can be done this financial year.

48/26 REPORTS

Cumberland Councillor – Cllr J. Perry reported that there is still no update when the informal consultation on the speed limit review will be carried out.

Cllr J. Perry also reported on Cumberland Council's winter ready campaign which offers advice to members of the public on being prepared for winter weather.

Residents are encouraged to report any blocked and uncovered drains or any other issues on the HIAMS. Cllr R Watson reported that a drain regularly overflows on School Lane which is hazardous during frosty conditions.

Cumbria Police – The newsletter had been circulated by email prior to the meeting.

49/26 COMMUNITY FUND

- (a) N. Todhunter, Chair of the Community Fund Committee reported that due to increased costs an application for £1000 towards the bonfire/firework celebrations had been submitted to the Community Fund Committee. A risk assessment had been carried out and the ground area will be cleared following the event.
Resolved to support the Community Fund Committee's decision to grant £1000.
- (b) Members noted that notification had been received on 3 September that the Wharrels Hill Community Benefit payment of £21,141.62 will be paid into the account with Lloyds.
- (c) The financial statement at 31 July 2026 had been circulated with the agenda.

Income Received from:

Wharrels Hill Community Benefit payment £21,141.62
Skipton Building Society – Interest £ 1,775.12

Community Fund Balance 31 July 2026

Lloyds Account £44,707.22

Skipton Account £81,435.86

- (d) Park/Allotment/Re-stone/surfacing of the lane down to School Lane
Cllr P. Musk reported there had been no progress since the last meeting.

50/26 FINANCE

- (a) The financial report as at 31 July 2026 had been circulated with the agenda.
Balance CBS 31 July 2026 £8,825.59
- (b) Members noted and approved the NJC LGA pay award for clerks of 3.3% back dated to April 2026.
- (c) Payment of Accounts – The following accounts were authorised for payment

J Rae	Clerk's account Quarter 2	£707.16
HMRC	PAYE Quarter 2	£149.20
ICO	Data Protection Fee	£ 47.00 (DD)

51/26 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated by email:

CALC - Press release New Chief Officer for CALC Dr. Sian Thornthwaite

SAAA Agar Digital - Set up your SAAA Small Authority Portal account

CALC News

CALC - 2026/27 National Salary Scales Agreed

CALC - Temporary Road Closures and Restrictions - Tour of Britain

CALC - Emergency Plans

CALC Bulletin - 26 August 2026

Email from parishioner re Washington Homes development

Cumberland Council – Review of Polling Places

52/26 PLANNING

(a) Applications received: None.

(b) Decisions:

FUL/2026/0070 - Threapland Lees, Threapland to the A595, CA7 2JP
Proposal: Erection of a free-range egg laying unit with associated
infrastructure including new access GRANTED

53/26 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

(a) No new matters were reported. Cllr J. Perry agreed to follow up with United Utilities a pot hole that has still not been repaired in Threapland which is believed to be United Utilities responsibility to repair.

(b) The Chair reported that there had been no update from Cumberland Council on the parish council's proposal and options for speed control on the A595. The Chair agreed to follow this up with the Assistant Director of Highways and Transport.

54/26 DONATION REQUEST

Members considered the request for financial assistance received from Citizens Advice Allerdale and resolved not to support the request.

55/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next bi-monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 November 2026 at 7.30 pm Bothel Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.57 pm

Signed.....Date.....