BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at Bothel Village Hall on Tuesday 10 November 2026 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:

D. Crosdale
J. Mitchell
M. Story
J. Taylor
R. Watson
R. Wren
J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor
Prospective Green Party candidate for Bothel & Caldbeck Ward
N. Todhunter, Chair Community Fund Committee (for part of the meeting)
Members of the Public: None
J. Rae (Clerk)

Cllr J. Taylor in the Chair

56/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. P. Musk. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.

57/26 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 8 SEPTEMBER 2026

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2026 are a true record and were signed by the Chair.

58/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

59/26 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks were recorded to former councillor Clare Macaulay for her time as a councillor and her assistance during that time.
Thanks were also recorded to Nigel Todhunter for organising the bonfire night and the fireworks and to Christine Marsden for organising the food at the bonfire.

60/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr R. Watson thanked Nigel Todhunter and his team for organising the bonfire and firework display.

The following matters were raised on behalf of residents:

The issue with vehicles parking on the highway from the greyhound towards Solway View blocking visibility was raised. Members discussed whether parking restrictions could be implemented on the highway. Cllr J. Taylor agreed to report this issue on the HIAMS and submit a request for parking restrictions.

A query was raised who the land owner is of the layby near Cross Lonning and whether the private parking sign is enforceable.

A complaint had been received regarding the condition of the pavement from Hunting Lodge Close to Bank Lonning. The pavement is covered with green algae and is dangerous in wet conditions. Cllr R. Wren was asked to report this on HIAMS.

A request had been received for a bus shelter to be erected on the A595. This will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr R. Wren reported that the Gardening Club had carried out a litter pick around the village and had cleaned the bus shelters. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Gardening Club.

It was noted that some street signs are becoming tatty. Cllr J. Taylor agreed to submit a report on HIAMS.

A hedge requires cutting on School Lane – It was noted that hedge cutting is the landowners responsibility.

Cllr J. Perry introduced the prospective candidate for the Green Party for the Bothel & Caldbeck Ward in the elections in May 2027.

61/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2026

Cllr. D. Crosdale reported that the grit bins in Threapland had been checked and any blocked drains had been reported to Highways.

62/26 REPORTS

Cumberland Councillor – Cllr J. Perry reported that there was still no confirmation of the date when the consultation on the speed limit review will be carried out.

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

63/26 COMMUNITY FUND

(a) N. Todhunter, Chair of the Community Fund Committee reported that an application had been received from Bothel & Kirkland WI for £440 towards the production costs of the Bothel Busy Buddy. Members supported the Community Fund's recommendation to grant £440.00.

(b) The financial statement at 31 October 2026 had been circulated with the agenda.

Community Fund Balance 31 October 2026

Lloyds Account £64,835.59
Skipton Account £81,435.86

There was discussion about grants given out by the Community Fund. It was suggested that as the authorising body the Parish Council should probably have a summary report tracking grants awarded.

It was suggested that further funds should be transferred from the Lloyds account to the account with Skipton BS. This will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

(c) Re-stone/surfacing of the lane down to School Lane
No developments to report since the last meeting.

64/26 FINANCE

(a) The financial report as at 31October 2026 had been circulated with the agenda.

Balance CBS 31 October 2026 £8,629.39

(b) Payment of Accounts – The following accounts were authorised for payment

D.R. & A. Hunt	Grass Cutting, Threapland	£1008.00
I Steel	Grass Cutting, Bothel	£680.00

(c) Bank Mandate

Following the resignation of Cllr Clare Macaulay amendments were agreed to the mandate with Cumberland Building Society.
Cllr John Taylor would be added as an authorised signatory
Cllr Clare Macaulay would be removed.
The required forms would be completed and signed by two existing signatories.

65/26 BUDGET 2027-2028

Members considered the draft budget and discussed the usual income and expenditure. Resolved that the precept would be set at £6300.

66/26 CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC - Have Your Say: CALC 2026 Membership Survey
ACT Update Oct 2026
Cumberland Council - Cumbria Bus Reform Pilot - invitation to community conversation
CALC AGM 10th October 2026
The Latest CALC News
Cumberland Local Plan Scoping Consultation
Cumberland Council – Election Costs
CALC - Be a Councillor 2027 Campaign – Resources for Your Council
Cumberland Local Plan: Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Scoping Consultation

67/26 PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

FUL/2026/0131 - Threapland Lees, Threapland, Aspatria, Wigton, CA7 2JP
Proposal: Proposed general purpose storage shed for crop and machinery

(b) Decisions: None

68/26 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

(a) The matters reported in the Public Participation part of the meeting will be reported to Highways and the EI number forwarded to Cllr J. Perry.

(b) Cumberland Council had advised that the Parish Council cannot install their own speed monitoring devices on the A595. Cumberland Council are looking into speeding restrictions and will report back.

69/26 REPLACEMENT OF NOTICEBOARDS

Cllr P Musk had obtained a price for composite notice boards to replace the old wooden ones. An email asking for assistance to get prices for installing the composite boards and removing the old ones was circulated. Cllr. R. Wren reported that he had responded to Cllr. P. Musk's email.

70/26 RESIGNATION OF CLLR. C MACAULAY

Following Cllr Clare Macaulay's resignation the Returning Officer at Cumberland Council had been notified of the vacancy. The vacancy had been advertised. Cumberland Council had not received any request for an election. The vacancy can now be filled by co-option.

71/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next bi-monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 January, 2027 at 7.30 pm Bothel Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed……Date…….....