

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday the 31st of March 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: J Stockdale - Chair, M Underwood, P Roberts, W Miller, I Brough, J Brough, E Burrows & S Holland-Reid.

Also Present; E Clark (Clerk), J Lister (Borough & County Councillor) & D Jeffries (Parishioner).

3.1 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3.2 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Lee & Sharp.

3.3 Declarations of interest on the agenda

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Roberts & Stockdale – item 3.8, payment of donation to Bromfield & District Horticultural Society.

3.4

Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

3.5 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th of January 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3.6 Adjournment of the meeting

David Jeffries joined the meeting to ask about superfast broadband and why it wasn't in the parish but in surrounding areas and that there were numerous potholes going out of the village to the Waverton road. Cllr Lister advised that these were both County Council issues and the problem has been getting superfast to the cabinets and then to premises.

Resolved; Cllr Lister to follow up on Superfast Broadband and the clerk to report the potholes to highways.

3.7 Reports

Cllr Lister reported that the Allerdale & County budgets had both been agreed, following the floods in the area highways were now getting tidied up and there were various grants available for different things if the parish council wished to apply.

No report received from Cumbria Constabulary.

Adrian Cozens, Chair of the Village Hall Committee forwarded the following report; a quiz night on the 19th of February went well with just over £300 made and over 50 people attending, the village spring clean was completed on the 19th of March, the next event is this Friday (1st April) which is a pudding night with tickets costing £7 each for two puddings and a glass of wine the evening starts at 7pm, a curry night is planned for the 20th of May (to be advertised in the parish magazine). They are arranging to see the Diocese property agents to look at extending the lease. All the external decoration is now complete. The Village Hall has been used, by the church, throughout February & March for lent lunches and for a bingo night a couple of weeks ago.

3.8 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were authorised:

Proposed by Cllr Roberts & Seconded by Cllr J Brough;

Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 165.89
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 38.20
Zurich Insurance	£ 431.90
The Great North Air Ambulance	£ 100.00
Bromfield Church PCC (Grasscutting)	£ 400.00
Blencogo Village Hall	£2000.00
Aspatia & District Responders	£ 200.00

Proposed by Cllr Holland-Reid & Seconded by Cllr J Brough;

Bromfield & District Horticultural Society	£ 200.00
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3.9 Financial Statements

The current balance of the Council's Bank Account as at the 29th of February 2016 was noted.

3.10 Planning Matters

The following application for planning permission was considered with no objection;

Ref No: 2/2016/0083 – Proposed feed tower – Blencogo House, Blencogo – Mr Ferguson, Blencogo House Farms Ltd

The following grant of planning permission following consideration at the Development Panel was noted;

Ref No: 2/2015/0669 – Change of use from public house to residential unit – New Inn, Blencogo – Mr J Mowbray.

The following grant of planning permission was noted;

Ref No: Ref No: 2/2016/0021 – Replacement of existing monopole and antennas with new 15m monopole with new antennas, 1No 0.3m transmission dish, 1No 0.6m dish and 2No RRUs also 2No new equipment cabinets installed at base of monopole – Top Field, A596 Scales, Aspatia, Wigton – Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL).

3.11 Correspondence

The following correspondences were noted;

CALC – Feb & March Circular

Wigton Baths Trust – Thanks for Donation

Allerdale Borough Council – CTRS Grant Confirmation

CALC – Changes to the audit arrangements update

CALC – New Limit for S137

Allerdale Borough Council – Info on Scheme to Install Heating in Homes

Sue Hayman MP – Contact Details Update

Solway Plain Team Magazine – Thank you for Donation

Tower Mint - HM Queen's 90th Birthday Commemorative Medal – *it was agreed to order 50 of the Commemorative medals to be given to the children of the parish*

3.12 Highway Matters

The following updates were received with regards to previous reported highway issues; Gill Farm Lonning ref no. 12/1361578 – will look at this issue, Damaged foot

bridge at Gill Farm Scales – programmed for repairs next financial year, grit to be replenished in parish bins, Westnewton road junction on the A596, 2 x manhole covers missing – passed to Connect, bridge at Bank House – inspected this week and will be inspected next week to assess its condition, Crookdake road – passed to the local team to look at this week, Blencogo Village Green requires kerbed – this has been placed on the future works list but at the present time it is not deemed to be high priority.

The following highway issues were noted; pothole outside Langfauld, Langrigg, Greenah Villa Farm road in a poor state with pot holes, Whinbank there is one large pothole, Firs Loning end to Crookdake the road has been washed away. Between Firs Road End and Crookdake Hall there is no signage/reflectors for the bad bend so three vehicles have gone into the hedge. No 5 street light at Crookdake is inoperative. There are Potholes on the road out of the village to Waverton.

3.13 Damaged Bus Shelter

The clerk advised that she had emailed all the claim information to the third party's insurance and had had a reply email that the broker would be in touch shortly but as of yet there had been no contact made. It was agreed that the clerk should now contact the driver of the vehicle and ask if they could progress the claim while also continuing the contact the insurance company. Quotes for new shelters were received and discussed.

3.14 Parish Recycling

An email from Allerdale Borough Council, Waste Prevention Officer advised that the number of bins at Blencogo Village Hall were to be reduced to 1 x 360 bin for glass (all colours mixed) and 1 x 360 bin for metal cans. Clerk to forward email to Village Hall committee.

3.15 Effectiveness of Internal Control

The effectiveness of internal control including arrangements for the management of risk assessment were reviewed and approved with no amendments required.

3.16 Rented Parish Land

Concern was addressed with regards to rubbish/building waste on the rented parish land and it was agreed that the tenant be contacted and requested to tidy the area within one month and to be advised that the area is to be maintained in a tidy & orderly manner at all times.

3.17 Defibrillators in Telephone Boxes

It was agreed that the clerk make enquiries with Cllr Lister with regards to grants to purchase three defibrillators for the parish.

3.18 Community Right to Buy

Following discussions with the Village Hall committee with regards to applying for the hall it be added to the Community Asset List, it was agreed to delay this until after the committee had met with the Diocese.

3.19 Items of inclusion on the next agenda

1st Responders

3.20 Date and time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be the AGM & the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Thursday 26th of May 2016 starting at 7.30pm

in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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