

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday the 27th of July 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors Present: J Stockdale, J Brough, M Underwood, I Brough, S Holland-Reid, J Lee, B Sharp, N Sidaway & D Jeffries.

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk).

21/17 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

22/17 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Holland-Reid & PCSO Crome.

23/17 Declarations of interest on the agenda

No Declarations of interest were received.

24/17 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

25/17 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th of May 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

26/17 Adjournment of the meeting

No members of the public present.

27/17 Reports

No report received from Cllr Lister.

The Cumbria Constabulary generic email was circulated and it was noted that the crime mapping system was still not current (upto May).

Adrian Cozens of the Village Hall Committee forwarded the following report; Walton Goodland had been contacted to discuss extending the village hall lease. The Annual Spring clean was complete. A surveyor had carried out the annual inspection and all is okay. The Produce Show is the next event which is to be held on the 2nd of September.

28/17 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were authorised:

Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 164.40
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 38.40

The following donation requests were considered;

Solway Plain Team Magazine – payment not due until January 2018

Solway Arts Society – No donation required

£100 donation was proposed by Cllr Sidaway, seconded by Cllr Lee & unanimously agreed by all councillors to the;

Crooklands Farm 'Open Farm Event'	£ 100.00 (Sec 144 1972 Act)
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29/17 Receipts

The following receipts were received;

HM Revenue & Customs (Vat Refund)	£1093.50
Caroline Williams (Field Rent)	£ 5.00

30/17 Financial Statements

The bank balance & bank reconciliation of the council's bank account as at the 30th of June 2017 was approved.

31/17 Planning Matters

A devolved decision by the clerk of 'No Objection' after consultation with the Chairman & Councillors on the following planning applications was noted;

Ref No: 2/2017/0328 – Variation of condition 2 for alterations to door – The Grange, Wigton – Mr David Twentyman.

Ref No: HOU/2017/0140 – Re-submission of application HOU/2017/0081 for the erection of a single storey sun room to rear – Hill Top, Blencogo – Mr S Ridley.

Ref No: HOU/2017/0130 – Erection of garage for current car and storage for gardening equipment – Oak Field, Crookdake – Mr Eric Hetherington.

Ref No: 2/2017/0276 – Listed building consent to replace dome roof – The Windmill, Langrigg – Mr Wilson.

Ref No: HOU/2017/0117 – Replacement dome roof – The Windmill, Langrigg – Mr Wilson.

The following grants of planning permission were noted;

Ref No: 2/2017/0276 – Listed building consent to replace dome roof – The Windmill, Langrigg – Mr Wilson.

Ref No: HOU/2017/0117 – Replacement dome roof – The Windmill, Langrigg – Mr Wilson.

Ref No: 2/2017/0155 – Conversion of redundant mill building into dwelling – Crookdake Mill – Mr & Mrs Miller.

32/17 Correspondence

The following correspondences received were noted;

ACT – Household Emergency Plan Leaflet

Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review: Final Recommendations

CALC – Satisfaction Survey 2017 – *clerk to complete*

Blencogo Produce Show – Thanks for Donation & invite to attend

CALC – June & July Newsletter

Connecting Cumbria – Newsletter

33/17 Common Land Course

Cllr Jeffries advised that he had not attended the course as he had not received any joining information.

34/17 Highway Matters

The following highway issues were noted; outside Pasture House/Primrose Cottage, Langrigg there is subsidence and near Langrigg Bank on the left hand side grass verge coming from Langrigg, opposite sign post there is a deep hole.

35/17 Community Orchard on Parish Land

Progressing the parish orchard was considered and it was agreed that the trees must be planted in October. Cllr Sidaway to discuss the tree varieties & where to source them from with the Royal Horticulture Society.

36/17 Parish Councillor Vacancy

The clerk advised that Phill Roberts had resigned as parish councillor and the 'Vacancy for a Councillor' notice had been placed on all the parish noticeboards on the website & Allerdale Borough Council had been informed.

37/17 Advertising on the Parish Bus Shelter

It was noted that a letter had been sent to the owner of Wheyrigg Hotel with regards to the advertisement board they had placed on the new parish bus shelter. The letter advised that the parish council needed to generate revenue wherever possible and proposed an annual recurring cost of £120 for the use of the advertising space. No acknowledgement to the letter had yet been received so it was agreed that if there was no response by the end of August the sign would be removed.

38/17 Parish Council Website

Cllr Jeffries outlined the current 2017/18 transparency fund that was still available for websites, laptops, scanner etc. The parish council were not eligible for a laptop or scanner as they already had one. Following a full discussion it was agreed that the parish council continue to use the Village Hall Website. Clerk to ask CALC if there was any funding for Wifi for the Village Hall.

39/17 Items of inclusion on the next agenda

Bus Shelter Advertisement
Community Orchard

40/17 Date and time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday the 28th of September 2017 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting at 8.10pm