

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the held in the Village Hall on Thursday 26th May 2016 following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Councillors Present: J Stockdale, P Roberts, J Lee, I Brough, W Miller, B Sharp & E Burrows

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk).

5.1 Election of Chairman

Councillor James Stockdale was duly re-elected as Chairman for the council year 2016/17.

Proposed by Cllr Roberts & seconded by Cllr Brough.

5.2 Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5.3 Election of Vice-Chairman

Councillor Ian Brough was elected as Vice-Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Lee & seconded by Cllr Roberts.

5.4 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Underwood, Sidaway, Holland-Reid, Lister (Borough & County Councillor) & PCSO Crome.

5.5 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of interest were received.

5.6 Requests for Dispensations

No requests received.

5.7 Annual Audit & Financial Statements

a) The Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31 March 2016 was completed, approved & signed.

b) The cashbook and Annual Return Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2016 were approved & signed.

c) The current balance of the Council's Bank Account as at the 30th of April 2016 was noted.

5.8 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on the 31st March 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5.9 1st Responders

It was agreed that Janet Sharp, Sue Roberts & Dr Mark Taylor be invited to the July parish council meeting to discuss a 1st responders group in the parish

5.10 Reports

(i) An email from the Police Community Support Officer stated that there had been no incidents reported in the parish since the last meeting.

Cllr Burrows joined the meeting at 8pm.

(ii) A report from the Chair of the Village Hall stated the following; a very successful curry night was held on Friday night with just over 50 people attending. Bingo night is to be held on the 1st of July (details to be in the June parish magazine). There are a currently a few more children's party bookings and the committee are gearing up for a race night to be held later in the year.

(iii) No report received from Cllr Lister.

5.11

Payments

The following payments were agreed & authorised:

E Clark – Salary & Expenses	£162.14
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 38.20
Mrs E Bell	£ 30.00
CALC – Annual Membership	£157.00
Tower Mint Ltd – Queen's 90 th Birthday Medals	£128.40

The following payment was considered & agreed:

Blencogo & District Village Hall – Annual Produce Show	£200.00
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5.12

Receipts

The following receipts received were noted;

Allerdale Borough Council – Precept	£2926.49
Allerdale Borough Council – CTRS Grant	£ 73.51

5.13

Planning Consultations

The following planning consultations were noted with no objections;

Ref No: 2/2016/0134 – New access track and hardstanding, re-siting of substation and metering kiosk approved under 2/2012/0603 – Mr D Smith, AGR Renewables – Prospect House, High Scales.

Ref No: 2/2016/0192 - Erection of a 1.2m wooden fence including gate – Ivy Cottage, Fletchertown to the A596 at Leegate House – Mr Iain Monaghan.

Ref No: 2/2016/0165 – Conversion of agricultural barn to single family dwelling – Barn at Beech House farm, Blencogo – Mr & Mrs Peile.

The following grant of planning permission was noted;

Ref No: 2/2016/0083 – proposed feed tower – Blencogo House – Mr Ferguson.

5.14 **Highways**

The following highway issues were discussed;

The Fletchertown to Leegate road has broken away and requires repairing. Thanks were given to G Pattinson Fabrication for repairing the broken milestone on the Westnewton to Langrigg Road and to Sheila Barron for sign writing two of the parish's milestones.

5.15 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted;

Great North Air Ambulance – Thanks for Donation
The Pensions Regulator – Staging Date Info

5.16 Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebration

It was considered and agreed that the 50 Queen’s 90th Birthday medals should be distributed to all the children in the parish under the age of 16. The clerk advised that if there was a shortfall of medals, it was possible that Boltons Parish would have some spare.

5.17 Damaged Bus Shelter

The clerk advised that the estimates had been forwarded from the 3rd party’s insurance company to a loss adjuster who would advise on reasonable costs and possibly need to visit the site. Councillors reported that the shelter had deteriorated considerably since the accident and they now felt it was now a Health & Safety risk.

5.18 Rented Parish Land

Following an email to the tenant of the parish land regarding the land being kept in a tidy orderly manner, councillors agreed that they were happy with the progress that had been made to re-instate the site to its former condition.

5.19 Defibrillators in Telephone Boxes

No information received from Cllr Lister with regards to grants, councillors agreed to put this item on hold for the time being.

5.20 Superfast Broadband

An email from Jonathan Harris of Connecting Cumbria stated that a basic broadband subsidy code could only be offered to people who currently get less than 2mbps under the terms of our state aid grant funding and having looked at a local business in CA7 OBZ, they suffer from broadband speeds of only 1mbps or so and can therefore apply for this subsidy. This business also connects back to the Abbeytown exchange and therefore it is very challenging i.e. expensive to include in the programme at this stage. He noted that residents may wish to consider BT’s community partnership initiative (see <http://www.communityfibre.bt.com>). He also stated that it was worth noting that the government had committed to establish a minimum 10mbps broadband download speed in law by the end of this parliament in a Universal Service Obligation, although it is not yet known how this will be delivered or indeed funded.

It was considered and agreed by councillors that parishioner David Jeffries be asked if he would be willing to stand as Broadband Champion, on behalf of the parish council for the next few months. A letter from Sue Hayman (MP) asked if the parish felt they had good broadband connectivity. Resolved; clerk to reply advising that the parish had poor broadband connectivity.

5.21 Items for forward consideration

Community Orchard on Parish Land
Funding for Parish Projects

5.22 Forthcoming Meetings:

(i) The dates of forthcoming meetings were noted & agreed.

(ii) It was noted the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday the 28th of July 2016 in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.