

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday the 30th of November 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors Present: J Stockdale, M Underwood, I Brough, S Holland-Reid & N Sidaway.

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk) & R Davison.

58/17 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

59/17 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Jeffries, Lee & Sharp & Cllr Lister (Cumbria County & Allerdale Borough Councillor)

60/17 Declarations of interest on the agenda

Cllr Sidaway declared an interest in item 65/17 - Solway Arts Donation Request.

61/17 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

62/17 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th of September 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

63/17 Adjournment of the meeting

No questions asked or matters raised by members of the public.

64/17 Reports

No report received from Cllr Lister.

A letter from Inspector Rachel Gale of Cumbria Constabulary stated that it was not feasible for an officer to attend each individual parish council meeting as it would be extremely time consuming and would keep officers away from working within the community tackling issues. To that end, she advised that she had requested PC Crome to hold a regular meeting every 10 weeks to which all parish councils within his area of responsibility would be invited. This would mean that there would be regular contact with PC Crome, a chance to raise any issues and request updates on anything previously discussed. An email from PC Crome advised that he would be holding the meeting in Cockermouth Police Station at 7pm, dates to be confirmed. Councillors were in favour of these meetings but would prefer them to be held more locally.

Adrian Cozens from the Village Hall Committee forwarded the following report; The Village Hall had the best fireworks yet with approximately 400-450 people attending. The Pensioners lunch is to be held on Saturday the 13th of January 2018 at 12 noon. The annual general meeting was held on the 29th of November 2017. In February the committee would like to hold a memorial quiz for Harry Douglas. Liz & Adrian have done their Food Hygiene certificates. Adrian also confirmed that a direction sign for the Village Hall on the new bus shelter would be a great idea, they are looking at dates in January 2018 for a Solway Arts event and the Ladies evening which is an arts/crafts/make-up/jewellery evening was cancelled in November but is being re-scheduled for February 2018.

65/17 Payment & Receipts

The payments of the following accounts were authorised:

Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 183.72
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 38.40

The Solway Arts Society donation request was withdrawn.

The following receipt received was noted;

Allerdale Borough Council (Precept 2950.90 & CTRS Grant 49.10) £3000.00

66/17 Financial Statements

- The current balance of the council's bank account as at the 31st of October 2017 was approved & accepted.
- The Bank Reconciliation as at the 31st of October was approved & accepted.

67/17 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: 2/2017/0540 – Purpose built steel framed roofed silage pit – Low Row Farm, Scales – Mr Richard Fearon.

Ref No: 2/2017/0533 – Extension to existing farm building to accommodate livestock therefore increasing animal welfare & reducing risk of soil erosion – Bromfield Hall – Mr H Armstrong.

68/17 Correspondence

The following correspondences received were noted;

CALC – October Circular

CALC – Annual Report

Clerks & Councils Direct – November Issue

Allerdale Local Plan Part 2 – Site Allocations

Police & Crime Commissioner Survey – Council Tax Precepts for the Police

Mayor Of Allerdale's Charity Evening – Invitation

Connecting Cumbria – Cabinet in Langrigg

Cumbria County Council – Inclusive Mobility Budget*

Boundary Commission – Consultation on Proposals for Constituency Boundaries

* Clerk to forward information with regards to a high pavement outside School Cottage, Blencogo and the pavement upto the village hall which is not wheelchair friendly.

69/17 Highway Matters

The following highway issues were noted; the drains throughout Langrigg require cleaning out.

70/17 Bus Shelter Advertisement

The clerk reported that a local business had stated they would pay £60-£80 for an advert on the side of the bus shelter but not the £120 as decided by the Parish Council. The council agreed that the price should stay at £120.00 as this only amounted to £10 per month. Prices for a Village Hall direction sign to be obtained by the Clerk for the next meeting

71/17 Precept

The parish council's budget for 2018/19 was considered and approved. It was agreed that the precept for the year 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 be set at £6000.00 (including the CTRS grant of £49.10).

72/17 Community Orchard on Parish Land

It was reported that the areas for the community orchard required top soil and wild meadow seed sown. The heritage trees would not be available until next year so it was agreed that 12-14 trees (mixture of pears, apples etc) be ordered and planted now. Cllr Sidaway to progress.

73/17 Parish Councillor Vacancy

Councillors unanimously agreed that Richard Davison be co-opted onto the parish council and the relevant paperwork was completed and signed.

74/17 Items of inclusion on the next agenda

Village Hall Direction Sign

75/17 Date and time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday the 25th of January 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting at 8.42pm.

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